

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 15th, 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 #545**     *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

*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** 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** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 27:4-6 antiphon Ps. 25:15*

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
**for He will pluck my feet out of the net.**

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.**

For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

**He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.**

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

**I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

**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.**

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

**for He will pluck my feet out of the net.**

## Kyrie

LSB 186



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

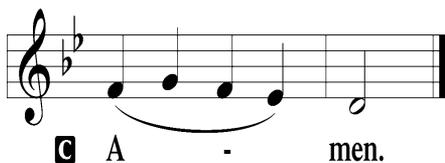
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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.



*Please be seated.*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 42:14–21*

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held My peace;

I have kept still and restrained Myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;

I will gasp and pant.

<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills,

and dry up all their vegetation;

I will turn the rivers into islands,

and dry up the pools.

<sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind

in a way that they do not know,

in paths that they have not known

I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light,

the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do,

and I do not forsake them.

<sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame,

who trust in carved idols,

who say to metal images,

“You are our gods.”

<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf,

and look, you blind, that you may see!

<sup>19</sup>Who is blind but My servant,

or deaf as My messenger whom I send?

Who is blind as My dedicated one,

or blind as the servant of the LORD?

<sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them;

his ears are open, but he does not hear.

<sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for His righteousness’ sake,

to magnify His law and make it glorious.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 5:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand if you are able.*

## Holy Gospel

*John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39*

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



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man’s eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . .

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” . . .

<sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who is speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped Him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, 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.**

*Please be seated.*

**Hymn of the Day LSB #849** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

**Sermon**

*Please stand if you are able.*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

The musical notation is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The text is:

**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.





heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Lord's Prayer**

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

**The Words of Our Lord**

LSB 197

**Pax Domini**

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**G** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*Please be seated.*

### Distribution

Distribution Hymn LSB #430

Distribution Hymn LSB #617

Distribution Hymn LSB #846

*My Song is Love Unknown*

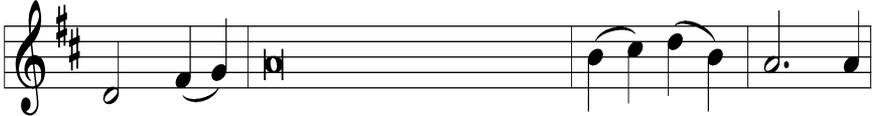
*O Lord, We Praise Thee*

*Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old*

*Please stand if you are able.*

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



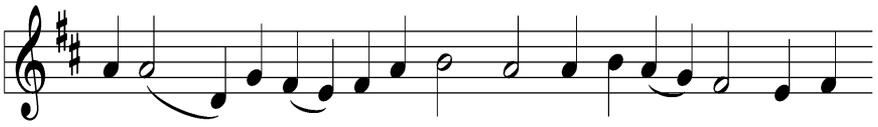
**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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.



**C** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

### Benedicamus

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

LSB 202

**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** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Please be seated*

## Hymn to Depart LSB #744 Amazing Grace

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# The Lord's Week

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> 10:15 am	<b>Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> BC/SS
<b>Mon.</b>	<i>3:15-5:00 pm</i>	<i>Pastor Nebel in the office</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	8:30 am	Braille
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00 am <i>3:15-5:00 pm</i> 4:00 pm 5:30 pm <b>6:30 pm</b>	NO Women's Bible Study <i>Pastor Nebel in the office</i> Fill Easter Eggs Lent Meal- Board of Education (tacos) <b>Midweek Lenten Service</b> <i>"Jesus Will Give Authority Over the Nations."</i>
<b>Thurs.</b>	1:00 pm	Orphan Grain Train
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am	<b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> 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 Authority Over the Nations" (Revelation 2:18-29). Our Board of Education will serve tacos for a free-will offering in the church basement beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**Easter Lily order forms are now available in the Narthex.** The 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 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Women's Lenten Breakfast.** Guest speaker ~ Briana Gray, "Alive in Him, Alive with Purpose," on **Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

TODAY

**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.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7 pm. There is no admission fee, but a free will donation would be appreciated! We hope to see you there!

TODAY

The *Singing Saints* of Saint Paul Lutheran High School, of Concordia, Missouri, ***will be performing their Home Concert on Sunday, March 15***, at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 410 S. Main Street, Concordia.

TODAY

**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 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!*

**March 18: We will be filling eggs** at 4 pm until the Lent meal at 5:30 pm. Many hands are greatly appreciated

**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, Iowa. 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 see: [www.giftofmobility.org](http://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 from 10 a.m.—1 p.m. at St. Paul's Gym, 407 S Main St, Concordia. Register by May 1st at [tinyurl.com/2026KMD](http://tinyurl.com/2026KMD). Email [MarketDay@splsconcordia.org](mailto: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, Zachary Brockman, Brandy Clevenger, Avery England, Jeff Fuehring, Debby Greer, Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, Gail Foster Horman, Randy and Laurie Johnson, Kelly Krause, 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

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*For those who missed last Sunday's announcement, Pastor John Engwall has accepted our call. He will be arriving in late April.*

## Those Serving Us in Worship Today

- Musician**.....Ron Baker
- Acolyte**.....Braelyn Johnson
- Radio and Sound:** .....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
- Video:**.....Marsha Tyler, Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, & others
- Ushers**..... Mark Luetjen, James Nowland, Jared Eichholz, Curtis Kirchhoff
- Pastor**.....Rev. Paul Mehl
- 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!*

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03-02-26

Dear members of Immanuel Lutheran,

The Lord be with you!

This letter is to advise you that, after prayerful discernment, I hereby accept the call to be your pastor.

Enclosed with this letter, please find the call documents with my signature of acceptance.

My final service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aiken, South Carolina will be on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. After that date, I look forward to being formally installed as your pastor, on the earliest date that is agreeable for everyone involved.

On Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, I will announce my decision to the congregation at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aiken, South Carolina, whom I currently serve. Please keep them in your prayers, as the news that I will soon be resigning my call to Bethlehem will be, understandably, very difficult for them to receive.

In Christ,

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