

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



First Sunday in Lent

February 26th, 2023

*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 655 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

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

Service of the Word

Psalm 32

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

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

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

⁵I 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.**

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

**⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**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

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.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

Combined Choir

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1–21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said,

“The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said,
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 5:12–19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—
¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

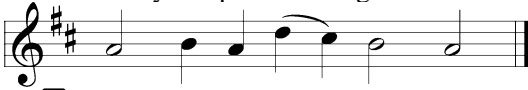
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,”

and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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.

Sit

Hymn #LSB 605 *v.1*

Father Welcomes

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #LSB 724 *sts. 1–2, 4–5* *If God Himself Be for Me*

Sermon

Title: Meeting Temptation

Scripture: Matthew 4 and Genesis 3

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

Offering

Stand

Offertory



C 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.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

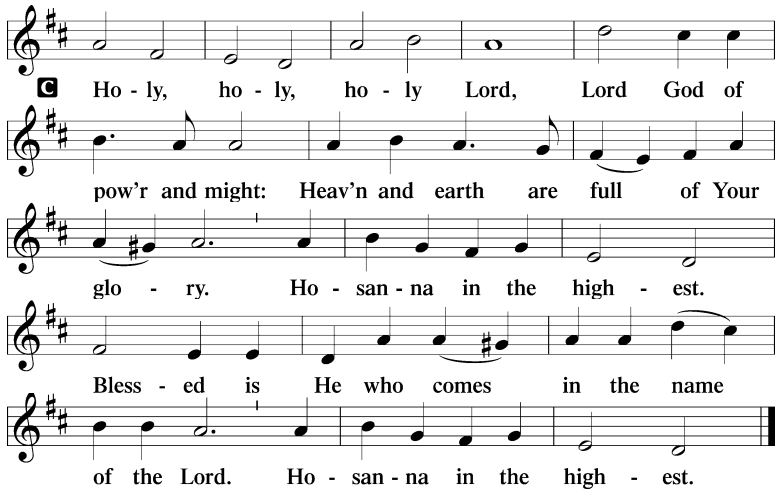
C We lift them to the Lord.

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, 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
 have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution (Continuous flow)

Distribution Hymn #LSB 657

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Distribution Hymn #LSB 727

On Eagles' Wings

Distribution Hymn #LSB 834

O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

Stand

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.

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 #LSB 973

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Refrain Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. **Refrain**

2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. **Refrain**

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The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00am	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300
	10:15am	/BC/ SS
	1:00-3:00pm	Bowling at Concordia Bowling Alley for Children & Families
	7:15pm	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
Mon.	8:30am	Royal Oak Bible Study
	1:00pm	Finance Board
Tues.	4:30pm	5 th & 6 th Grade Confirmation
	7:00pm	Elders
Wed.	10:00am	Women's Bible Study
	5:30pm	Lent meal: Breakfast
	6:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service: "Greed & Generosity"
Sun.	9:00am	Holy Communion on KMMO AM 1300
	10:15am	Brief Care Team Meeting/BC/ SS
	7:15pm	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation



Announcements

TODAY! The Board of Education and Sunday School Teachers invite you to the Concordia Bowling Alley.

When: February 26, 2023

Time: 1p.m.- 3p.m.

Who: Preschool-8th grade and parents

The cost of bowling and shoes is covered for children and parents.

****We ask that parents please stay with their children!****

Our Immanuel Board of Education is selling trash bags at \$13/roll. There is an order form and envelope the Narthex or you may contact Courtney Gieselman for more information. 660-815-4080. The proceeds support the tuition program for our students enrolled in Christian Education schools.

Please join us at Holy Cross, Emma, for our annual Tuition Brunch on Sunday, March 19th. We will be serving brunch from 10am-12:30pm with Free Will Donation at the door. This is a very important fundraiser for Holy Cross as school tuition has been a continued cost and is a benefit to our families with children going to a Lutheran school. Hope to see you there!
-Steven and Jaala Schlesselman and Holy Cross Tuition Brunch Committee

****ATTENTION SS & YOUTH--AGES 1st GRADE AND UP****

Looking for a way to serve others? **Altar Guild is looking for helpers to assist with serving at the Lenten meal** (lasagna) on March 22nd. Contact Ellie Baker @ 660-422-1290 for more information.

Please keep the Singing Saints in your prayers as they travel through Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas for their choir tour. Their home concert will be Sunday, March 12th at 7:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia, MO. Everyone is invited to attend. The concert will be live-streamed through St. Paul's website if you are unable to make it.

Those Serving

Thank you to the Combined Choir for sharing your talents with us this morning. What a wonderful praise to our God.

- Musicians:.....Ron Baker
- Acolyte.....Braelyn Johnson
- Radio and Sound.....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
- Video.....Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others
- Ushers:.....Kevin Wulff, Jared Eichholz, Ryan Sims, Jason Staples
- Church Secretary.....Judy Teufel
- Church Custodian.....Laura Flippen
- Pastor.....Pastor Alan Mueller

PRAYER

Members of Immanuel: Randy Brandt, Lois Gieseke, Sue Nicholson

Family and Friends of Immanuel: Cindy Bernard, Larry and Eileen Winfrey.

Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents: Dolores Fischer, Lester & Louise Harms, & Martha Jane Vogelsmeier (LGSNH) Dorothy Krause (The Villa); Thelma Nienhueser (The Essex of Concordia)

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, and MaKenna Eckhoff

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The Board of Property needs your assistance!

The Board of Properties will be placing a plaque **recognizing memorial gifts** given to the church. **If you would like a loved one's memorial gift to be recognized on the plaque**, please let Dave Gieselman (660-815-7470) or any member of the Board of Properties.

Please help the Board by providing knowledge of gifts lovingly given that you are the memory caretaker of the gift.

Thank you so much for your help so that we can continue to honor our forefathers' gifts.

Board of Properties

Dave Gieselman	Susan Guier	Kevin Wulff
Allen Bredehoeft	Garret Sims	Marc Johnson

Heit's Point at Cole Camp is hosting a **Singles Retreat** for March 3rd-5th. Come join other Christian singles on a outdoors retreat weekend in the Ozarks! All you need to do is register, pack a bag, and invite a wingman! Heit's Point is a LCMS Ministry camp located near Lincoln, Missouri. Cost is \$85 for 2 nights and all meals or \$65 for one night and 3 meals. Register online at www.heispoint.com or call 660-668-2363.

You are invited! Plan to attend the **St. Paul's Lutheran School** annual **Gifts of Grace Benefit Dinner and Auction** on **Saturday, March 11, 2023**. Tickets are \$35 per person and available for purchase at the SCHOOL office. Reserved seating and additional perks available by upgrading to the Table of 8 Package Deal or the Platinum Experience!

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:

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

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LENT & EASTER SERVICES "GLITTERING VICES"

"Not everything that glitters is gold." Our Lenten series this year focuses on "Glittering Vices". Vices are those habitual tendencies which lead towards sin. Often called "the deadly sins", we find them in the hearts of all sinful people. Even as God's people, we find them in ourselves, as well. And they teach us that we, too, fail to fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Over the next forty days, as we journey to the cross and empty tomb, we will be peering into the passion story and seeing the vices and virtues present in the lives of the disciples. As we look into the Passion account, we will take notice of the disciple's shortcomings, and we'll use them to teach us about ourselves, also.

Our prayer during these next forty days is that God would increasingly help us to identify and remove these vices from our lives. May the Good Lord cast out all vices and replace them with godly virtues. Replacing: pride with humility, slothfulness with diligence, envy with kindness, anger with forgiveness.

Join us as God continues to come to us with love, mercy, and power -able to do far-more abundantly than anything we can ask or imagine. May He strengthen, preserve, and form us more into the image of His Son. Amen.





LENT & EASTER SERVICES
“GLITTERING VICES”



Lent Meals begin at 5:30pm
Lent Services begin at 6:30pm

LENT SERVICES

February 22nd Ash Wednesday **“Gluttony & Fasting”**

March 1st

Meal: Breakfast
Serving: Bell Choir
Service: **“Greed & Generosity”**

March 8th

Meal: Soup & Hot Dogs
Serving: Missions Board
Service: **“Pride & Humility”**

March 15th

Meal: Tacos
Serving: Education Board
Service: **“Sloth & Diligence”**

March 22nd

Meal: Lasagna
Serving: Altar Guild
Service: **“Envy & Kindness”**

March 29th

Meal: Potato Bar
Serving: Care Team
Service: **“Anger & Forgiveness”**

April 6th

Maundy Thursday
Service

April 7th

Good Friday
Service

EASTER MORNING

April 9th at 6:30am

Easter Sunrise
Communion Service

April 9th at 7:30am

Breakfast:
Served by Elders

April 9th at 9:00am

Easter Communion
Service

