

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*Second Sunday in Lent*

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 Bells  
Welcome

# Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 798 *sts. 1–4 The God of Abraham Praise*  
*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

Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

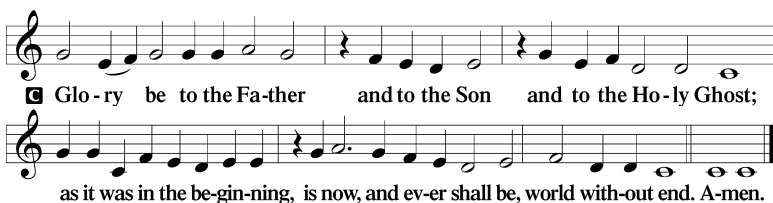
**<sup>4</sup>Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

**<sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

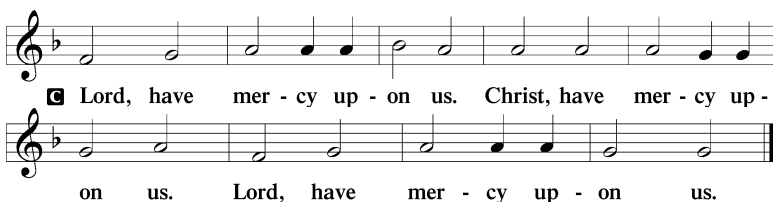
<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.**



**G** 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



**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the 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.

*Sit*

## Saint Paul Preschool Choir

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 12:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

<sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless

those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 4:1–8, 13–17*

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

<sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in

whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*John 3:1–17*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

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

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

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

**C** Praise be 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day #LSB 936**

*Sing Praise to the God of Israel*

**Sermon**

*Title: An Indescribable Gift*

*Scripture: John 3:1-17*

**Offering**

**Bell Choir Anthem**

*My Shepherd's Amazing Grace*

*Stand*

Prayers of the Church  
Lord's Prayer

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, 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, for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory.

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 God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

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

**C** **Amen.**

# Agnus Dei

☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*Sit*

## Distribution

Distribution Hymn #LSB 646

Distribution Hymn #LSB 819

Distribution Hymn #LSB 430

*Church of God, Elect and Glorious  
Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good  
My Song Is Love Unknown*

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

☐ Lord, now letteth Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.



## Thanksgiving

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** **and His mercy endures forever.**

**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

**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** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Hymn to Depart #LSB 601

*All Who Believe and Are Baptized*

### Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible,

## The Lord's Week

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300</b>
		<b>Saint Paul Preschool Choir</b>
	10:15am	BC/ SS
	11:15am	Board of Education
	7:15pm	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
<b>Mon.</b>	8:30am	Royal Oak Bible Study
<b>Tues.</b>	4:30pm	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00am	Women's Bible Study
	5:30pm	Lent meal by Missions Board-Soup/Hot dog
	6:30pm	Wednesday Service: "Pride & Humility"
<b>Sat.</b>		<i>Spring Forward</i> (Please set clocks ahead 1 hr.)
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion on KMMO AM 1300</b>
	10:15am	BC/ SS
	7:15pm	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

# Announcements



Our radio broadcast is dedicated to the memory of Frosty & Allene Dohrman. We would like to thank Frosty & Allene’s children and grandchildren for remembering their loved ones by sharing God’s word. May our worship today touch many hearts.

## **\*\*ATTENTION SS & YOUTH--AGES 1<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

Sweet Springs Project Prom presents **After Prom Hog Roast Fundraising Dinner** on March 12, 2023 from 11am-2pm. Sweet Springs High School-GYM. Delivery in town available call 660-815-02176. Tickets \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door.



**Thanks to all who came to bowl! We had a great time! –**

Board of Ed and Sunday School Teachers



## **Thank you to the St. Paul Preschool Choir**

We would like to thank the Choir for enriching our worship service this music with their songs of praise. Also a special of note of thanks to the teachers who prepared the children for this morning and for the parents who transported their children and joined in our worship service. We pray for continued blessings throughout the rest of the school year.

## **Those Serving**

Musician.....	Maria Mueller
Acolyte.....	Gus Luetjen
Radio and Sound.....	Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
Video.....	Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others
Ushers.....	Ron Meyer, Marc & Dalyn Johnson, Stanley Bredehoeft, Jason Staples
Church Secretary.....	Judy Teufel
Pastor.....	Pastor Alan Mueller

# PRAYER

**Members of Immanuel:** Randy Brandt and Lois Gieseke

**Family and Friends of Immanuel:** Cindy Bernard, Bill Treece, 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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**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

**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!

Come join other Lutherans as we examine what the scriptures say about Love and Marriage in an out-doors retreat weekend in the Ozarks! Come spend time hiking, studying Scripture, meeting new couples, and just being able to unplug for a bit! All you need to do is register, pack a bag, and bring your spouse for a wonderful weekend re-examining just what you two crazy kids promised to each other, God, and the congregation in your wedding.

Two-night stay and all meals \$85

One-night stay and three meals Tuesday \$65

Heit's Point Lutheran is a LCMS Ministry camp located near Lincoln, RSVP by March 17, at [www.heitpoint.com](http://www.heitpoint.com) or call 660-668-2363.



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](http://www.immanuelsweetsprings.com)

Church office: 110 Main, Sweet Springs, MO 65351

*May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!*



## LENT & EASTER SERVICES

### "GLITTERING VICES"

*Lent Meals begin at 5:30pm*

*Lent Services begin at 6:30pm*



### LENT SERVICES

**March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Meal: Soup & Hot Dogs

Missions Board

Service: **"Pride & Humility"**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Meal: Tacos

Serving: Education Board

Service: **"Sloth & Diligence"**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Meal: Lasagna

Serving: Altar Guild

Service: **"Envy & Kindness"**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Meal: Potato Bar

Serving: Care Team

Service: **"Anger & Forgiveness"**

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Maundy Thursday

Service

**April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Good Friday

Service

### EASTER MORNING

**April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30am**

Easter Sunrise

Communion Service

**April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am**

Breakfast:

Served by Elders

**April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**

Easter Communion

Service



**St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef Dinner** at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 361 W Summit, Marshall, MO. Friday, Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.

Dine in or Drive through. Free-Will Donation. Menu: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Red potatoes, Irish soda bread, Cornbread, Pear Jell-O Salad Cake, Iced Tea & Coffee. All proceeds go to the activities of the LWML.

### ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 2023

Church & Sunday School Attendance				<b>Tithes and offerings for February 2023</b> Budget Amount Needed for Feb. 2023 \$16,274. <b>Amount received for Feb. 2023 \$13,868.</b> Feb.. Receipts <b>below budget by -\$2,406.</b>
Date	Sunday Service	Adult Bible Class	Sunday School	
Feb. 5	107	18	17	
Feb. 12	130	16	14	
Feb. 19	109	17	13	
Feb. 26	106	16	17	
Feb. 22	51	Ash Wed.		

**NO CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP FEBRUARY 2023**