

# Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

# *The Thread*

March 1st, 2026



## Lectionary Summary:

### The Second Sunday in Lent (*Reminiscere*)

Genesis 32:22–32  
1 Thessalonians 4:1–7  
or Romans 5:1–5  
Matthew 15:21–28

### *Holding God to His Word*

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22–32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: “*Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.*” This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. “*O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire*” (Mt. 15:27–28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1–7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1–5).



**Sunday Divine Service - 9:00 am**  
**Sunday Bible Study - 10:15 am**

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### MEMORY VERSE

**He himself bore  
our sins in his  
body on the tree,  
that we might die  
to sin and live to  
righteousness.**

**BY HIS WOUNDS  
YOU HAVE BEEN  
HEALED. 1 PETER 2:24**



### **Live Broadcast**

If you are unable to join us for church today, don't miss the opportunity to listen to our service live this morning at 9:00 a.m. on 103.9 FM WXAN. The radio broadcast re-airs on Sunday evenings at 9:00 p.m. You can also view the livestream or recording on our YouTube channel.

## Church Announcements:

**PreK Singing:** Thank you to the PreK children for sharing this morning's preservice music with us.

**Spaghetti Spring Social:** Come join us for our second annual Spaghetti Spring Social this morning from 10:30 am—1:00 pm.

**Bible Class/Sunday School:** There is no Adult Bible Class or Children's Sunday School this morning due to the Spaghetti Spring Social. Please join us again next week following the Divine Service as we resume both learning opportunities. All ages are welcome, and there are great treats and coffee available every Sunday.

**Voters Meeting:** A special Voters Meeting will be held following the Divine Service on March 15th to revisit the motion made at our November meeting to call a teacher for Immanuel's 2026-2027 school year. Please plan to attend if you are a voting member.

**Congregation Baby Shower:** Join us in celebrating with Andrew and Kari Winters as they anticipate the birth of their son. We will have a baby shower on March 22 from 3:00–5:00 pm. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate God's blessings and the gift of life.

## School Announcements:

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the Excellent Eagle Award for patience: Emma Taylor, Wyatt Simmons, Carter Hand, Savannah Jackson, Lyra Mobley, Nolan Stephens, Ryan Baker, Hosea Griesbach, Lawson Streuter, Aurora Carson, and Emily Beckman. ILS is very proud of you!

Please stop by the Spaghetti Spring Social after church today. Meal tickets are \$12 each and include spaghetti with your choice of sauce (meat, marinara, or alfredo) plus salad and a breadstick. Lemonade, tea, and water will be served. These meals can be eaten at the event or taken to go. There will also be silent auction items and raffle items. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship!

Save the Date:

- Thursday, March 5, 2026 will be the PreK Sing at 6pm; followed by the K-8 musical *Esther-Ordinary Faith* at 7pm. Both events will be in the school gym.
- The Pickleball Tournament from the fall has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 26 at Longfellow Park.
- VBS will be July 20-24. If you know anyone interested in volunteering their time and talents, please reach out to me.

*Veronica Manwaring, Principal*

## Lenten Midweek Schedule:

### March 4

*What benefits does Baptism give?*

5:30pm – Meal

6:30pm – Vespers

### March 11

*How can water do such great things?*

5:30pm – Meal

6:30pm – Vespers

### March 18

*What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

5:30pm – Meal

6:30pm – Vespers

### March 25

*The Annunciation of Our Lord*

5:30pm – Meal

6:30pm – Divine Service

# Save the Date

## Thursday, March 5, 2026



PreK Sing

6pm

School Gym



K-8 Musical

Esther-  
Ordinary Faith

7pm

School Gym

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**KIDS IN THE  
 DIVINE SERVICE**  
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### Why do we celebrate Lent for 40 days?

Don't forget what Lent is all about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!



We celebrate Lent for six weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness in the Gospel of Matthew. There **Jesus was without food** for 40 days.



We remember the temptation of **the Israelites in the desert** after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.



Finally, we can remember the story of **Noah and his family**. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!



MANAGE YOUR TIME WELL!  
 LIFELONG DISCIPLESHIP STARTS TODAY!

## THE 1% SOLUTION

Will you dedicate just 1% of your time to the  
**SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF  
 YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?**



### In the Word & Prayer ... 1% of Every Day

Each day we live is a gift from the Lord. And He gives each of us the same amount of time each day: 1,440 minutes.

Will you use 14 of those minutes, just 1% of the time the Lord has given you each day, to read the Bible and pray?



### In Worship ... 1% of Every Week

If you get the full 8 hours of sleep the doctor recommends each night, that leaves 112 waking hours per week.

Will you spend just 1% of those hours to come to church each week and worship the Lord?

## Daily Lectionary Readings:

Join in the congregation's daily devotional life with this week's readings.

Date	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
3/1	Genesis 16:1–9, 15—17:22	Mark 6:1–13
3/2	Genesis 18:1–15 <i>Genesis 18:16—20:18</i>	Mark 6:14–34
3/3	Genesis 21:1–21	Mark 6:35–56
3/4	Genesis 22:1–19	Mark 7:1–23
3/5	Genesis 24:1–31	Mark 7:24–37
3/6	Genesis 24:32–52, 61–67 <i>Genesis 25:1—26:35</i>	Mark 8:1–21
3/7	Genesis 27:1–29	Mark 8:22–38



### GOD PROMISES TO BLESS THOSE WHO READ HIS WORD

**Deuteronomy 6:6–7:** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

**John 8:31–32:** Jesus said ... "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

**Psalms 19:9–10:** The rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.

**2 Timothy 3:16–17:** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.



### GOD PROMISES TO HEAR THOSE WHO PRAY

**Matthew 7:7–8:** [Jesus said,] "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

**John 14:13–14:** Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

# Stewardship Thoughts:

## Matthew 15:27

**“Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”**

These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That’s where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.



### **Comfort, health, recovery:**

† Those in the Armed Forces,  
Law Enforcement, Fire,  
Emergency Medical Services,  
& Healthcare

† David Arbeiter

† Sue Beckman

† Leah Carter

† Terry Estel

† Joyce Evans

† Margaret Hoppe

† David Imhoff

† Marilyn Imhoff

† Evelyn Kennedy

† Virginia Lewis

† Ron Manwaring

† Nelda Miesner

† James Morber

† Arlene Parton

† Casey Phillips

† Henry Phillips Jr.

† Randall Phillips

† Don Porter

† Alberta Reiman

† Amanda Reinhardt

† Ina Rothe

† Randy Stoffel

† Richard Weber

† Sue Williams

† Carol Zobel

### **Expecting Mothers:**

† Kari Winters

### **Anniversaries:**

† 3-4 Will & Molly Stephens

### **Birthdays:**

† 3-1 Patti Proctor

† 3-1 Bruce Davis

† 3-2 Joshua Proctor

† 3-2 Zoey Cox

† 3-3 Robert Boulton

† 3-4 Vickie Hollmann

† 3-6 Kent James

† 3-6 Bowan Mueller

### **Baptismal Anniversaries:**

† 3-1 Irv Cartwright

† 3-1 Patti Proctor

† 3-2 Ronnie Stanton

† 3-2 Malcolm Todd

† 3-4 Jack Mulvany

† 3-6 Leonard Tweedy

† 3-8 Kyle Fager

### **Immanuel Families:**

† Ray & Nelda Miesner

† Forrest Miesner

† Gary Mileur

### Offering Income from last week:

#### February 22nd, 2026:

Regular Offerings	\$4,075.00
Loose Plate	\$8,204.08
Lenten	\$780.00
LERT	\$150.00
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>\$13,209.08</b>

#### Attendance:

**February 22nd: 100**

### Service Participants - This and Next Week

#### **Sunday, March 1st, 2026**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Rev. Matthew Christian

**Organist:** Landon Hicks

**Elder:** Jeff Streuter

**Ushers:** Rick Fager, Jeff Streuter, Chuck Closson, Mike Boese, Brett Closson & Kevin Boester

**Altar Guild:** Patti Proctor

**Acolyte:** Gage Pittman

#### **Sunday, March 8th, 2026**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Rev. Matthew Christian

**Organist:** Luella McComb

**Elder:** Bryan Hollmann

**Ushers:** Rick Fager, Jeff Streuter, Chuck Closson, Mike Boese, Brett Closson & Kevin Boester

**Altar Guild:** Patti Proctor

**Acolyte:** Jackson Fager

## Prepare for Worship Next Week:

### **March 8**

### **Third Sunday in Lent (*Oculi*)**

Hymn of the Day:

LSB 659 Lord of Our Life

Readings:

Exodus 8:16–24

or Jeremiah 26:1–15

Ephesians 5:1–9

Luke 11:14–28





# March BIRTHDAYS

3-1 Patti Proctor  
 3-1 Bruce Davis  
 3-2 Joshua Proctor  
 3-2 Zoey Cox  
 3-3 Robert Boulton  
 3-4 Vickie Hollmann  
 3-6 Kent James  
 3-6 Bowan Mueller  
 3-10 Andrew Winters  
 3-12 Amy Hoppenstedt  
 3-13 Brad Fager  
 3-13 Blaire Manwaring  
 3-14 Betty Beckman  
 3-14 Ron Manwaring  
 3-15 Scott Wheeler  
 3-16 Miles Franzen  
 3-17 Andrew Cramer  
 3-19 Adelynn Streuter

3-19 Christopher Alvey  
 3-20 Lori Graff  
 3-20 Mary Beth Varner  
 3-22 Julie Cason  
 3-23 Anthony Spurgeon  
 3-24 Kallie Winters  
 3-25 Eric Clendenin  
 3-25 Chloe Barnett  
 3-27 Malcolm Todd  
 3-29 Jeff Streuter  
 3-29 Kelly Batson  
 3-30 Calvyn Karg  
 3-30 Nolan Stephens  
 3-30 Martin Stephens  
 3-31 Olivia Herring  
 3-31 Jolene Morber  
 3-31 Molly Stephens

## Altar Guild

Patti Proctor

## Ushers

Rick Fager  
 Jeff Streuter  
 Chuck Closson  
 Mike Boese  
 Brett Closson  
 Kevin Boester

## Elders

3-1 Jeff Streuter  
 3-4 Jeff Streuter  
 3-8 Bryan Hollmann  
 3-11 Charlie Homan  
 3-15 Mike Clough  
 3-18 Mike Clough  
 3-22 TBD  
 3-25 TBD  
 3-29 Charlie Homan

## Acolytes

3-1 Gage Pittman  
 3-8 Jackson Fager  
 3-15 Ryker Gregory  
 3-22 Eli Pittman  
 3-29 Frankie Flores

## Organists

3-1 Landon Hicks  
 3-4 Luella McComb  
 3-8 Luella McComb  
 3-11 Landon Hicks  
 3-15 Corey Williams  
 3-18 Luella McComb  
 3-22 Landon Hicks  
 3-25 Landon Hicks  
 3-29 Luella McComb



# March ANNIVERSARIES

3-4 Will & Molly Stephens  
 3-10 Jim & Charla Alvey  
 3-25 David & Haley Hollmann



CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

*Oh God*

AND RENEW IN ME A RIGHT

SPIRIT WITHIN ME

PSALM 51:10



# March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 9:00 am Div. Service</b> <b>PreK students Sing</b> 10:30 am-1:00 pm Spaghetti Spring Social	<b>2</b> 5:00 pm LWML Mtg. 6:30 pm Elders Mtg.	<b>3</b> Pastor at Winkel 6:30 pm School Board Mtg.	<b>4 8:30 am Chapel</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Meal <b>6:30 pm Lenten Vespers</b>	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm PreK Sing 7:00 pm K-8 Musical	<b>6</b> Pastor's Day Off End of 3rd Quarter	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Daylight Savings Starts</b> <b>9:00 am Divine Service</b> 10:15 am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis	<b>9</b> No School - Spring Break	<b>10</b> No School - Spring Break	<b>11</b> No School - Spring Break 10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Meal <b>6:30 pm Lenten Vespers</b>	<b>12</b> No School - Spring Break	<b>13</b> No School - Spring Break Pastor's Day Off	<b>14</b>
<b>15 9:00 am Div. Service</b> 10:15 am Voters Mtg./ Bible Study/Sun. School 11:30 am Catechesis 2:00-5:00 pm Paint Party	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm BoD Mtg.	<b>17</b>	<b>18 8:30 am Chapel</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Meal <b>6:30 pm Lenten Vespers</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>21</b>
<b>22 9:00 am Div. Service</b> 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis 3:00-5:00 pm Baby Shower	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 The Annunciation</b> <b>8:30 am Chapel</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Meal <b>6:30 pm Divine Service</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Pastor's Day Off Noon Dismissal	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Palm Sunday</b> <b>9:00 am Divine Service</b> 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				