

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**First Sunday in Lent**

**February 21, 2021**

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## **Prelude**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

## **Introduction to Lent**

### **Call to Worship**

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2: 13)

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen**

Brothers and sisters, our Lord Jesus said: "If any would come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Mark 8: 34)

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.**

(Psalm 23:4)

Let us lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus – the pioneer and perfecter of our faith – who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

**Lord, we believe; help us in our unbelief.** (Mark 9:24)

## **Hymn**

"O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" (# 99)

## **Prayers of Confession and Repentance**

Let us draw near to God with an honest heart, confessing our sins to God the Father, and appealing to him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness

*Silence is observed for reflection and self-examination.*

Almighty God,

**We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We have received your many blessings with a lack of gratitude; and have failed to be good stewards of your Creation.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have followed our own selfish will and ways, and have failed to be your trusting and obedient servants.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven, and have failed to be your witnesses in the world.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our unfaithfulness – our fear, our anger, our pride, and our trust in our own righteousness.

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, our lack of concern for the needs of others, and our sense of entitlement to all we possess.

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, our negligence in worship, and our rejection of your Word in our lives.

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

**Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Give us the joy of your saving help again, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen**

## **Imposition of Ashes**

As children of a fallen humanity, each of us shares in the consequences of human sin. In the words that the Lord first spoke to Adam, he now reminds us all: "By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3: 19) Therefore, face-to-face, in the presence of God, we offer our confession in the spirit of our ancestor Job, who prayed:

**I had heard you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes. (Job 42: 5-6)**

As a sign of repentance, all may come forward to receive the mark of the cross in ashes on their brow.

**Hymn** "Savior, When in Dust to You" (# 91)

**The Promise of Christ**

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. By his Holy Spirit, may he grant you true repentance that you may live with him in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Greeting**

**Prayer of the Day -**

**Holy God,** through the covenant of baptism you give new life for the sake of the world. Sustain us by your Holy Spirit, strengthen us in times of temptation, and protect us from all evil; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**First Reading** Genesis 22: 1-18

**Psalm** Psalm 25: 1-10

**Second Reading** James 1: 12-18

**Gospel** Mark 1: 9-15

**Sermon** Rev. Jennifer Gold

**Hymn** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (# 107)

**The Prayers of the Church**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**The Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Distribution of Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymns:**

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me" (# 309)

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (# 104)

**Post-Communion Blessing**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Hymn** "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" (# 780)

**Sending**

*Please wait to be ushered out; from back to front.*

**Welcome to our worship in Jesus' name!** Your presence in worshipping the Lord is our joy! Thank you for your faith which brings you here; please come again.

**The altar and piano flowers are given to the glory of God by Kathy Volkmann, Margo Kandis, and John & Cindy Richter** in memory of their mother and church organist, Urie Richter's birthday.

**Holy Communion:** All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. Come forward at the direction of the usher. We will do a continuous communion. If you are unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament, please let the usher know, and the Sacrament will be brought to you. **Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available;** let the pastor or server know of your need as you are served. Any who have not been instructed in the Sacrament may come forward to receive a blessing.

**Sunday School Classes are in full swing!**

The discussion on Sunday will be about Lent and 'John the Baptist'.

3-year olds to 5<sup>th</sup> grade Annex Classrooms  
Jr. & Sr. High Youth Parsonage

Jr. High parents: Be on the lookout for an e-mail coming from Renee Scull about **Camp** this summer.

**The Confirmation group will get together today.** Check your email about next month's classes.

**Envelopes and Contribution Statements** can be picked up in the annex, narthex, or office.

**The 2021 Monthly Flower Chart is posted in the narthex.** When signing up to supply flowers, please indicate the occasion for which you are giving the flowers.

**Please have any Newsletter articles** or committee information in **as quickly as possible.** The March newsletter goes out this Friday!

**The Men of Immanuel's Breakfast Brag was postponed** again due to the cold weather; plan to join them on **Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM** at the Tanneberger Farm to celebrate everyone's hunting abilities.

**Baby blankets needed!** The Women of Faith are collecting new, store-bought or handmade baby blankets for the South Texas Pregnancy Care Center in Seguin to keep newborn babies warm in this cold weather.

**The Music & Worship Ministry** is seeking vocalists and musicians. There is a particular need for piano players and organists to assist Adrienne during her vacation and personal time off. The hand bell choir and cantata choir are also ready to welcome new participants. Please prayerfully consider sharing your musical talents with your church family. Contact Chrystal Coble, Adrienne Stone, or the church office if interested.

**Life Quote for Sunday, February 21:** "God controlled your salvation from start to finish. He gave you faith in Baptism and strengthens faith through the Word. You can trust that He will continue to keep control of your life because you rest in the palm of His loving hand. Stand firm because God is in control." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

<b>Sun</b>	8:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Confirmation Class
<b>Tue</b>	6:00 pm	Bell Choir – A
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Mid-week Lenten Service-S</b>

## OUR PRAYER LIST

**Those in our congregation:** Larry Bailey, *Brylee Coleman*, *Janice Curry*, Kyle Ferguson, *Robyn Gregory*, Otis Myers, Martha Trotter, Bernice Waltisperger, Rita Witte

**Those in our community** (will remain on list for 3 weeks unless instructed otherwise): Eric Botkin, Sam Bowling, Susan Bruno, Cindy Burks, *Vera Butler*, Jennifer Cryblskey, Rebecca Gartell, Janie Haley, Jan & Jack Hallum, Vanessa Harris, Bruce Heimbach, Steve Keeland, Meg Kravitz, Adalee Lahodny, Jeremy Lambeck, Don Miller, Larry Milton, Lance Montgomery & Jenna Biermann, *Sutton Wade Pierdolla*, Marvin & Alene Quinney, Larry Rose, Lisa Saxe, Alene Wanek, *Elsa Witherell*, Robert & Billie Zuehl

**For those grieving:**

**For those in crisis due to the Corona virus**

**For those affected by natural disasters**

**For our building project**

**For those serving in military service here and abroad:** Brian Alderson, Thomas Elder, Joe Gawlik, Stephen Ferry, David Freeman, Eric & Katherine Koepp, Madison Krause, Stephan Mattke, Nathan Pianfetti, Farrah Schluter, Michael Troy, Jr.

### Mid-Week Lenten Services

Feb 24	The City of Jerusalem
Mar 3	Bethany
Mar 10	Mount of Olives & Garden of Gethsemane
Mar 17	High Priest's Courtyard
Mar 24	Pilate's Judgment Hall

### Holy Week Services

Mar 28	Palm Sunday – Bethphage
Apr 1	Maundy Thursday – Upper Room
Apr 2	Good Friday – Golgotha
Apr 4	Easter – The Garden Tomb