

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

March 9, 2025
The First Sunday in Lent



*"[Jesus] was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days,
being tempted by the devil." (Luke 4:1b-2)*

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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: "If, If, If" – Luke 4:1-13

Hymns:

908 - Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

424 - O Christ, You Walked the Road

571 - God Loved the World So That He Gave

594 - God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

418 - O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

Organist: Debra Eggenberger

Elder & Ushers: 8:00 am: Alvin Lutringer, Don Luckstein
Merlin Schreiber

10:15 am: Butch Mussell, Brent Wohlers, Jim Gensmer

Acolyte/cross bearer: 8:00 am: Abel Boettcher

10:15 am: Alicia Ajuntas

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

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 2: 183

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Sunday, March 2: \$10,647.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized: *Emma Borgschatz at Seward Hospital in Nebraska.* 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 9: Adalyn Bedtke

March 10: Corey Irish, Michael Timm

March 11: Sawyer Stelling, Linda Smith, Marie Manzow

March 12: Mary McHugh

March 13: Jase Mussell, James Gerken

March 14: Jonette Pierce, Mary Timm

March 15: Samantha Jacobs

+ + + KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE + + +

What is "Lent"?

Lent is a season of the Church Year that lasts six weeks. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Easter Sunday. During these six weeks we look forward to Good Friday, the day our Lord died on the cross to pay for our sins, and to Easter Sunday, the day He rose from the dead to prove it!



How can I remember to think about Jesus during Lent?

You can give up something you enjoy during Lent. You might see your parents give up their morning coffee. Maybe your brother or sister has decided not to eat candy during Lent. Every time you think about doing what you gave up for Lent, it will remind you of what Jesus gave up for you — His life! Blessings to you as you experience the wonderful journey of Lent!



Parents:

We encourage you to help your child decide on something in their life that they can give up during Lent. Be sure to give up something too. Being their example and companion on this journey makes a big difference!



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