

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8th, 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 #693

O Holy Spirit Grant Us Grace

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 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 84:1-4; antiphon v.5

Blessèd are those whose strength is in You,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

How lovely is Your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house,

ever singing Your praise!

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.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in You,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Kyrie

LSB 168

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, 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 A - men.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people

grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able.

Verse (Lent)

LSB 173



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 4:5-26

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as He was from His journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." ⁸(For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do You get that living water? ¹²Are You greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but You say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in

Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Hymn LSB #605 Stanza 1

Father Welcomes

Children's Message

given by Courtney Gieselman

Hymn of the Day LSB #542

When I Behold Jesus Christ

Sermon "Whom Does Christ Save? Weak, Ungodly Sinners: That's Us!"

Text: Romans 5:1-8

Please stand if you are able.

Apostles' Creed

(found inside the back cover of the hymnal)

Prayer of the Church

Please be seated.

Offering

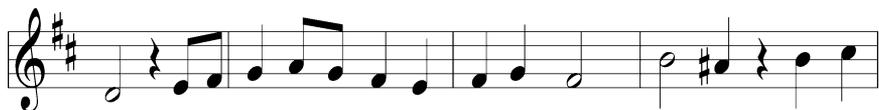
Please stand if you are able.

Offertory

LSB 176



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.

Lord's Prayer

(found inside the back cover of the hymnal)

Benediction

LSB 183

- 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 H give you peace.



C A - men.

Hymn to Depart LSB #763

When Peace, like a River

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The Lord's Week

- Sun.** **9:00 am** **Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300**
10:15 am Voter's/SS
- Mon.** 10:00 am Board of Finance
3:15-5:00 pm *Pastor Nebel in the office*
- Tues.** 6:00 pm Board of Properties
- Wed.** 10:00 am Women's Bible Study
3:15-5:00 pm *Pastor Nebel in the office*
5:30 pm Lent Meal- Care Team's menu Potato Bar
6:30 pm **Midweek Lenten Service**
"Jesus Will Give Hidden Manna."
- Sun.** 9:00 am **Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300**
10:15 am BC/SS

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 "Jesus Will Give of the Hidden Manna" (Revelation 2:12-17). Our Care Team will serve a Potato Bar 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.

The Men's Club at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Warrensburg will be hosting their **Spring Chili and Soup Supper on Saturday, March 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Donations will be \$6 for adults, \$4 for children (6-12) and under 6 is free. Tickets can be purchased from any Men's Club Member or at the door. Join us for some Chili, Vegetable Beef Soup, Relishes, Pie/Cake and drinks.

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

Holy Cross in Emma will host a pitch card party on Sunday, March 22 in the school basement. There will be eats at 6 p.m. and card playing from 7 p.m. until about 9 p.m.

TODAY

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.

Gifts of Grace Auction & Dinner: St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School invites you to the **Gifts of Grace Auction & Dinner** on **Sat., March 14!** Step back in time for a **1940s Big Band Bash**, inspired by the World War II era, and enjoy an evening filled with fellowship and fun. **St. Paul's Lutheran Elementary School. Tickets go on sale Monday, February 2!** Visit splsauktion.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!

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

July 26-30 VBS

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

Kids Market Day — Vendors & Shoppers Welcome!

Kids ages 5–18 are invited to run their own business while building confidence, creativity, and real-world skills. The community is invited to come shop and support these young entrepreneurs!

Saturday, May 23, 2026 | 10:00AM - 1:00PM | St. Paul's Gym, 407 S Main St, Concordia Register by May 1st at tinyurl.com/2026KMD

Email MarketDay@splsconcordia.org for more info or questions.

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, Randy and Laurie Johnson, 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

Where do we get pastors who preach and care for us with God’s Word?

Where do we get teachers who teach our children about Jesus in our Lutheran schools? Where do we get our directors of Christian education, deaconesses and directors of parish music? *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)* is partnering with our seminaries, Concordia universities, districts, congregations and many others to build a Synodwide culture of church work formation and recruitment. You can contribute toward this effort by **taking this brief online survey** at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey. Please let us know how all of us can make *SAS* more beneficial to your congregation. It is important we hear what you have to say.

Those Serving Us in Worship Today

- Musician**.....Ron Baker
- Acolyte**.....Jace Yokley
- Radio and Sound:**Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
- Video**.....Marsha Tyler, Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, & others
- Ushers**.....Mark Luetjen, James Nowland, Jared 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.immanuelssweetsprings.com.

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

