

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1st, 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 #571 *God Loved the World So that He Gave*
Please stand for the last stanza 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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 105:4-7; antiphon: v. 8

He remembers His covenant forever,
the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.

Seek the LORD and His strength;

seek His presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that He has done,

His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, His servant,

children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

He is the LORD our God;

His judgments are in all the earth.

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.

He remembers His covenant forever,

the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.

Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

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 A - men.

Please be seated.

PS-2nd Grade Choir- St. Paul's Lutheran School:

"Thanksgiving Canon"

setting by Anna Laura Page

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And 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. ³I 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.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And 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, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then 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. ⁸From 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. ⁹And 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

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

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . .

¹³For 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. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That 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, ¹⁷as 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.

Please stand if you are able.

Verse (Lent)

LSB 157



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This 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.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus 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?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where 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.”

⁹Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, 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. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For 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.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day LSB #580 *The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace*

Sermon “Whoever Believes Has Eternal Life” *John 3:14-17*

Please stand if you are able.

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.

Prayer of the Church

Please be seated.

Offering

Please stand if you are able.

Offertory

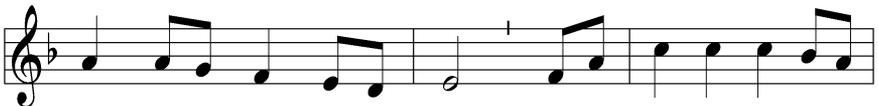
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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



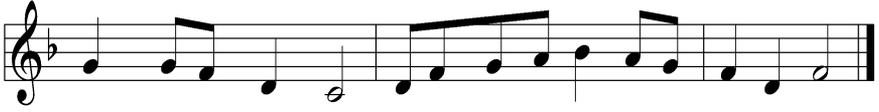
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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, 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

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

(found inside the back cover of the hymnal)

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn LSB #628

Distribution Hymn LSB #590

Distribution Hymn LSB #420

*Your Table I Approach
Baptized into Your Name Most Holy
Christ, the Life of All the Living*

Please stand if you are able.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

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.



Benediction

LSB 166

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.



Hymn to Depart LSB #918

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

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The Lord's Week

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| Sun. | 9:00 am | Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300 |
| | 10:15 am | BC/SS |
| Mon. | 3:15-5:00 pm | <i>Pastor Nebel in the office</i> |
| | 5:30 pm | Board of Missions <i>Please note different than calendar.</i> |
| | 6:30 pm | Altar Guild |
| Wed. | 10:00 am | Women's Bible Study |
| | 3:15-5:00 pm | <i>Pastor Nebel in the office</i> |
| | 5:30 pm | Lent Meal- Handbell Choir's menu breakfast casseroles |
| | 6:30 pm | Midweek Lenten Service |
| | | <i>"Jesus Will Give Authority Over the Nations."</i> |
| Sun. | 9:00 am | Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300 |
| | 10:15 am | BC/SS |

A big thank you to the children from SPLS for singing this morning. Your voices are a blessing to the congregation and a special "praise" to our Lord. We are so glad to welcome you and your parents to our worship service this day!

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 “Will Not Be Hurt by the Second Death” (Revelation 2:8-11). Our Handbell Choir will serve Breakfast Casseroles for a free-will offering in the church basement beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Lutheran Witness is our church body’s monthly magazine for church news, personal devotion and Christian education. Our church receives several copies each month and they are in the Narthex for you to take and use. Or you may order a subscription to go to your house. The subscription price for eleven issues is \$20.65. Please contact Judy at the church office for assistance.

Easter Lily order forms are now available in the Narthex. Cost will be \$9 per lily. Please complete a form and drop it in an envelope with your payment into the offering plate or drop off at the church office. Orders are due by Palm Sunday March 29th.

Women’s Lenten Breakfast. Guest speaker ~ Briana Gray, “Alive in Him, Alive with Purpose” Saturday April 4th, 8:30 am at Immanuel Lutheran Church 1501 Lipper Ave. in Higginsville

(Basement is chairlift accessible from the front or north side door)

We invite all ladies of the community to join us for breakfast & fellowship as we share our faith and love for our Savior.

TODAY!

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 dinner will consist of pork loin, cheesy potatoes, corn, green beans, French bread & desserts. We welcome everyone to dine in or drive thru will be available.

You are cordially invited to attend the Sweet Springs Restoration Foundation Annual Meeting on March 2, 2026 at 6 pm, held at Mattingly’s building, 323 S Miller. The agenda includes the election of three board members---Jay Vogelsmeier, Emily Dohrman, and Sarah Welch. The meeting will feature a review of the previous year’s minutes, a financial report, an update on recent renovations, and a facility tour. We look forward to your participation in this important meeting and your engagement in the foundation’s ongoing activities and future plans.

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 splsauction.afrogs.org for full event details, to purchase tickets, make a donation, or explore sponsorship opportunities. We hope to see you there!

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!

The ***Singing Saints*** of Saint Paul Lutheran High School, of Concordia, Missouri, ***will be performing their Home Concert on Sunday, March 15, 2026*** at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 410 S. Main Street, Concordia. The choir is made up of 43 students and they will be performing a varied program that includes classic German choral works by J.S. Bach and Josef Rheinberger, as well as some hymns, anthems and spirituals. In recognition of the 250th anniversary of the United States, the program also includes two sacred patriotic pieces. The concert features a piece by the women's and the men's choruses and an octet. The award-winning choir is under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh. The concert is free, but donations are kindly requested to help cover expenses for their tour.

Join us for the annual SOS Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at ***Saint Paul Lutheran High School.*** Enjoy a delicious meal featuring sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes & gravy, green beans, applesauce, and cheesecake. Dine-in (inside Krueger Dining Hall) or drive-thru options will be available, with drive-thru pickup in front of Krueger Dining Hall. This event is offered for a free-will offering. Proceeds support Servants of the Saints (SOS). We look forward to seeing you there!

PRAYER

Members of Immanuel: Evelyn Kincaid, Nolan Kirby, Ronda Nienhueser, Ron Baker, 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, Rhonda Sullivan.

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.

Those Serving Us in Worship Today

- Musician**..... Judy Teufel
- Acolyte**.....Sophie Koch
- Radio and Sound:**Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
- Video**.....Marsha Tyler, Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, & others
- Ushers**.....Mark Luetjen, James Nowland, Jare Eichholz, Gus Luetjen
- 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.

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.

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!



News from Board of Ed: Save the dates!

March 29: Egg Hunt and Donuts following church

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

The Board of Education is asking for a donation of candy or items for the Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. Donations should be at the church dropped off in the kitchen by March 18th. Thanks.

March 18: We will be filling eggs at 4 pm until the Lent meal at 5:30 pm. Many hands are greatly appreciated! If you would like to donate candy for the Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, please have it in the church basement by March 18th. We appreciate your donations! We ask for candy that will fit in the eggs(no long tootsie rolls or suckers)

Trash bag sales! We are selling trash bags again! There is an order form in the back of church if you would like to write your order in, or contact a Board of Ed member.

PRICE change!! They are now \$14 per roll

Thank you for your support!!

Exciting news from Sunday School!! Sunday school offering has brought in enough money to purchase one mobility cart for Hearts for Carts. Mobility carts have previously been shipped to Kenya, Ghana, Americares, Hope Haven International in Rock Valley IA Many of those who receive a cart have lost the use of their legs due to polio, landmine injury, birth defects, etc. Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia is a growing ministry to deliver mobile solutions to the "least of these".Our goal is 2! One cart sponsorship is \$425. We are able to decorate the carts we purchase and they will later be sent over to someone in need We will invite the congregation to help us with designing/decorating one Sunday in June. For more information:www.giftofmobility.org



Thank you from the Board of Ed for the generous donations we have received through Choice Dollars, Special Donations from individuals, and Memorials. All of these greatly help us to educate and plant the seed of faith in our youth.

Cornish Hen Dinner at Concordia Senior Center (710 Main, Concordia) on Sunday, March 8th from 11:00 am-12:30 pm. Menu: Cornish hen, hash brown casserole, glazed carrots or green beans, roll and choice of homemade desserts. Cost \$15. Drive-thru pickup will be available in the back alley.