



*3rd Sunday in Lent with
Holy Communion
Immanuel Lutheran Church
March 8, 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 disdain the living water
Christ offers:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question- "Is the Lord among us or not?" - received a very positive answer.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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 4:1-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 4. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” ²(although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), ³he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**
(Congregation may be seated)

Sermon

Hymn Of The Day (With Intro)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

#611

(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)

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 (Sung)

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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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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.

Lamb Of God (With Intro)

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Distribution Of Communion

Communion Hymns

God of the Sparrow #740

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty #777

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

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

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

#618

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: Jana Dittmer

Presentation Clicker:

Live Stream: Cheryl Kuennen

Acolytes:

Coffee and Refreshments:

Communion Servers:

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!

Immanuel Lutheran Scholarships

College Scholarship Applications are now available! Calling all Graduating High School Seniors, Families, along with all college students who are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church.



Immanuel has three different scholarships you may apply for:

1. Immanuel Lutheran/Elmer & Doris Anderson Scholarship
2. Leland Schulze Scholarship
3. Thrivent Choice Dollars Scholarship

Each scholarship has a separate application, but are all similar in content. Confirmed members of Immanuel may apply for each scholarship up to two times. Applications have been mailed to all Immanuel seniors and all college students who have previously applied and are still eligible. Applications are also available in the church office and on the church website (www.immanuelcaledonia.org). Applications are due to the church office **no later than April 1, 2026.**

Applications will be reviewed by the Immanuel Scholarship Committee. After April 1, first time applicants will be invited to participate in a “meet and greet” session with the scholarship committee.

Presentation of scholarships will take place on Senior Recognition Sunday in April or May with the time still to be determined.

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**

Coulee Region Gospel Choir
Presents
Alpha and Omega
A Musical for Easter

The Venue at Crossway Church
Valley View Mall, La Crosse

Sunday March 22nd - 3 pm
Saturday March 28th - 3 pm
Sunday March 29th - 3 pm