IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"

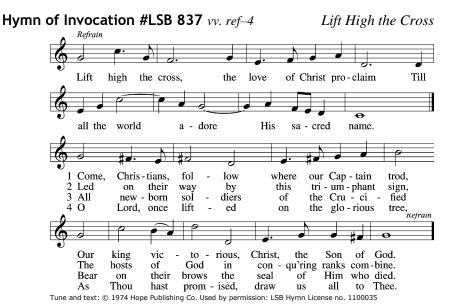


Third Sunday in Lent March 7th, 2021

To God be glory for 141 years of His grace at Immanuel and 60 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast!

Prelude Ringing of Bells Welcome

Confession and Absolution



Stand

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His

people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

8the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

⁹the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey

and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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.

Kyrie



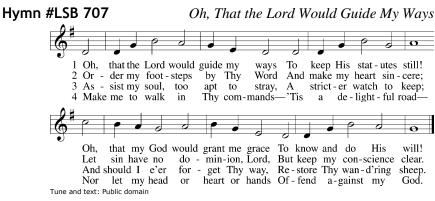
C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the

fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

8"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

15"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the

strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.
- **C** Glory be to You, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

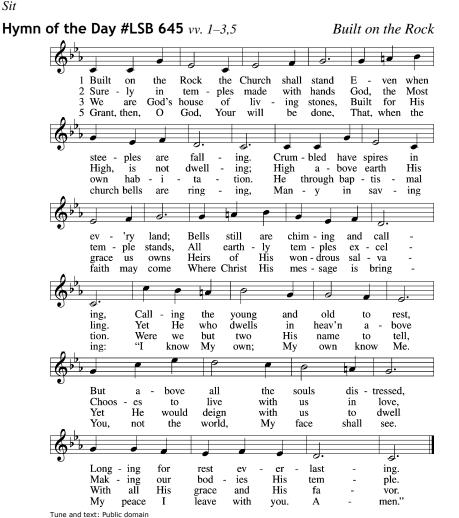
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins. the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

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Sermon

Title: The Strange Gospel

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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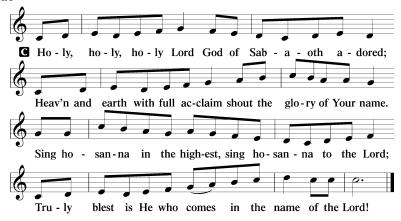
Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

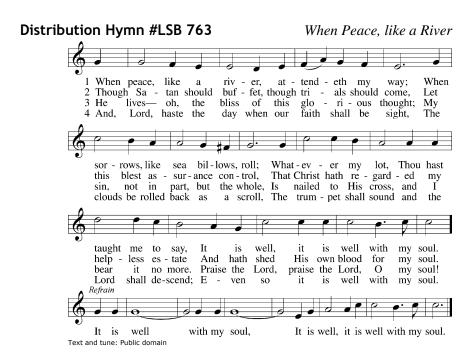
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei



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Nunc Dimittis



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.



Acknowledgments

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The Lord's Week

Sun. 9:00am Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300

10:15am Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School

7:30pm 7th-8th Grade Confirmation

Mon. 1:00pm Finance

Wed. 6:30pm Lent Service

Sat.

SPRING FORWARD

Sun. 9:00am Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300

10:15am *Voters Meeting*

6:00pm Board of Properties (*NOTE TIME CHANGE*)

6:15 pm 5th-6th Confirmation

7:30pm 7th-8th Grade Confirmation

Radio Broadcast is being sponsored in loving memory of Frosty and Allene Dohrman by their children and grandchildren. May this broadcast enrich the lives of the listeners and may God bless everyone with his love.

VOTERS MEETING on March 14th following church.

Order forms for Easter Lilies & Memorial Garden Sign-up
On table in Narthex. Please put in the offering plate.

Notice from Board of Missions

The Board of Missions has \$500 of congregation choice dollars and are **asking for suggestions** on where we can designate the money to go. Please enclose your suggestions in an envelope (provided) and place them in the labeled box on the table where the bulletins are located. Available March 7th & 14th. This will be done on a quarterly basis: June 6,13; Sept. 5,12; and Dec.5, 12.

Plans for Sunday School

Bd. of Ed. is planning for Sunday school to begin meeting one Sunday per month. (More Sundays will be added as the virus situation improves.)

- Immediately following the church service, all ages will go to the opening area in the basement.
- Bring your child(ren) through the Education Bldg. door (west side) to help with social distancing. <u>Masks are required!</u>
- Snacks will be provided during class time.
- March—May: Sunday school will meet on the following Sundays:
 March 7th April 11th May 2nd

Those Serving

Musician: Judy Teufel Acolyte: Andrea Renken

Radio and Sound: Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies Ushers: Ron Meyer, Lee Nienhueser, Robert Claborn

Church Secretary: Judy Teufel
Church Custodian: Jim Teufel

Pastor: Rev. Alan Mueller

Lenten Midweek Series 6:30pm

The Blood of Christ:

March 10th Gives Access
March 17th Sanctifies
March 24th Redeems

Maundy Thursday (April 1st) Brings Together Good Friday Takes Away Anger

Easter Sunday - 9:00am Conquers

MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS: You are cordially invited to join the Missouri District's very first statewide servant event. SHINE! will take place April 16-25, 2021. Simply form a group, find a need, and serve during this timeframe. Be sure and register with the District by March 15th to receive the official event t-shirt for participants. All the details are at https://mo.lcms.org/shine.

The cemetery board at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Emma is accepting bids for the 2021 mowing season. Each mowing should include weed eating and blowing off the headstones. Bids can be submitted to the church office or left in the church secretary box no later than **Sunday**, **March 21**. Please contact Fred Niemeyer (660-909-9002), Steve Brandt (660-620-3019) or Aaron Hemme (660-287-2230) with any questions.

Youth Choral Workshop! Saturday, March 13th

Any students in grade 4-8 who are interested in participating in a youth choral workshop are invited to come to the Lutheran School Association in Cole Camp, MO (30 min. south of Sedalia), beginning at 1pm. The 90-minute workshop, under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh, Director of Music at Saint Paul Lutheran High School, will incorporate learning 3 fun songs, assisted by the Singing Saints, the internationally-acclaimed concert choir of Saint Paul Lutheran High. ANY CHILD, regardless of school or church affiliation, is invited to this event at no cost. Following the workshop, there will be a short break, and then a concert presented at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp, at 4pm. This concert will feature the Singing Saints, the workshop students and some joint pieces that the students will learn with the choir. Workshop students are requested bring "Sunday best" clothing for the concert, but will have ample time to change between the workshop and concert. For more information, please contact Dr. Marsh at jmarsh@splhs.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT:

- There will be an Easter Egg Hunt outside following the church service on Palm Sunday (March 28th) for children of the congregation.
- All members are invited to stay so they can watch the egg hunt while enjoying hotdogs and chips. (outside)
 - Or you may take your food "to go" after the egg hunt.
- A signup sheet for those who would like to donate items for this event will be in the narthex.
 - o ITEMS NEEDED: *Plastic eggs, individually wrapped candy, hotdogs, buns, chips*
 - Donated items should be brought to the church by March 17th.
 - Hotdogs should be put in the freezer;
 label all other items "Easter Egg Hunt"
 and leave on the kitchen counter.

QUESTIONS: Contact Ellie Baker at 660-422-129



PRAYER

Members of Immanuel

Janet Eichholz, Carol Thurman, and Ronnie Vogelsmeier

Family and Friends of Immanuel

Nancy Abbuhl, Cindy Bernard, Shirley Colson, Elena Cordes, Betty Dotson, Melissa Eckhoff, Corey Finkeldei, Bruce Gates, Tabby Green, Linda McFadden, Neil Meador, John Richmond, Terry and Judy Thomsen

Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents

Millie Heins, LoWanda Pinkepank, and Martha Jane Vogelsmeier (LGSNH)

Dolores Fischer (GSNH Apartments)

Dorothy Krause (The Villa)

Mission Workers

Josh, Coco, John, and Sophia Lange (China), Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand), Jim & Claudia Dahlke (Mission of Christ Network), those serving POBLO

Military

MaKenna Eckhoff, and Chad Ziegelbein



Whether you are a lifelong member or visiting for the first time we are honored to have you here this morning. Please feel free to contact the office regarding questions of membership or of a spiritual or personal matter. *You may contact the office at:* 660-335-4141.

If you get a chance check us out online at: www.immanuelsweetsprings.com

Church office: 110 Main, Sweet Springs, MO 65351 May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

