

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



The Third Sunday in Lent

March 23rd, 2025

*To God be glory for 146 years of His grace at Immanuel and
74 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast!*

Prelude
Ring of Bells
Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation LSB #700 *Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

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 Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit, He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. *Mark 16:16; John 1:12*

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.

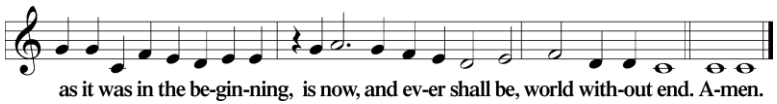
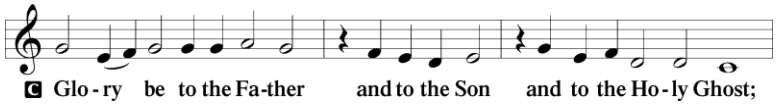
You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

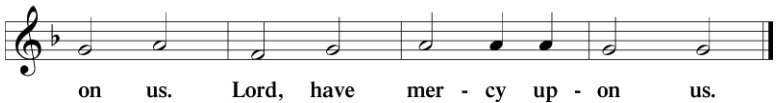
Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.



Kyrie

LSB 186



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Ezekiel 33:7–20

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1–3, 11–23

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



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable:

¹¹And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And 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. ¹³Not 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. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to

be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“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! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” ²⁰And 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. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But 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. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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#612 *As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered*

Sermon

Title: The Waiting Father

Sermon Text: Luke 15:11

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offering

Offertory



C 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.

Lord's Prayer

(located inside the back cover of the hymnal)

Benedicamus

A Bless we 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, amen, amen.

Sit

Hymn to Depart LSB#698

May We Thy Precepts, Lord Fulfill

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00am 10:15am	Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/ SS
Mon	10:00am	Finance Board
Tues.	6:00pm	Elders
Wed.	10:00am 6:00pm	Women's Bible Study Lent Service
Sun.	9:00am 10:15am	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/SS

Thank you, Pastor Paul Mehl, for leading our service today!

Easter Fellowship Hour with a light breakfast on April 20th before the Easter Service at 9:00am. This is hosted by the Ladies of the Congregation. Please come and join the celebration of our Savior's rise from the tomb!

Trash bags are being sold by the Board of Ed March 2-23rd, to help offset tuition cost for our students attending local Lutheran Schools. Bags are \$13/roll. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you may contact a Board of Ed member or tuition family.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will be gifting bibles to all of the residents at Royal Oaks. This comes at a cost of more than \$750.00. We will have a basket in the narthex for the next few weeks for donations.

Fish Fry! Support Christian Education Tuition Program **on Saturday April 26th at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sweet Springs, 5:00pm-??.**

Annual St. Matt's Chili Supper has been postponed to March 23rd from 11am-1pm.

Holy Cross LLL Men's Club will be hosting the **Concordia Zone Pitch Game** on **Sunday night, March 23rd**, in the School basement. Refreshments will be served at 6:00PM with card playing following from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. Everyone in the church is welcome to attend.

Those Serving

Musicians:.....Trumpet: Caroline Carter Piano:..Judy Teufel
Acolyte:.....Sena Ohrenberg
Radio and Sound:.....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
Video:.....Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others
Ushers:.....Mark Luetjen, Jared Eichholz, John Dohrman, Ken Hughson
Pastor:.....Rev. Paul Mehl
Church Secretary.....Judy Teufel

The Marshall Philharmonic Orchestra invites you to The Charles Ferguson Memorial Chamber Recital to be held **Saturday, March 29**, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 710 E. Yerby, in Marshall. The recital will begin at **7:00 p.m.** and will feature retired Principal Harpist of the San Francisco Symphony, Douglas Rioth. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear this professional harpist in your very own hometown. All are welcome!

The Saint Paul Lutheran High School SOS Spring Rummage Sale will take place March 26-29. The sale will take place in Weis Gym Annex on the SPLHS Campus at 205 S. Main Street, Concordia, MO 64020.

Come find many great deals and help support our school at the same time.

The hours of the sale are:

Wed., Mar. 26 from 6-8 p.m. (\$5 preview sale fee)

Thurs., Mar. 27 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fri., Mar. 28 from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 29 from 8 a.m. - noon (fill a bag for \$5 on Saturday)

We hope to see you at our Spring Rummage Sale. Thank you for your support.

The Board of Mission's is sponsoring a Heit's Point Camper Scholarship for this summer. It covers a week long summer camp at Heit's Point near Lincoln Mo. We would like to extend this to a student at Immanuel if they are interested in participating. If no one from our Congregation is interested, then we will send it on to Heit's Point for a student of their choice. If you are interested, please contact a member of the Board of Mission's. Thank you.

*Come Join Us for the
Mid-week Service
Wednesday evening at 6:00pm*



PRAYER

Members of Immanuel: Carol Brandt, Randy Brandt, Stanley Bredehoeft, Nolan Kirby, Mary Opfer, Lindsey Shockley.

Family and Friends of Immanuel: Brooklyn Anderson, Alan & Cindy Bernard, Camryn & Jason Bredehoeft, Mike & Eva Cordes family, Brandy Clevenger, Jeff Fuehring, Diane Heermann, Gail Foster Horman, Retta Hamilton, Holly McCullough, Kelly Krause, Mark Krause, Terri Krause, David Maas, Rhonda Neupert, Jessica Nicolson, Mary Lou Ramos, Mike Reid, Brooke Rieckhoff, Everett Rehkop, Kimberly Scott, Nicole Scott, Elliot Smith, Diane Tebbenkamp.

Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents:

Millie Dohrman (Westport Assisted Living)
Dolores Fischer & Dorothy Krause (The Living Center)

Mission Workers: Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand), Jim & Claudia Dahlke (Mission of Christ Network), those serving POBLO. David & Valerie Federwitz (LBT West Africa Regional Director) Tim & Erin Schulte (LBT-Cameroon)

Military: MaKenna Eckhoff, Drake Batye



THE WAITING FATHER-HE IS WITH US, EVEN WHEN WE SIN!

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.immanuelssweetsprings.com.
Church office: 110 Main, Sweet Springs, MO 65351
May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!



Easter Lilies

Easter lilies may be purchased either in loving memory of an individual(s) or given to the glory of God for blessings received. Order forms available in the Narthex. If you would like to order one or more lilies, please complete the form, Place your check or cash with the order form into an envelope and place it in the offering plate. The price is \$9.50 per lily. Orders are due by Monday April 21st.

Memorial Garden

Memorial Garden flowers/plants may be brought to the church by 8:30am on Saturday April 19th. They may be put on the stage in the basement. Please complete the form available in the Narthex to indicate who placed the flower & in memory of whom. Please place the form in the offering plate. by Monday April 21st.

Form for Lilies & Memorial Garden in today's bulletin. Additional forms may be picked up in the office or the Narthex.



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Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

March 9, 2025

Greetings in the name of the Lord! It is good to be back in classes for the second semester of my second year. Winter was fun, but I am glad that spring has returned. I pray that all of you have been blessed in this new year and that the Lord would continue the good work he has begun among us.

This semester, I am making my final preparations academically before vicarage. That means that I am taking another homiletics class along with my normal systematic, history, and languages classes. Something that I have found interesting this year comes from my history class which has focused on the Reformation. We always like to remember Luther as the preeminent theologian that he was, but in his sermons and letters, he was very practical and pastoral. He was not up in the clouds all the time, but he was very down-to-earth with his people whenever he could be. I have found that to be very helpful for me and I enjoy reading his sermons and letters in their simple style. I would commend them to you if ever you have the interest.

I am looking forward to the end of this semester, however, because that is when my vicarage will start. I am really hoping for a rural or semi-rural site because as much as I love the seminary life and culture, I miss the country where I grew up. But I know that God is working these things together for my good, and I will be happy whenever he places me. I look forward to getting to put these skills into practice.

I would ask that you would pray for my family this year. In about three weeks, planting season on the farm will begin which will start the whole growing cycle again. Please pray that my family would stay safe through it all and that God would protect our farm and cause us to have a bountiful harvest in the fall.

Thank you for everything that you have done and continue to do for me. If ever I can do anything for you, send me a letter or message. I love hearing from my brothers and sisters in Christ. You are in my prayers.

Your brother in Christ,

Tyler Linneman

The background is a light pink color with several large, textured, tan-colored shapes that resemble sand dunes or hills. In the top left corner, there are three decorated Easter eggs: one orange with a white grid pattern, one blue with white wavy lines, and one purple with white dashed lines. A black vine with various colorful flowers (pink, red, blue) and leaves arches across the middle of the page. On the right side, there is a stylized illustration of a brown and purple chicken. At the bottom, there are several white Easter eggs, some with colorful flowers (orange, red, pink) on top. A blue rabbit is shown in the bottom right, appearing to be in motion.

Join us following our
9am church service for
donuts in the basement
followed by the Egg
Hunt!

Easter Egg hunt

APRIL 13TH | SUNDAY |
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Hop on over
for a day of
egg-citement!