

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*To God be glory for 143 years of His grace at Immanuel and  
71 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast!*

*Prelude*  
*Ringing of Bell*  
*Welcome*

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 915

*Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

## Confession and Absolution

*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** 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.**

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

**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.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

Reception of New Members

-Stephanie and Gus Luetjen

## Service of the Word

## Psalm 32

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup>**Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

<sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

...

<sup>10</sup>**Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

**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.**

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



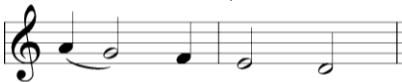
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to  
the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the  
Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship  
and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### 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*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 12:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup>“Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,

proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 5:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

<sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here

with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”” <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

Hymn #LSB 605

*Father Welcomes*

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #LSB 743 *sts. 1-2, 4-6 Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

Sermon

*Title: Prodigal Love*

*Scripture: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

Trinity Preschool Choir

*Director: Ashley Hemme*

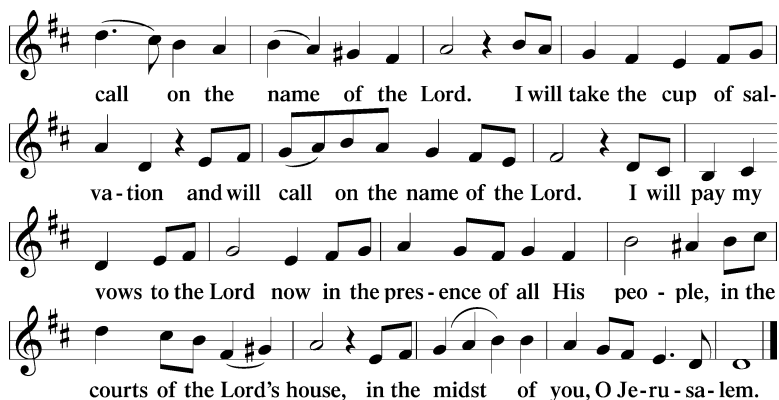
*My Hope is in the Lord*

*This Train is Bound For Glory*

Offering

Offertory

What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
 me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa-lem.

*Stand*

## Prayers of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

### 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.

### Hymn to Depart 543

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

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# The Lord's Week

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

**Trinity PreK Sing**

10:10am

Ladies of the Congregation Meeting

10:15am

BC/SS

6:00pm

Meal & Pitch Party at Holy Cross, Emma

7:30pm

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

**Mon. 8:30am**

Royal Oaks Bible Study

1:00pm

Finance Board

**Wed. 10:00am**

Women's Bible Study

5:30pm

Lent Meal by Ed Board (lasagna)

6:30pm

*Lent Service-**His Blood***

**Sun. 9:00am**

**Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300**

10:15am

BC/SS

6:15pm

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Confirmation

7:30pm

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

**TODAY--SOS Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00am-1:00pm at Saint Paul Lutheran High School. Dine-in inside Krueger Dining Hall or Drive-Thru pick up in front of Krueger Dining Hall. Menu: sausage,



*St. Paul Servants of the Saints Rummage Sale Mar 30 (6-8pm) Mar 31 (6am-7pm) Apr 1 (8am-7pm)—Apr 2 (8am-12pm) at SPLHS Weis Gym Annex*

**So...mark your calendars!** Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - 5:30PM...**Fun Day!** Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. **Children sing in Church and Easter Egg Hunt**

**EASTER EGG HUNT** on Sunday Apr.10 at 11:00am: *SUPPLIES REQUESTED* **All members** are invited to stay so they can watch the egg hunt & enjoy hotdogs, chips, cookies.

**A signup sheet for those who would like to donate items for this event will be in the Narthex. Donated items should be brought to the church by April 8<sup>th</sup>.** Label all items "Easter Egg Hunt" and leave on the kitchen counter. **QUESTIONS:** Contact Ellie Baker at 660-422-1290



**Saint Paul High School Drama Department** is performing *The Long Red Herring* by Pat Cook. We will be performing at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 2nd and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 3rd. We hope you will be able to join us for our production!

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## Those Serving

Musician.....Ron Baker  
 Acolyte.....Levi Hinch  
 Radio and Sound.....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies  
 Ushers:.....Ron Meyer, Dalyn Johnson, Marc Johnson, Stanley Bredehoeft  
 Church Secretary.....Judy Teufel  
 Church Custodian.....Jon Dallman  
 Pastor.....Pastor Alan Mueller



Dear Parents and Church Family,

It is time to make plans for Easter. *The Sunday School children* will be singing on **April 10th, Palm Sunday**. We will need "all" of our singers for this song which we think will be a blessing to all in attendance.

The Board of Ed is also planning an **Easter Egg Hunt and lunch following services on Palm Sunday**. To show appreciation to our children for being a part of this event we are going to have a drawing, following the hunt, for some special items that they will love. Each Sunday your child attends Sunday School between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday their name will be entered. The more Sundays they attend the more chances they will have to win.

The teachers are also planning a **"Fun Day" for the children on Friday, April 8th, at 5:30 PM**. We will be decorating eggs to hide at the hunt, doing a service project for Royal Oaks residents and our members in the Nursing Home, and watching a movie while eating PIZZA!

We will have more details to follow as the time gets closer. **This will be for all ages and we want everyone to come join the fun.** Covid has taken a toll on many areas of our lives. We are blessed to have this opportunity to put that aside and to keep our church family strong.

*May God bless your week.* The Board of Ed and Sunday School teachers

LILY ORDERS & MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN AT THIS TIME. FORMS ARE IN THE NARTHEX. PLEASE PUT ORDERS IN THE OFFERING PLATE.



The owners of the **Davis Theater** in Higginsville are stepping out to show **"The Chosen" series every Sunday at 1pm in March.**, then continuing to **Apr 3rd & 10th**. The purpose of the series is to have people experience an authentic Jesus. There is no charge for admission.



## THE WOUNDED SAVIOR

*Midweek Meals at 5:30---Midweek Services at 6:30*

**Midweek 5 Service & Meal**

March 30th

Hostess: *Ed Board*-(lasagna)

**Sermon Title: His Blood**

**Midweek 6 Service & Meal**

April 6

Hostess: Bell Choir (breakfast)

**Sermon Title: Burdened Shoulders**

**Maundy Thursday Service**

April 14

**Sermon Title: His Pierced Side**

**Good Friday Service**

April 15 at 6:30

**Easter Sunday Services Apr 17**

1<sup>st</sup> Service-6:30am--2<sup>nd</sup> Service 9:30am

Breakfast at 7:30am



## From the Board of Missions

### Request for help.

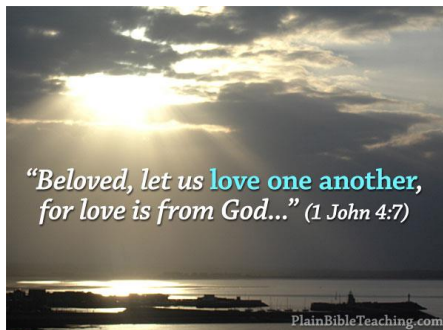
This Sunday we would like suggestions again from the congregation on what organizations they would like Board of Missions to support. Forms are in the back of the church to fill out for your suggestions. Anyone is also welcome to come talk to a board member with any ideas!

**A recap that from our lent meal:** the Board of Missions was able to donate \$500 (\$250 cash donations, \$250 from Board of Missions Budget) along with many material item donations to House of Hope in Lexington, MO. We appreciate everyone's generosity! The House of Hope is an outreach center that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse.

***Thank you for your generosity.***

**Single's Retreat!** Heit's Point is hosting a Single's Retreat Get-away from April 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>. Over the retreat, we will gather together for fellowship, food, games, and for Bible studies. Pastor Alan will be there leading the group in Bible studies and discussion. It's going to be a great opportunity to gather with people in like-situations as yourself.

The theme is "Undignified" -coming from the story of King David dancing before the Lord (2 Samuel 6:21-22). Two-night stay and all meals is \$85. One-night stay and three meals is \$65. To register, you can do so at [www.heitspoint.com](http://www.heitspoint.com).



# PRAYER

## Members of Immanuel

Randy Brandt, Lester & Louise Harms,  
and Carol Thurman

## Family and Friends of Immanuel

Cindy Bernard, Shirley Colson, Gail Foster Horman,  
Linda McFadden, Betty McKeage, Neil Meador, John Richmond,  
Pastor Martin T. Schnare, Bill Taylor, Keith Ward, and Larry Winfrey.

## Shut-ins and Nursing Home Resident

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

Owen Dobbins, 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.immanuelweetsprings.com](http://www.immanuelweetsprings.com)

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*May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!*

