

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

The Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024—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.

Prelude

Welcome: Pastor Phil

Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Children's Song: #740 "I am Jesus Little Lamb"



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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Children's Message: Pastor Phil

The Old Testament Reading - Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.”

³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him,⁴ “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.

⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.

⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.

¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading – Romans 5:1-11

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 8th chapter of St. Mark beginning at the 27th verse

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”

²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.”

³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.

³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

³⁵ For whoever would save his life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul?

³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 the life everlasting. Amen

Hymn: "Redeemer Saviour Friend"

I know You had me on Your mind
When You climbed upon that hill,
For You saw me with eternal eyes,
While I was yet in sin,
Redeemer, Saviour, Friend

Chorus:

Oh, Redeemer, redeem my heart again.
Savior, come and shelter me from sin.
You're familiar with my weakness
Devoted to the end,
Redeemer, Saviour, Friend

Ev'ry stripe upon Your battered back,
Ev'ry thorn that pierced Your brow,
Ev'ry nail drove deep through guiltless hands
Said that Your love knows no end.
Redeemer, Saviour, Friend

Chorus

Sermon – "True or False" Jesus is a Great Teacher and Example" Pastor Phil

Offerings are gathered

Prayer of the Church

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Lucille Holstein, aunt of Susan Tumlin

Peace & comfort for the family of Mario Dueñas

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

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.

The Lord's Supper is Celebrated

Pastor: The Consecration of the Bread and Wine

Sharing the Peace – Greet One Another with the Peace of the Lord

Distribution Hymn – “Lead Me to the Cross”

Savior I come, quiet my soul,
Remember redemption's hill,
Where Your blood was spilled,
For my ransom.

Chorus

Ev'rything I once held dear,
I count it all as loss
Lead me to the cross,
Where Your love poured out.
Bring me to my knees,
Lord, I lay me down.
Rid me of myself,
I belong to You
Oh, lead me, Lead me to the cross

You were as I, tempted and tried, human
The word became flesh,
Bore my sin in death.
Now, You're risen
Chorus

(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.)

Welcome to the Table of the Lord

Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

The Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

The Closing: "Freely, Freely,

Verse 1

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

Chorus

He said freely freely
You have received
Freely freely give
Go in My name
And because you believe
Others will know that I live

Verse 2

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to

Chorus

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Our Vision:

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.

Please keep the church office updated on prayers that have been asked to be kept on indefinitely, military and ones for continued healing or cancer treatments.

Continued Prayers

Praise and thanks for Pastor Phil and all God is doing through him already here at Immanuel. Continued strength, energy and guidance for Pastor Phil and Pastor Miguel as they form relationships and further God's Kingdom in Brandon through the English and the Hispanic ministries at Immanuel.

Healing or Good Test Results

Jackie Anton

Gala Habeck

Celeste Tomaszynski, mother of Alexandra

Macey Wilson, daughter of Cathy Wilson

Ted, brother-in-law of Bill & Jackie Anton

Bonne Faherty, principal of Immanuel Lutheran School

Pam Murphy

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Terry McCann, friend of the Plumb's

Bob Mudd, spouse of Susan Tumlin's cousin

Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck

Fred Wiener, friend of the Habeck's

Maggie, mother of Kim Stromberg

Ronnie Tumlin, brother of Joe Tumlin

Don Monahan, friend of Cathy Nichols

Rev. Stu Merkle, cousin of Nancy Trathowen

Lora Swarr, friend of the Trathowen's

Carol Guiler, Pat Cook's sister.

Adam, nephew of the Kelp's

Andrew Hynick, father of Aaron Hynick

Heather Boatwright, friend of Cindy Szczesny

David, son-in-law of Nancy Christianson

Cassandra, niece of Steve & Pat Cook

Walt Nea

DeeAnn Cook, sister-in-law of Steve & Pat Cook

Christine Van Etten

Barbara LaVere

Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson

Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Kincaide Green, stationed at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho

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

Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson

ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Tommy & Elizabeth Combs, Ainsley, Asher
Monday: Steve & Pat Cook
Tuesday: Denise Cranmer, Ted
Wed: Joan Crouse
Thurs: Tom & Tanya Cvetan
Friday: Tracy Cvetan, Isabelle, Luca
Saturday: Irene Davis

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Yomar Ventura
Monday: Valeria & Vanessa Vigoa
Tuesday: John-Luke Visnovec
Wed: Jha'Barri Wainwright
Thurs: Timothy Wallace
Friday: Saviyon Welocme
Saturday: Wyn Westfall

**PRAYER FOR THE
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

Gracious Father, for the joy set before him, your Son Jesus endured the suffering of the cross. In our suffering, O Lord, strengthen our faith that we may know Your companionship in our darkest hours, through Your Son, Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen