



*2nd Sunday in Lent with
Holy Communion
Immanuel Lutheran Church
March 1, 2026*

Welcome to this place of praise and prayer. We gather today in celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as part of God's family.

- ❖ We would appreciate having you sign our guest book so that we can remember your presence with us. Please note that in the ELW the page numbers are printed at the bottom of the page and hymn numbers are located at the top. The order of worship is outlined on the following pages.
- ❖ The offering reminds us that all of life is a gift of God. We are stewards of that gift. In response, a portion of our income is given as an act of worship to do God's work in the world. Immanuel is a first-fruits congregation. That means that every Sunday when the offering is taken in, we give first to the mission and the ministry of the ELCA. We don't wait to see if we can pay our bills before we give away for God's mission. It is our hands doing God's work, for the sake of the world our Lord loves.
- ❖ We serve Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and at all festivals. We offer an open invitation to all baptized believers to participate. It is our understanding that Christ offers his body and blood with the bread and wine to forgive sin and strengthen faith and life. If you receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive communion here.
- ❖ We have a toddler worship area in the middle-right section of our pews. This area is intended for children ages 0-3 accompanied by an adult(s) to sit during worship. Children 4K-6th Grade are welcome to join us for Sunday school during worship downstairs. This is a space for families to be fully engaged in worship, while providing quiet activities for young children to accommodate their natural need to move and be busy. Please follow posted guidelines for use of this space. Thank you!
- ❖ We have accommodated seating available in the middle-left and the front-right sections of our pews. Please feel free to utilize this space for those who may need it!

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome And Worship Announcements

*Please note all **bold** text throughout the service are congregational responses

(Please stand as you are able)

Confession And Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.
(Silence is kept for reflection)

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdainning the living water
Christ offers:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

#451

Dialogue

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The word is near you.

On your lips and in your heart.

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord

And believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Faith comes from what is heard,

And what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Prayer Of The Day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday School Dismissal (Children may meet their teacher at the back of church)

THE WORD**First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a**

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

Lenten Acclamation

#176

**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.**

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 3. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

(Congregation may be seated)

Sermon

Hymn Of The Day (With Intro)

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

#445

(Please stand as you are able)

Apostles’ Creed

Back Cover of Hymnal

Prayers Of The People

The response to each prayer will be, "God of grace,"
Congregation reply will be, "**Hear our prayer.**"

Sharing Of The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

You are welcome to send a text or email to share peace with others.

OFFERING

(Offerings may be placed in the wooden offering box as you leave the sanctuary)

Any loose offering collected today will go towards our Hunger and Human Needs
Ministry! Thank you for your contributions!

Offering Response

Create in Me a Clean Heart

#186

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Offering Prayer

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You
send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through
these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who
calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Great Thanksgiving (Spoken)

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer Before Communion

Holy, Holy, Holy

#190

Words Of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Jesus, Lamb Of God (With Intro)

#199

Distribution Of Communion

Communion Hymns

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

#325

God Loved the World

#323

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#759

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

God Blesses Us And Sends Us In Mission To The World.

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Lift High the Cross

#660

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Thank you to Today's Volunteers!

We would love to have your help during our worship service. Please sign up at the kiosk in the church narthex or on the church website under the sign-up link on the home page. Thank you!

Greeters:

Ushers: Dave Renslo & Dean Schutte

Reader: Donna Huttner

Presentation Clicker:

Live Stream: Nicole Flugge & Crystal Flugge

Acolytes:

Coffee and Refreshments:

Communion Servers: Mitchell McCabe,
Morgan McCabe, the Weichert Family

Additional News and Notes:

Do you have an interest in being part of the Synod level of the Women of the ELCA?

The Synod W-ELCA needs a new Treasurer, Vice President, North Conference Representative, East Conference Representative, West Conference Coordinator, North Conference Coordinator, and South Conference Representative.

If you are interested and/or would like to know more about the positions, contact JoAnn Salava at jams@mwt.net or Mona Van Riper at monavanriper@gmail.com.

Our Spring Convention will be on Saturday, 04/18/2026, at Coon Valley Lutheran Church in Coon Valley, WI.

Sign Ups for Worship Volunteering

With Lent in full swing, we have communion every Sunday in the month of March and then Easter Sunday, April 5. We are in need of communion servers, at least 4 per service. If you are available to help serve communion, please sign up at the kiosk in the Narthex or online. We are also in need of presentation clickers for not only each Sunday, but Wednesday evening Holden Even Prayer services during the month of March. Please consider signing up if you are able to do so! Thank you! Many hands make things run smoothly and your time and dedication is always appreciated!

Church Rummage sale coming up!!!
Sale dates are March 11, 12, 13 with set up starting March 8.

We will take any of your help you can offer starting after church on Sunday March 8. All day March 9 and 10 for set up. Then any time you can offer for sale dates. Each sale we get people who say they would love to help but are just unable. We all understand this - life happens. We want to help yet our job or family determine otherwise. I would like to offer some things you can do to help even if you think you can't help

First - bring donations. **But make sure they are clean and usable.**

Don't bring things that should just get thrown away. We always end up with bags of trash and have generous volunteers who take what they can to their own home trash can to ease the trash amount on the church.

Separate your items out. Kitchen from books from clothing.

If you are bringing clothing donations - simply make sure they are **clean** and right side out. If you are bringing small people clothes - separate them out into size bags. Even better band together sets so our volunteers know what goes together.

Label sheets and bedding with proper size.

Offer to bring others people's donations in for them if you can. We always have a handful of people who cannot bring in their own donations. Helping them out helps the greater cause.

And simply help spread the word.

This project is really a community service project. It is self-sufficient and does its best to not make anything a financial hardship on the church. A portion of the sales are taken off the top right away and sent to the general fund to offset the additional expenses of electricity. Printing. And anything else used from the facility.

The rummage sale also funds the community service project of God's Work Our Hands.

Any questions can be answered by Pricilla Jacobson, Grace Mikula or Tricia Babinski

You can email tricia@jtbabinski.us if that is easier for you.

Thank you so much for your continued support to the church rummage sale.

Pop-up Thrift Shop



**Are you looking to declutter
your space and donate to an
excellent program?**

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Spring Rummage Sale
March 11-13, 2026

donations we will accept

CLEAN clothes
gently used household items
gently used CLEAN baby items
clean linens
usable shoes
working appliances
seasonal outerwear
clean furniture
just about anything in clean
and working condition

we CAN NOT accept

VHS tapes
dirty clothes
broken items
opened toiletries
mattresses
ask about large exercise
equipment

**Call the church office with
questions.**

**Donation drop days
March 9 and 10**