

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

**March 30, 2025**  
**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**



*“It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive;  
he was lost, and is found” (Luke 15:32)*

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### **Bulletin Dedication**

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” (2 Cor 5:17). Knowing Christ as our Savior, we rejoice in being part of God’s new creation that by faith we already have in baptism and will see with our own eyes on the last day. Today’s bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God by Jim & Sue Miller in loving memory of Irene & Herman Brunner (Irene: born March 26, 1906; died Jan. 15, 2002 & Herman: born March 30, 1909; died Jan. 16, 1997). Blessed be the name of the LORD; for He is our life and salvation!

**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:** “Lost and Found” – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Hymns:**

915 - Today Your Mercy Calls Us

609 (1, 2) - Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

571 - God Loved the World So That He Gave

528 - Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

622 - Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

725 - Children of the Heavenly Father

**Organist:** Barb Lutringer

**Elder & Ushers:** 8:00 am: Alvin Lutringer, Jim Larson, Don Schultz

10:15 am: Brent Wohlers, Don Luckstein, Jon Krusmark

**Acolyte/cross bearer:** 8:00 am: Roenik Walters

10:15 am: Sawyer Stelling

**April Altar Duty:** Tom & Lisa Hoekstra

**OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, March 23: 152

**OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS**

Sunday, March 23: \$ 4,579.00

**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](mailto:office@immanuelplainview.org)

**God's richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week**

*March 30: Roselynn Threinen, Kimberly Augustine*

*March 31: Brianna Gander, Mark Schreiber*

*April 1: Franklin Ellinghuysen, Joseph Wolf, Caroline Chouinard*

*April 2: Jeffery Barnes, Halie Lehnertz, Royce Walters*

*April 3: Kara Haack*

*April: 4: Robyn Pierce*

*April 5: Chandler Newel, Carson Timm*

# Three Disciplines of Lent and the Christian Life

Almsgiving \_\_\_\_\_

Praying \_\_\_\_\_

Fasting \_\_\_\_\_

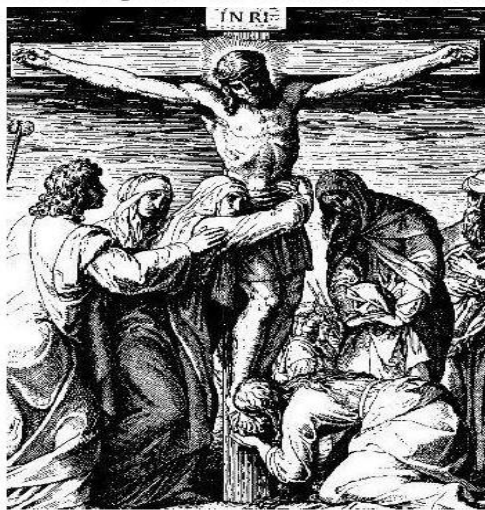
**What?** Fasting is the practice of doing without something for a time.

**Why?** Fasting reminds us that man does not live by bread alone but that man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. We learn that things we thought necessary for our lives are not essential. Fasting is often therefore accompanied by repentance over the ways we have turned earthly as into idols on which we depend.

**How?** The one fasting may do several things. Certain days or parts of the day can be set apart as a time to not eat or to eat less than normal. Likewise, a specific item precious to the one fasting can given up for a number of days. Sometimes congregations or other groups of Christians will all fast together on prescribed days in prescribed ways.

**Cautions:** “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. *Matthew 6:16-18*

**How did Jesus fulfill this discipline?** Jesus fasted at the beginning of his ministry right before his temptation. He also fasted during his passion being deprived of many and various good things including his Father’s presence. No doubt he fasted at other times as well.



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

*Author: Rev. Philip Hoppe (week 3)*