

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*The First Sunday in Lent*

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

*To God be glory for 148 years of His grace at Immanuel and  
76 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast.*

## *Prelude\*\*Ringing of the Bell\*\*Welcome*

# Confession and Absolution

**Hymn of Invocation LSB #418** *O Lord Throughout These Forty Days*

*Please stand if you are able.*

*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 and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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 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.

# Service of the Word

**Introit**

*Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon, 15-16*

When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

**I will rescue him and honor him.**

With long life I will satisfy him

**and show him My salvation."**

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

**the Most High, who is my refuge—**

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

**no plague come near your tent.**

For He will command His angels concerning you

**to guard you in all your ways.**

On their hands they will bear you up,

**lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder;

**the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

**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**

When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

**I will rescue him and honor him.**

With long life I will satisfy him

**and show him My salvation.”**

## 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. 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.

*Please be seated.*

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 3:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Now 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?’” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but 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.”<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.<sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”<sup>6</sup> So 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.<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup> And 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.<sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”<sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”<sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”<sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup> The 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.

<sup>15</sup> I 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.”

<sup>16</sup> To 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.”

<sup>17</sup> And 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;  
<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
<sup>19</sup>By 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.”

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And 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*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet 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.

<sup>15</sup>But 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. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>If, 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.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For 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.

*Please stand if you are able.*

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

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

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

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and 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.’”

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

“‘You shall worship the Lord your God  
and Him only shall you serve.’”

<sup>11</sup>Then 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**

*(found inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

*Please be seated.*

**Hymn LSB #605, stanza 1**

*Father Welcomes*

**Children’s Message**

*given by Courtney Gieselman*

**Hymn of the Day LSB #424**

*O Christ, You Walked the Road*

**Sermon: “If You Are a Child of God...”**

*Matthew 4:1-11*

*Please stand if you are able.*

# Prayer of the Church

*Please be seated.*

## Offering

*Please stand if you are able.*

**Offertory LSB #955**

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

**Lord's Prayer**

*(found inside the back cover of your hymnal)*

**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.

*Please be seated.*

**Hymn to Depart LSB #655**

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

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## The Lord's Week

**Sun. 9:00 am Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300**

10:15 am BC/SS

11:15 am Board of Education

**Mon. 10:00 am Finance Board**

3:15-5:00 pm *Pastor Nebel in the office*

**Tues. 6:00 pm Board of Elders**

**Wed. 10:00 am Women's Bible Study**

3:15-5:00 pm *Pastor Nebel in the office*

5:30 pm *Lent Meal- Board of Missions Chili and Soup*

**6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Service**

**Thurs. 6:00 pm Church Council**

**Sun. 9:00 am Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300**

10:15 am BC/SS

# PRAYER

**Members of Immanuel:** Evelyn Kincaid, Nolan Kirby, and Lindsey (Scott) Shockley.

**Family and Friends of Immanuel:** Bryce Alkire, Brandy Clevenger, Avery England, Jeff Fuehring, Debby Greer, Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, Gail Foster Horman, Alan Luebbert, David Maas, Danny Merrick, Inez Navarro, Mary Lou Ramos, Charlotte Rainey, Kathy Shockley, Elliot Smith, Rev. Walt Snyder.

**At-home and Nursing Home Residents:**

Janet Eichholz, Norma Gieseke and Walter Howard (at home)

Millie Dohrman (Westport Assisted Living)

Dolores Fischer & Dorothy Krause (The Living Center)

Carol Thurman (Life Care Center of Carrollton)

Phyllis Bredehoeft (Primrose Retirement Community, Sedalia)

**Mission Workers:** Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand); Rev. David & Valerie Federwitz (LBT West Africa Regional Director)

**Military:** MaKenna Eckhoff, Drake Batye

**Prayer for** Immanuel's divine call to Rev. John Engwall of Aiken, South Carolina.

**Prayer for the family** of Lee Gay, stepfather to Jerry Reid, as they grieve his recent death.

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## Those Serving Us in Worship Today

**Musician**.....Ron Baker

**Acolyte**..... Addison Schroeder

**Radio and Sound:** .....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies

**Video**.....Marsha Tyler, Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, & others

**Ushers**.....Kevin Wulff, Allen Bredehoeft, Kade Scott, Kevin Scott

**Pastor**.....Pastor Mark Nebel

**Church Secretary** .....Judy Teufel

**Rev. Mark Nebel is our Vacancy Pastor.** You may contact him at 618-237-5802 or by email at [mnebel@splhs.org](mailto:mnebel@splhs.org).

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

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*May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!*





Thank  
you ♥

**Thanks to everyone** for all the prayers, cards and kind words during Stanley's illness.

Thank you Pastor Nebel for the wonderful funeral service, Judy for the beautiful music, and the Ladies of the Congregation for the delicious meal.

Ron, Vicki & Family



**TODAY!! Pitch Party: St. Paul's Men's Club will host a zone pitch party on February 22** in the church office meeting room (401 S. Main Street, Concordia). A light supper will be served at 6:00 pm with cards following at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

**THIS WEDNESDAY** our midweek Lenten services continue at 6:30 p.m. Our main theme this year is "To Him Who Overcomes." This week we will examine "To Him Who Overcomes Jesus Will Give the Right to Eat From the Tree of Life" (Revelation 2:1-7). Our Board of Missions will serve a Chili and Soup Supper for a free-will offering in the church basement beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**The Mission Board is asking for donations for the Blessing Box.** Non-perishable items such as pasta, meat in pouches, cereal, and mixes that require water such as Hamburger Helper, etc.

**Board of Education Announcements: Save the dates!**

March 29: Egg Hunt and Donuts following church

April 25: Fish Fry- Dine-in and drive thru

***We have white and blue trash bags for sale! \$13/roll***

***More will be coming in March!***

**Heit's Point Lutheran Women's Retreat Schedule: Feb. 27-March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Come join other Lutherans from around Missouri and Kansas as we study the Scriptures, FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, in an outdoor retreat setting, encourage each other in Christ, pray together, make new friends and have FUN! Jesus said "Come to Me, I will give you rest." Register today by emailing: [info@heitspointlutheran.org](mailto:info@heitspointlutheran.org) or calling 660-665-2363. All-inclusive two-night stay at \$100/person (group) or \$120 (individual).

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**Gifts of Grace Auction & Dinner:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School invites you to the **Gifts of Grace Auction & Dinner** on **Saturday, March 14, 2026!** Step back in time for a **1940s Big Band Bash**, inspired by the World War II era, and enjoy an evening filled with fellowship, fun, and generosity as we support **St. Paul's Lutheran Elementary School**. **Tickets go on sale Monday, February 2!** Visit [splsauktion.afrogs.org](https://splsauktion.afrogs.org) for full event details, to purchase tickets, make a donation, or explore sponsorship opportunities. We hope to see you there!

**Sunday, March 1- Trinity Lutheran School in Alma will be having our 18th Annual Spring Dinner & Auction.** The free-will offering dinner will be held from **10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria/gym. The P.T.L sponsored dinner will consist of pork loin, cheesy potatoes, corn, green beans, French bread & desserts. We welcome everyone to dine in but drive thru will be available. The Auction will be an **ONLINE ONLY**, starting Friday, February 27 at 10 am and ending Sunday, March 1st at noon. All items will be available to view in-person in the school gym on Sunday. When bidding ends at noon, paid items can be picked up shortly after that time. All proceeds from this auction will go towards the school's technology fund. To join the event & create an auction account: **Visit** <https://event.gives/trinityauktion26> Or **text** "trinityauktion26" to 843-606-5995.

### **SPLHS ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**SPLHS Drama Department** is producing the play, *Mandate for Murder*, by Pat Cook with permission from Eldridge Publishing Co. The dates of our performances are **March 20th and 21st** at 7 pm. There is no admission fee, but a free will donation would be appreciated! We hope to see you there!