

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30th, 2025

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

Prelude
Welcome
Ringing of the Bells
Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation LSB#526 *You Are the Way; through You Alone*

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 51:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret 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.**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1–6

¹You 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.
²“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.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And 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.
⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
⁶Shout, 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

¹⁶From 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. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For 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.

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1–3, 24–32

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

C **Glory to You, 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:

²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And 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.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but 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. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It 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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day LSB #605

Father Welcomes

Sermon

Title: "The Patent Father"

Text: Luke 15:28

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer *(found inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn LSB #613 To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All

Distribution Hymn LSB #629 What Is This Bread

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, ...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

LSB 212

- 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 on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn to Depart LSB #443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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The Lord's Week

Sun. 9:00am Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300
10:15am BC/ SS
11:15am Education Board

Wed. 10:00am Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Lent Service

Sun. 9:00am Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300
10:15am BC/SS

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

Easter Fellowship Hour will begin at 8:00am 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!

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-??.

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.

Easter Lily & Memorial Garden forms are available in the Narthex or the Office. Please complete the forms and place them in the offering plate marked Altar Guild (with check for lily) Easter lilies may be purchased either in loving memory of an individual(s) or given to the glory of God for blessings received.. If you would like to order one or more lilies, please complete the form, *The price is \$9.50 per lily. Orders are due by Monday April 14th. 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.*

Those Serving

Musician:.....Ron Baker
Acolyte:.....Sophie Koch
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

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, Marian Marian Harris, Diane Heermann, Gail Foster Horman, Retta Hamilton, Alicia Maggert, 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



Luke 15-Parable of the Lost Son

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.

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

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MEMBERS
OF



A colorful flyer for an Easter Egg Hunt. The background is light pink with a circular wreath of black branches, pink and orange flowers, and a blue rabbit. There are several decorated Easter eggs in orange, blue, and purple. A small orange and purple bird is on the right. The text is centered and reads: "Join us following our 9am church service for donuts in the basement followed by the Egg Hunt!" followed by "Easter Egg hunt" in large orange and red letters. Below that is the date and time: "APRIL 13TH | SUNDAY | 10:30AM" and the location: "IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SWEET SPRINGS, MO". At the bottom left, it says "Hop on over for a day of egg-citement!".

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Easter Egg hunt

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The Board of Ed (Immanuel) would like to ask for candy donation that will fit inside an Easter Egg to help with the above hunt. Please place your candy on the kitchen counter marked egg hunt by April 9th. Also, they would like to thank all that purchased trash bags. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Women's Easter Breakfast All ladies are invited to join us on Saturday, April 19th at 8:30 am at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1501 Lipper Ave., Higginsville, MO in the church basement for our Women's Easter Breakfast. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Jerrode Marsh, the Executive Director of the Concordia Music Conservatory and Director of Music at St. Paul Lutheran High School. Dr. Marsh will share her musical experiences during her two decades in Germany as a pianist and conductor. These experiences sparked her passion for church music, influencing her work at Saint Paul and ultimately the founding of the Concordia Music Conservatory. An offering will be collected and ½ will be donated to the Concordia Music Conservatory, ¼ will go to the Altar Guild for new paraments and ¼ will go to Ruth Circle. Join us for food & fellowship as we share our faith & love for our Resurrected Savior.