

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023—10:15am

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! Please prepare yourselves using these questions as a guide:

- Have I been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope for eternal life except in mercy of Jesus Christ?
- Do I believe in Jesus as My Savior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in communion with His body and blood to forgive my sins, as the Bible teaches?
- Do I desire and strive by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life?

As you come to the Lord's Supper you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, and that the Lutheran Church's confession of Jesus Christ and His Supper is your confession as well.

White grape juice is now available in the center of the communion tray for those who cannot partake of alcohol.

Gluten free wafers available upon request during distribution.

AS WE GATHER

We all face temptation. In Jesus we find ways to overcome it. This weekend we ponder our Lord's life, actions, and faith as he faced temptation as we all do, and how he overcame it. The one temptation was to try to make him doubt who he was, the Son of God. We are also tempted when troubles come to doubt, are we really children of God? Jesus make this our reality.

Prelude

Welcome: Pastor Haara

Please note that in the hymnal whenever we see a small triangle next to a hymn verse, that triangle means the Trinity is proclaimed in that verse and we are to stand for that verse.

Hymn: #425 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Our Lord blesses us as He puts His name upon us.

(Please be seated)

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: **We all face temptation**

People: Jesus was tempted and did not eat for 40 days in the wilderness.

Pastor: Jesus has been tempted in every way just as we are.

People: Yet He was without sin.

Pastor: As we go through this season of Lent.

People; We are tempted to look at our problems as being greater than You Lord.

Pastor: Forgive us Lord

People: When we fall to temptation.

Pastor: Lord forgive us when we,

People: Fail to encourage each other in faith, and fail to be an example

Pastor: May our prayers also be to encourage others.

People: This week we pray for those seated in this church around us.

Pastor: We are told to “be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

People: We confess that we are often complaining rather than being joyful, anxious rather than patient, and neglectful in our prayers. Forgive us, O God.

Pastor: With all who acknowledge our sins we pray

People: “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”

Pastor: As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and at the command and promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 3:1-13 *(Temptation leads to sin)*

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.

⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰ He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading – Romans 5:12-19 *(How the action of one man, Jesus, changes so much)*

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone’s account where there is no law.

¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man’s sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.

¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message Song: “God is So Good”

God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, He’s so good to me

He cares for me, He cares for me,
He cares for me, He’s so good to me.

Children’s Message:

Please rise as you are able for the reading of our Gospel Lesson

The Gospel *(Jesus full of the Holy Spirit is tempted)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 4th chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 1st verse.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Message Song: "Give Me Jesus" Verses 1 & 2

In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus

Chorus
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus
You can have all this world,
but give me Jesus

And when I am alone,
Oh, and when I am alone,
And when I am alone
Give me Jesus

Chorus

Sermon: *Pastor Haara*

The Apostles Creed

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; The third day He
rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Pat, Aunt of Beth Hutches
Strength & comfort for Lora Swarr as she has been going thru cancer treatments for many years, friend of Nancy
Trathowen
Successful skin cancer treatments for Kathi Dillon, sister of Kim Blomquist
Successful cancer treatments for Justin, son of neighbor of Kim Blomquist
Healing from surgery for Carolyn Clarke

Offerings are gathered

SACRAMENT

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Jesus was hungry.
People: He was tempted to turn stones into bread.
Pastor: He answered man does not live by bread alone.
People: He comes today to feed us with bread from Heaven.
Pastor: We seek to be fed.
People: Jesus is the bread of life.

The Lord's Prayer *(Please rise)*

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Please help us keep our attendance numbers accurate by filling out the attendance cards and giving to Ushers at communion.)

The Words of Institution

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

(Distribution is continuous style. Please come to the communion rail and kneel or stand. As a place at the communion rail becomes open, please come forward and take that spot. After receiving the bread and the wine and you feel comfortable, please dismiss yourself to return to your seat; the post communion blessing will be given to all at the end.)

Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

(We greet each other with our Lord's peace.)

Distribution

Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Blessing

All: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

(Hebrews 12:2)

Closing Hymn: "Lamb of God"

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God,

Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Chorus

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holly Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

I was so lost, I should have died,
But You brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a Lamb of God.

Chorus

Our Vision:

Pastor: As a reminder of the reason why we exist as a church let us speak our vision statement together.

All: **Through Word and Sacrament ministry, we share the love, joy and peace of Jesus Christ among ourselves and with those around us.**

Pastor: Our worship has ended, our service now begins. Let us go in peace.

All: **And serve the Lord**

Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God

Services will be live-streamed and a recording of service will be posted by the end of the day. You may watch these on Facebook, YouTube or go to website under Worship or scroll down on home page and find the latest services.

Continued Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Mike Doon, father of Marsha Doon

Peace, strength & comfort for all the victims of Hurricane Ian, who have lost loved ones or their home and belongings and are still going thru a lot.

We pray to God our Lord for the new Hispanic Mission in Immanuel and that through the Holy Spirit he will give us guidance to share the Gospel with new families.

Employment for those struggling to find a job

Healing or Good Test Results

Doloris Amerman, grandmother of Carolyn Clarke

Bill Murphy

Kathy Hogue

Michael Locklear, nephew of Marsha Doon

Doug Felton

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Andrew Hynick, father of Aaron Hynick
Victoria Hage, friend of Cindy Szczesny
Alan Conklin, friend of Cindy Szczesny
Karen, friend of Sandy Goode
Chris DeVito, sister of Patty Shawver
Stacey Chamberlain with ALS and husband David and family, friends of Kim Blomquist
Rusty Cotterman, friend of Ed Clarke
Tammy Smith, friend of Danielle Farnsworth
Lou Mercaldo & family, as he is suffering with dementia, grandfather of Carolyn Clarke
Donald Crouse as he has dementia, brother-in-law of Joan Crouse
Kidney transplant for Charles, grandfather of Immanuel student
Don Monahan, brother-in-law of Cathy Wilson
David, son-in-law of Nancy Christianson
Nancy Schild, (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma) former teacher of ILS and member of ILC
Lee, father of Ashlee Garrett
Rich Richards
Barbara LaVere
Barbara Knott
Yvonne Lenzen, grandmother of Grace Sierra
Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson
David, brother of Larry Habeck
Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck
Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn
Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's
Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY
Safety for... and strength for families:
Kincaide Green, stationed at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX
Robert Lowry
Joshua Littrel, stationed at Ft. Campbell, KY with the 101st Airborne/Air Assault Division, 3rd Brigade "Rakkasans
Luke Buchholz, Navy, grandson of Ann Donahue, stationed at Norfolk, VA
Matthew Reikowski as he is deployed on the Carl S. Vinson
Logan Crouse, US Army, great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed at Ft. Campbell in NC
Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, NM, son of Kerry Drake
Cpl. Xander Ritter, USMC, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA
Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson
Jeremy Brockmeier (USMC) & family, stationed at Camp Pendleton in CA, son of Jerry and Janice Brockmeier
ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES
Sunday: Del Zimmerman
Monday: Megan Ackroyd, Josef, Madison, Johanna, Isabella
Tuesday: Cody Adam-Forsong, Caleb Davis
Wed: Thomas Anderson
Thurs: Bill & Jackie Anton
Friday: Jonathan & Stephanie Ayala
Saturday: Barbara Bader

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES
Sunday Taylor Winn
Monday: Jillian Woodward
Tuesday: Mia Wyckoff
Wed: Nathaly, Nallaly, Nallely Zaldivar
Thurs: Gabriel & Sebastian Zaldivar
Friday: Dakota Zocchi
Saturday: Mia Aranguren

The Call Committee would like to thank everyone that attended the Jan. 30th Voters' Meeting. Your questions, comments and concerns were important in making the decision to call Pastor van Sliedrecht. We also thank all of the congregation for your prayer support for us during this process. We felt those prayers!

Keep in mind, the process isn't over until the Called Pastor accepts the Call! So please continue those fervent prayers for Pastor Jon!

Remember to take this scripture and prayer that the Call Committee has prepared and place it on your refrigerator or in a spot where you can see it often. We would encourage all of our Immanuel family to memorize the scripture verse each week and to daily lift each other, our vacancy Pastors, Pastor Dan and Pastor Dave, and our called Pastor, Pastor Jon in prayer.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we give you praise and thanks for the guidance You have given us in calling Pastor Jonathan van Sliedrecht as our Senior Pastor. We pray now for safe travels for him and Becky and that You would be with their girls while they are in Brandon. Give Pastor Jon wisdom and insight as he prays and ponders his decision, and if it is Your will, he will be led to accept our call. We pray Your peace during this time of decision.

In the precious and strong Name of Christ, Amen.

PRAYER FOR FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Almighty God, Your Son was led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who, because of our weaknesses, are assaulted by many temptations. Give each one of us strength and victory through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.