

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14th, 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

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 566 vv. 1–3, 6

By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; In Je - sus' prom - ise



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
I re - joice; For though I know my heart's con - di - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad, all



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
grief has flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

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Stand

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

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Introit

Psalm 27:3–5; antiphon: v. 1

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that I will seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

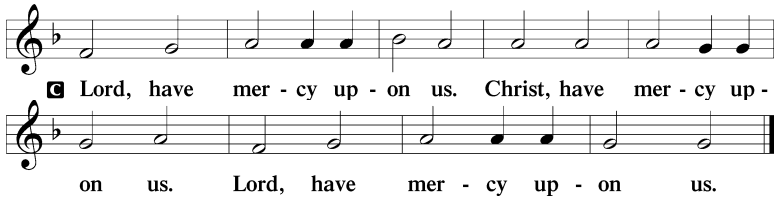


C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

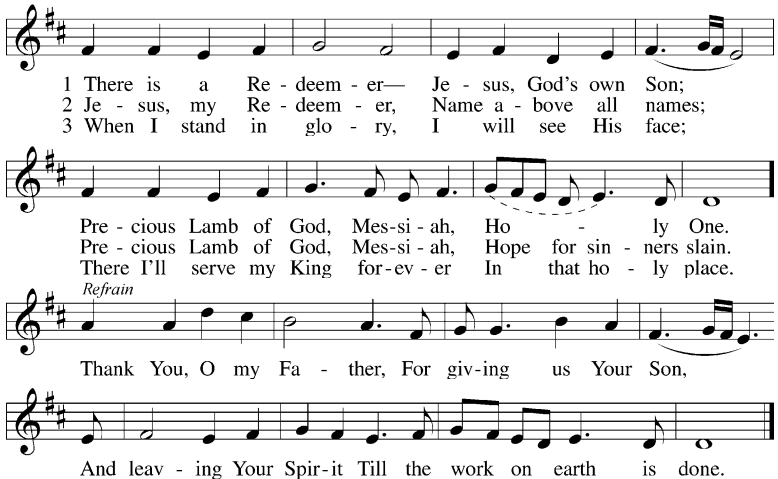
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Hymn #LSB 971

There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;

Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain
Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,
And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 3:14–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **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.**

Hymn of the Day #LSB 556 sts. 1-2, 4, 7

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-
7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and
spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my
da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for
cas-tle. Your ran-som I My-self will be; For you I
rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My
my sal-va-tion. He turned to me a fa-ther's heart; He
strive and wres-tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And
His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
life be-came a liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.
did not choose the eas-y part But gave His dear-est trea-sure.
where I am you may re-main; The foe shall not di-vide us.

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Sermon

Title: The Bronze Serpent

Scripture: John 3 and Numbers 21



Hymn for Reflection #LSB 743 *sts. 1-4* *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

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Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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, the power,
 And the glory forever and ever.
 Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart #LSB 825

Rise, Shine, You People



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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The Lord's Week

Sun. 9:00am **Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300**
 10:15am AED TRAINING/Voter's Meeting
 6:00pm Board of Properties (NOTE TIME CHANGE)
 6:15 pm 5th-6th Confirmation
 7:30pm 7th-8th Grade Confirmation

Wed. 6:30pm **Lent Service**



Thurs. 10:00am Care Team Meets

Sat. **Hello Spring**

Sun. 9:00am **Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300**
 10:15am Adult Bible Class
 7:30pm 7th-8th Grade Confirmation

Order forms for Easter Lilies & Memorial Garden Sign-up

On table in Narthex. Please put in the offering plate.

Thank You!

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, kind words, prayers, and flowers. Thanks to Pastor Alan and Ron Baker. Thank you to everyone that brought food for the luncheon and the ladies that set everything up for it.

Bob & Mary Claborn and the family of Debbie Walgren.

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 next dates.

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.
- **Masks are required!**
- Snacks will be provided during class time.
- March—May: Sunday school will meet on the following Sundays:

April 11th

May 2nd

RUMMAGE SALE Mar. 17, 18, 19 at SPLHS Campus see flyer on table.

Those Serving

Musician

Ron Baker

Acolyte

Madison Moulton

Radio and Sound:

Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies

Ushers:

Ron Meyer, Chris Dickinson, Robert Claborn

Church Secretary:

Judy Teufel

Church Custodian:

Jim Teufel

Pastor:

Rev. Alan Mueller

Lenten Midweek Series 6:30pm

The Blood of Christ:

March 17th

Sanctifies

March 24th

Redeems

Maundy Thursday (April 1st)

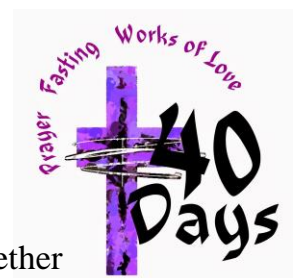
Brings Together

Good Friday

Takes Away Anger

Easter Sunday - 9:00am

Conquers



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.

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.
 - **ITEMS NEEDED:** *Plastic eggs, individually wrapped candy, hotdogs, buns, chips (single-serving chip pkgs.)*
 - 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 660-422-1290



PRAYER

Members of Immanuel

Janet Eichholz, Carol Thurman, and Ronnie Vogelsmeier

Family and Friends of Immanuel

Nancy Abbuhl, Tiffany Scott Baker, Cindy Bernard, Shirley Colson,
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.*

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

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