

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19th, 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 849 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*
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 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I 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.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

**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



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 with thy spirit.

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 42:14–21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace;

I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;

I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills,

and dry up all their vegetation;

I will turn the rivers into islands,

and dry up the pools.

¹⁶And I will lead the blind

in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.
¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”
¹⁸Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?
²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 9:1–41

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

C Glory be to You, O Lord

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his

parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . .

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” . . .

³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

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 551 *When to Our World the Savior Came*
Sermon

Title:

Scripture: John 9:1-41

Offering

Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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, 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 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

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 744

Amazing Grace

Distribution Hymn #LSB 411

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Distribution Hymn #LSB 851

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest 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 **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart #LSB 743 *sts. 1–4*

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00am 10:15am 7:15pm	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/SS 7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
Mon.	8:30am	Royal Oak Bible Study
Tues.	8:30am 4:30pm	Braille Workers 5 th & 6 th Grade Confirmation
Wed.	10:00am 5:30pm 6:30pm	Women's Bible Study Lent meal by Altar Guild: Menu-Lasagna Wednesday Service: "Envy & Kindness"
Sun.	9:00am 10:15am 7:15pm	Holy Communion on KMMO AM 1300 BC/SS 7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation

Announcements



Today's radio broadcast is sponsored to celebrate Louise Harm's birthday. We thank her children, Sandy & Allen Boehmer, Jim & Debbie Harms, Kathy & Bill Taylor for remembering her special day by sharing God's word with our radio listeners. We pray that Louise continue to receive God's wonderful blessings.

Easter Egg Hunt!



There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on ***Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023*** after church. *All members are invited to join us in the basement for donuts and fellowship. Followed by an egg hunt* for all children!

We are in ***need of candy*** for the egg hunt. If you would be willing to donate individually wrapped candy for the egg hunt, please leave in the kitchen by March 26th.

Would you like to help us? We need your help filling over 1,000 eggs! Everyone is invited to help on *March 28th and 29th from 4:30p.m.-5:30p.m. both nights* in the church basement.

****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.

Those Serving

Musician.....	Maria Mueller
Acolyte.....	Kade Scott
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



All are invited to a Pitch Party hosted by the Men's Club at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Emma on **Sun., Mar. 19 at 6 p.m.** in the school basement. Hope to see you there!

Allen Bredehoeft is working on the pews in our Sanctuary. **He could use soft cotton rags from t-shirts, sheets, socks.** But they need to be 100% cotton. If you have some, please bring to church and leave on the pew in fellowship hall.

SOS (Servants of the Saints) **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE** at Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia. The sale begins Wed., Mar. 29th from 6:00-8:00pm for a \$5 preview sale fee. Shop Thur., Mar. 30th from 7:00am-6:00pm and Fri., Mar. 31st from 8:00am-6:00pm. The final day is Sat., Apr. 1st from 8:00am-12:00pm for \$5 bag day, anything you can fit in a bag for \$5! The sale will take place in the annex; please park behind the gym and use the north door.

No Orphan Grain Train this month but, it will be on April 20th.

The Sunday School children will be walking in with palms and singing "My Heart Belongs to Jesus" for **Palm Sunday.** **We would also like for any moms or grandmas willing to participate to also walk in with us same as we did last year.** We will meet in the basement at 8:45am to line up before the service.



Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, and calls while I was in the hospital and back home. ---Sincerely-Lois Gieseke

THANK YOU to all who helped make this year's annual Gifts of Grace Auction a success! Funds raised exceeded \$55,000! Your generosity and support for St. Paul's Lutheran School is a blessing!

LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Lent Meals begin at 5:30pm

"GLITTERING VICES"

Lent Services begin at 6:30pm

LENT SERVICES

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

PRAYER

Members of Immanuel: Randy Brandt and Lois Gieseke

Family and Friends of Immanuel: Cindy Bernard, Linder Hoffman, Gary Rapp, Dana Sleeper 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

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

Hospice Volunteer Training

Crossroads Hospice volunteers make a huge difference in someone's life by simply being present. They provide support to patients and families in their homes and long-term care facilities. As a volunteer, you can provide companionship to a patient by reminiscing, reading aloud or sharing your well-behaved 4-legged friend. Hospice volunteering can be a meaningful and life-changing opportunity for anyone, even teens!

We have volunteer training scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Boonslick Regional Library in Sedalia. For information or to register for training, contact Kathy Fetters at 660-422-5800 or kathy.fetters@crossroadshospice.com.

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!

