

FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT

APRIL 7, 2019

IMMANUEL
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CHURCH

Missouri Synod



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Sunday

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 am

Adult Bible Class

Sunday School

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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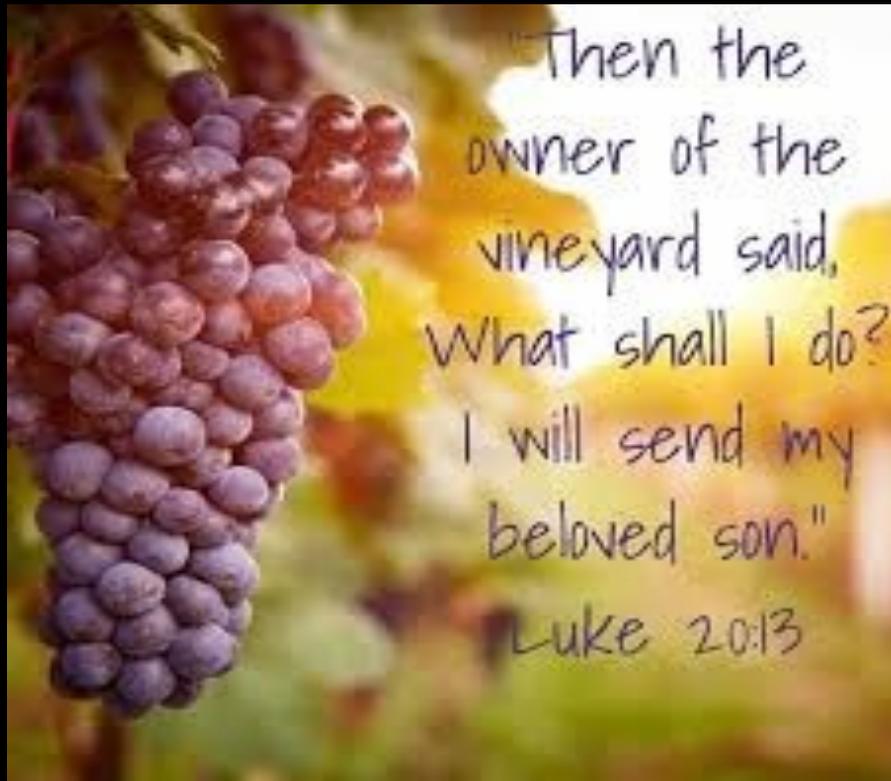
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Office Hrs, M-F

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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THE PARABLE OF THE WICKED VINEYARD TENANTS



**“Then He looked at them and said,
What then is this that is written:
‘The stone which the builders
rejected has become the chief
cornerstone ’?”
(Luke 20:17)**

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are the 3x5 white cards located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon me that I may find my joy in You alone and evermore praise You in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - From the outside looking in, our walking together through the forty days of Lent does not seem nearly as exciting as the cheerfulness of Christmas or the elation of Easter, which we will experience two short weeks from today. Yet there is much joy to be found! There's a great reason to rejoice! God blesses us with time together today to fix our eyes on Jesus and receive Him who was rejected for our redemption, forsaken for our forgiveness, and sacrificed for our salvation. Following the example of Paul, we cast everything else aside and find joy—true, lasting, eternal joy—in “the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:8). Jesus longs for us to receive Him as He reveals Himself by His Word and Spirit, learning to know Him for who He truly is and what He has come to give. Christ alone is our joy—at Christmas, at Easter, during the season of Lent, and every day we are given! “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4).

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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OPENING HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

LSB 543

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 3:3-6; antiphon: v. 8*

P Salvation belongs to the LORD; Your blessing be on Your people!

C But You, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

P I cried aloud to the LORD, and He answered me from His holy hill.

C I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

P I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Salvation belongs to the LORD; Your blessing be on Your people!

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus

Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43:16-21*

(The Lord gives refreshment in the wilderness to His chosen people.)

16 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea And a path through the mighty waters,
17 Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick):

18 "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert. 20 The beast of the field will honor Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I give waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My people, My chosen. 21 This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

PSALM *Psalm 126; antiphon: v. 3*

P The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

P When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,

C we were like those who dream.

ALL The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

P Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

C and our tongue with shouts of joy;

P then they said among the nations,

C "The LORD has done great things for them."

ALL The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

P Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!

C Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

P He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

C shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

ALL The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE *Philippians 3:(4b-7) 8-14*

(Everything is counted as loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus.)

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I

may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 20:9–20

(The rejected Son of God is our cornerstone.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

9 Then He began to tell the people this parable: “A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. 10 Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. 12 And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out. 13 “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.’ 14 But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.’ 15 So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others.” And when they heard it they said, “Certainly not!” 17 Then He looked at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone?’

18 Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.” 19 And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people—for they knew He had spoken this parable against them. 20 So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His

Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY *God Loved the World So That He Gave* **LSB 571**

SERMON *"The Father's Unsparing Love for All Mankind"* (Luke 20:13)

OFFERTORY *Create in Me* **LSB 956**

OFFERING

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to joyfully lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives.

Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant us Your joy.**

P Grant that Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to come to know You by faith and find their righteousness in Jesus Christ, Your Son, that the number of Christians be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant us Your joy.**

P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [names . . . and] all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C₆ **hear our prayer and grant us Your joy.**

P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs, rejoicing always in Your fatherly care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant us Your joy.

P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts be at peace and rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant us Your joy.

P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil as he seeks to rob us of our joy and confidence in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant us Your joy.

P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant us Your joy.

P We joyfully trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611



NUNC DIMITTIS



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



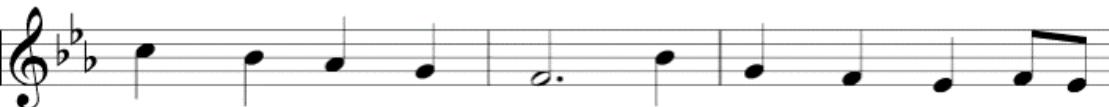
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us peace and a renewal of joy in this Sacrament. By Your Holy Spirit, always rule our hearts and minds that we be enabled constantly to rejoice in You as we strive toward the finish line of faith, where we will behold You in glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Draw Us to Thee

LSB 701

From Pastor's Desk

Sundays in Lent Themes

March 10, 2019

"God's Unconditional, Unswerving Love and Truth Defeat the Devil's Conditional Lies" (Luke 4:6).

March 17, 2019

"Jesus' Unrelenting Love for All Sinners! How Deep, How Broad, How High!" (Luke 13:34)

March 24, 2019

"Jesus' Unwavering Love to the Loveless so That None Would Perish" (Luke 13:5)

March 31, 2019

"God's Unbridled, Prodigal Love for the Lost Sinner" (Luke 15:20)

April 7, 2019

"The Father's Unsparing Love for All Mankind" (Luke 20:13)

April 14, 2019

"Jesus' Uncomplaining Love in Betrayal O Wondrous Love What Have You Done!" (Luke 22:27)



Pastors Circuit Meeting

Tuesday, April 9th, 2019

8:30 a.m.

Immanuel, Mercedes, TX

Immanuel Lutheran School Science Day

Friday, April 12, 2019

(during school hours: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

Come by and view our work.

We are small in number but mighty in academics

WML Spring Rally

Today, Sunday, April 7, 2019

St. John Lutheran, San Benito, TX

All ladies invited (Pastors Welcome Too!) Come See What LWML is All About!

Spaghetti Supper to be Served

2:30 Registration in the Church

3 PM Event Begins

Guest Speaker, TX District LWML President, Debbie Curry



April 14, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18th	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 p.m.
April 19th	Good Friday Service	7:00 p.m.
April 21st	Easter Sunrise Devotion	7:00 a.m.
April 21st	Easter Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
April 21st	Easter Service	9:00 a.m.



LENTEN *Schedule*

Wednesdays, starting at 5 p.m. with a Soup Supper followed by
Lenten Worship Service at 6:00 p.m.

2019 Lenten Service Series: A LENT TO REMEMBER

LENTEN MIDWEEK 1 March 6th **ASH WEDNESDAY**
A Lent to Remember: **Remember Dust**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 2 March 13th
A Lent to Remember: **Remember Wondrous Works**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 3 March 20th
A Lent to Remember: **Remember Jesus' Words**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 4 March 27th
A Lent to Remember: **Remember the Covenant**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 5 April 3rd
A Lent to Remember: **Remember Sins No More**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 6 April 10th
A Lent to Remember: **Remember Steadfast Love**

Maundy Thursday April 18th **Holy Communion**
Remembrance of Me

Good Friday April 19th
Remember Me

TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP

- Large print Worship Bulletins for those who are sight impaired.
- Personal Wireless Listening devices for those with hearing difficulties.
- Prayer requests forms are located in a black binder in the Pew Hymnal Rack as well as with an usher.

Please print the request and place the form in the collection plate or give to a usher!

PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ANY ASSISTANCE

A REMINDER - THE PASTOR IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOLLOWING WORSHIP TO SPEAK AND PRAY WITH WORSHIPERS WHO HAVE CONCERNS FOR THEMSELVES OR OTHERS. - PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO SEEK HIM OUT.

FOR THOSE IN OUR WORSHIPING CONGREGATION WHO MAY BE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO STAND FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME, OR WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO RISE AND SIT ON EVERY OCCASION DURING THE WORSHIP. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SIT OR REMAIN SEATED EVEN THOUGH THE CONGREGATION HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO STAND.

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	<i>April Sunday Servants:</i>
Elder:	Ken Eilers
Altar Guild:	Billie.Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez
Music:	Bonny Winston
This Week	Fifth Sunday in Lent
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am
Next Week	Palm Sunday
Usher:	Ken & Bob Eilers
Sunday:	Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am

God's Beloved Son Has Redeemed Us

Our life and works apart from Christ, no matter how they may glitter to the eyes of the world, are ultimately rubbish and have no righteousness. Rather, in the scandalous cross of Jesus, we find our righteousness alone “through faith in Christ” (Phil. 3:9). By such faith, we “know him and the power of his resurrection” (Phil. 3:10). For the same God who brought Israel out of Egypt has done a “new thing” for us in Christ Jesus (Is. 43:19). He has sent His beloved Son into His vineyard to be killed by sinful men and to become “the stone that the builders rejected.” Yet, the One rejected by men “has become the cornerstone” of His Church (Luke 20:17). Through the waters of Holy Baptism, He provides us daily refreshment in our earthly pilgrimage, “a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert” (Is. 43:19).

3/31/2019

Sunday Worship	35	
Plate:		\$ 235.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,362.00
Donation:		
Total:		\$ 1,597.00
<i>Designated for Daniel Rodríguez</i>		<i>\$ 240.00</i>

3/27/2019 Mid Week 4 Lenten Service:	35	
Plate:		\$ 77.00
Envelopes:		\$ 142.00
Total:		\$ 219.00
Bible Class:	16	\$ 27.00

Palm Sunday *Readings:*

Deuteronomy 32:36-39
Psalm 118:19-29 or 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:1-37

Special Announcement

Shirley Vogel, the nurse at Early College Academy, has a student with an inoperable brain tumor. He started chemo Monday and after several chemos here in the valley, he will be going to Houston for final chemo. If you would like to donate towards his medical expenses, please make a check payable to Immanuel and on the Memo write in Daniel Rodríguez Medical Expenses.

Thank you and God's blessings be with you!