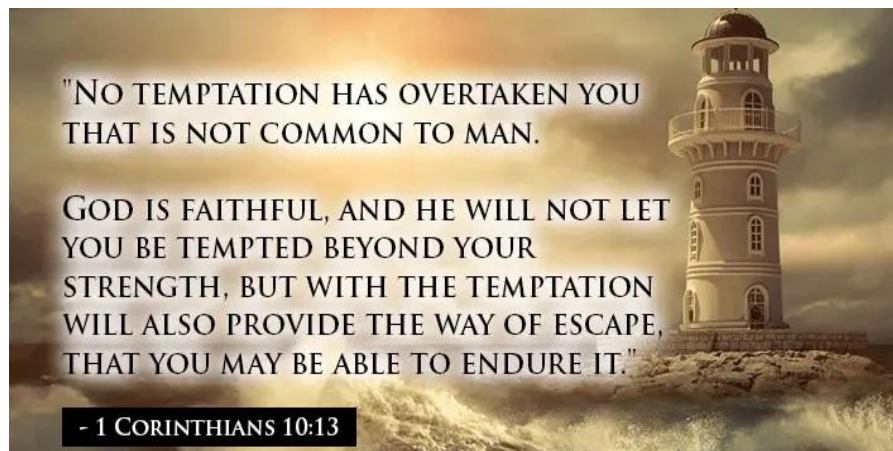


Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church
A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

March 23, 2025
The Third Sunday in Lent



Enduring Temptation to Escape

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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 Three, page 184

Sermon: "Enduring Temptation to Escape" - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Hymns:

761 - Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

824 - May God Bestow on Us His Grace

421 - Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

746 - Through Jesus' Blood and Merit

718 - Jesus, Lead Thou On

Organist: Carmen Zuelsdorff

Elder & Ushers: 8:00 am: Jim Larson, Don Luckstein, Randy Irish
10:15 am: Brent Wohlers, Eugene Schnell, Kurt Schnell

Acolyte/cross bearer: 8:00 am: Peyton Tlougan
10:15 am: Avery McCabe-Evans

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

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 16: 163

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Sunday, March 16: \$ 6,382.00

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 23: Warren Zabel, Ezra Karpyak, Natalie Haley, Jodi Koehler

March 24: Isabell Blattner, Justin Bauer

March 25: Kayle Hall, Brinley Miller

March 26: Michael Swanson, Carissa Walters, Brent Wohlers

*March 27: Mary Ploof, Larry Greden, Emily Jacob, Kristen Skelly,
Traci Wolf*

March 28: Brooklynn Neumann

Three Disciplines of Lent and the Christian Life

Almsgiving

Praying

What? Praying is responding to God's words and promises with words directed heavenward asking for mercy, rejoicing in blessings, and praising him for his goodness.

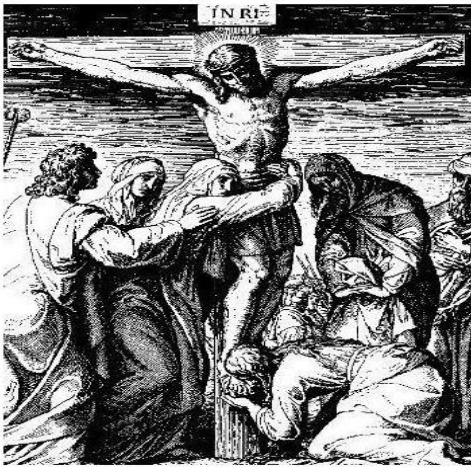
Why? We are freed in Christ to pray knowing that because of Jesus our Heavenly Father hears and answers our prayer. As we pray, our relationship with Christ is nurtured and strengthened.

How? Prayer should be both regular and constant. The one praying is gathered with his congregation for corporate prayer often. At least one time is set apart each day for prayer in the home. Other prayers are offered as need arises. The one praying use the Lord's Prayer as both the ultimate prayer to be repeated and a guide for all other prayers.

Cautions: "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. ...But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words...your Father knows what you need before you ask him." *Matthew 6:2-4*

How did Jesus fulfill this discipline? Jesus was a man of constant prayer. He often went away to speak with his Father. He prayed even on the cross. He knew that there was never an occasion were prayer would be improper.

Fasting



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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