

Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church
A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

March 16, 2025
The Second Sunday in Lent



Jesus laments over Jerusalem saying, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!" (Luke 13:34a)

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Rev. J. Philipp Augustine, Pastor

Welcome to Immanuel! We ask everyone to please fill out a white postcard-sized Communication/Communion Card, placed at the entrances.

>> **Members**, please fill out the Communion Card to inform the church office of your attendance today and any needed prayers and visits.

>> **Guests**, please fill out the card with your name and address. Place in the offering plate, hand to an usher or elder, or drop in the basket as you come forward for Holy Communion. If desiring to commune, please visit with the pastor (see Communion statement below) and note your home congregation. We hope you have enjoyed our worship service, and we invite you to join us again soon.

Holy Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

For our communicants: gluten-free host is available along with grape juice in the center of the individual cups for those who have allergies or sensitivities to those respective elements. Please request it as you approach the pastor or the elder.

Our Mission

Immanuel Lutheran Church exists to spread the Gospel in its truth and purity through Word and Sacraments in accordance with the Confession of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Immanuel Lutheran School exists to share the Gospel, so children become disciples of Jesus.

Busy Bags: Available at the entrance are 'Busy Bags' = activity bags of color crayons/books, for any child. Borrow and use them for the service and return them to their hook for the next time!

Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Four, page 203

Sermon: "Today, Tomorrow, and the Third Day" – Luke 13:31-35

Hymns:

728 - How Firm a Foundation

708 - Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

623 - Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

730 - What Is the World to Me

825 - Rise, Shine, You People

Organist: Barb Lutringer

Elder & Ushers: 8:00 am: Jim Larson, Alvin Lutringer, Andy Barnes
10:15 am: Brent Wohlers, Don Luckstein, David Murphy

Acolyte/cross bearer: 8:00 am: Garrett Dessner
10:15 am: Mazie Eversman

March Altar Duty: Don & Cindy Lien, Don & Becky Luckstein

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday: 81
Sunday, March 9: 149

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Sunday, March 9: \$ 7,275.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized: *Glen Zabel at St. Mary's.* For any prayer requests wanted on the Congregational Prayer Chain, or in public worship services, call the church office (534-3700) or Kim Zabel (507) 272-6301 or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

God's richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week

March 17: Amber (Liebenow) Frees, Vincent Neumann, Richard Radel

March 18: Angie Radel

March 19: Jerilyn (Horton) Goihl,

*March 20: Steven Johnson, Douglas Gilbertson, Bryan Evans,
Bruce Kahn, Renee Anderson*

March 22: Dawn Schroeder

Three Disciplines of Lent and the Christian Life

Almsgiving

What? Almsgiving is the discipline of giving to those in any need.

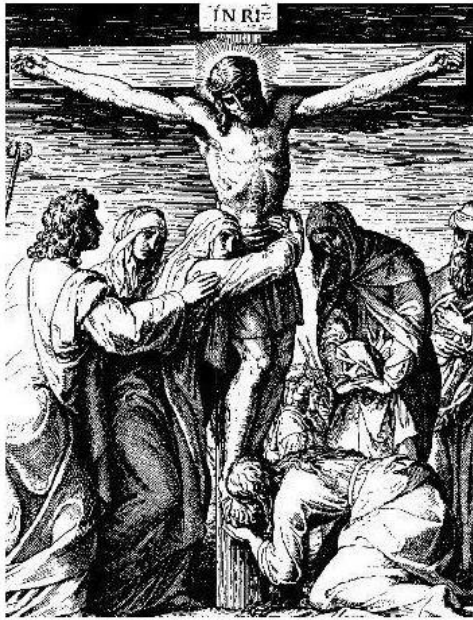
Why? We are freed in Christ to give knowing that God will provide for our needs. We give because God is a giver and because he uses our giving to bless all in need. We serve him by serving others.

How? The one giving does so in many ways. They may help a neighbor with a need noticed or revealed. They may donate money to the parts of the Church which help the needy. The one giving does not limit their giving to money alone but uses any gift entrusted to them.

Cautions: "When you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do...that they may be praised by others...But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. *Matthew 6:2-4*

How did Jesus fulfill this discipline? He gave countless needy people food, health, and good news. He also gave his very life for all those needful of salvation due to their sins.

Praying



While these disciplines are laudable and given by our Lord, we must admit that no one keeps them perfectly in Lent, let alone our entire Christian lives. Therefore let us turn again to the One who gave, prayed, and fasted perfectly in life and then gave his life for our sin and our salvation. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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