

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

March 22nd, 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 #435      *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

*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 116:1-4, 8; antiphon Ps. 116:15*

Precious in the sight of the LORD  
**is the death of His saints.**

I love the LORD, because He has heard  
**my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Because He inclined His ear to me,

**therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

**I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

**“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

For You have delivered my soul from death,

**my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

**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.**

Precious in the sight of the LORD

**is the death of His saints.**

**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, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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**

*Ezekiel 37:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.” <sup>4</sup>Then He said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you,

and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Romans 8:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead

because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Hymn LSB #582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for-



ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our



chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it



is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its



teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861-1925, alt.

Tune: Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863-1924

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*Please stand if you are able.*

### Holy Gospel

*John 11:17-27, 38-53*

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

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

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You.” <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup>Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup>She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” . . .

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that You sent Me.” <sup>43</sup>When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” <sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what He did, believed in Him, <sup>46</sup>but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup>So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. <sup>48</sup>If we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” <sup>49</sup>But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup>Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” <sup>51</sup>He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup>and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup>So from that day on they made plans to put Him to death.

**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 #575**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

**Sermon** "Can These Bones Live?"

*Text: Ezekiel 37:1-4*

*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*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the



hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and



give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

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

**Hymn to Depart LSB #537** *Beautiful Savior*

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## The Lord's Week

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

**Mon.**    10:00 am      Finance Board  
                 3:15-5:00 pm    *Pastor Nebel in the office*

**Tues.**    6:00 pm      Elders

**Wed.**    10:00 am      Women's Bible Study  
                 3:15-5:00 pm    *Pastor Nebel in the office* 30 pm Lent Meal-  
                 Ladies of the Congregation's menu Pizza

**Wed. 6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Service**  
*“Will Be Dressed in White”*

**Sat.** Fellowship Hall Reserved by the Renken Family

**Sun. 9:00 am Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300**  
**Sunday School Children Singing in Church**  
 10:15 am Donuts in Fellowship Hall  
 Easter Egg Hunt

**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 “He Who Overcomes Will Be Dressed in White” (Revelation 3:1-6). Ladies of the Congregation will serve pizza 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.** 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 by Palm Sunday.

**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

**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!!

**Immanuel Board of Ed Fish Fry Fundraiser, Sat. Apr 25<sup>th</sup>. 5:00pm-?. Cost \$15 all you can eat; child 4-10yr \$6; under 4 free.** Dinner includes hush puppies, coleslaw, baked bean, potato salad and dessert. Drive thru available. Please enter the alley off of Locust St (watch for signs).

**Our own Walk/Run & Vendor Fair, Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Vendors needed by April 30<sup>th</sup>.** Registration 8am 5K at 8:30am. Vendor Fair 9am-1pm. To register contact the church or email [ssimmanuellutheran@gmail.com](mailto:ssimmanuellutheran@gmail.com).

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> is the set up of the Memorial Garden by Altar Guild at 8:30am.** All Plants for the memorial garden should be at church on the April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am or before. Please place them in Fellowship Hall.

**Check out the bulletin board for details.**

**Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>-TREE REMOVAL** Day at SPLHS. 9:00am

**April 4<sup>th</sup>-Women’s Breakfast** at Higginsville Immanuel Lutheran Church

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> Kids Market Day — Vendors & Shoppers Welcome!** May 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Paul’s Gym Vendors register by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

# PRAYER

**Members of Immanuel:** Ron Baker, Roy Hemme, Donna Howard, Evelyn Kincaid, Nolan Kirby, Ronda Nienhueser, , and Lindsey (Scott) Shockley.

**Family and Friends of Immanuel:** Bryce Alkire, Zachary Brockman, Brandy Clevenger, Avery England, Margie Finkeldei, 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 (The Arbors Memory Care 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

**Ministry Move:** Rev. John and Teffie Engwall and the members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aiken, South Carolina

**For the family of Matthew Wing** as they grieve the loss of his life and rejoice in his new life with the Lord.

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**The Board of Properties is asking for monetary pledges towards the handicapped parking project.** Approximate cost is \$20,000. For details or to make a pledge please talk to Dave Gieselman at 660-815-7470 or any member of the Property Board.

**Grass mowing bids are being taken at this time by the Board of Properties.** This is for the church (seasonal) and the parsonage (2-3 weeks). For details on the bid please talk to Dave Gieselman. 660-815-7470.

## 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*.....Mark Luetjen, James Nowland, Jared Eichholz, Andrew Renken
- 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).



**Easter Lilies**

*Easter lilies may be purchased either in loving memory of an individual(s) or given to the glory of God for blessings received. Please specify below who purchased the lily and for whom under the proper category. When the form is completed place your check or cash with the order form into an envelope and place it in the offering plate.*

***The price is \$9.00 per lily.***

*For more information see Ellie Baker. Thank you!*

***PLEASE RETURN the order form by Sunday, March 29th .***

***Purchased by:*** \_\_\_\_\_

*In Loving Memory of:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*To the Glory of God for Blessings Received:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Other (please specify):*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Number of Lilies :* \_\_\_\_\_

*(1=\$9; 2=\$18; 3=\$27; 4=\$36)*

*Amount Given:* \_\_\_\_\_



**Memorial Garden**

*Memorial Garden flowers/plants may be brought to the church by 8:30am on Saturday April 4th. They may be put on the stage in the basement. Please specify below who brought the flowers and for whom under the proper category.*

*Please place the form in the offering plate.  
For more information see Ellie Baker. Thank you!*

**PLEASE RETURN this dedication form by Sunday, March 29th .**

*Brought by:* \_\_\_\_\_

*In Loving Memory of:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*To the Glory of God for Blessings Received:*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Other (please specify):*

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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