

# Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 25, 2024



## Immanuel Lutheran Church

SEBEWAING, MICHIGAN



The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

*Faithful to God's Word -  
We receive, celebrate and share Jesus Christ.*

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## **Sunday Worship**

9:00 am

with

**LIVESTREAM –**

**FB & YOUTUBE**

**and RADIO – 103.7 FM**

## **Monday Worship**

6:30 pm



A Stephen  
Ministry Congregation

# **Lent**

**February 25, 2024**

## **PSALM 96:9**

...Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness, tremble before him, all the earth.

## **EXERCISE YOUR FAITH**

...The Stewardship Board invites you to “Exercise Your Faith” and Read the Bible in a year! Each week a schedule of dates and verses will be listed; follow along to complete the Bible in 2024.

- February 26 – Romans 14:1-15:3, Exodus 9-11
- February 27 – Romans 15:14-33, Exodus 12-14
- February 28 – Romans 16, Exodus 15-16
- February 29 – Galatians 1, Exodus 17-19
- March 1 – Galatians 2, Exodus 20-22
- March 2 – Proverbs 4:20-27, Psalm 32-33
- March 3 – Home Devotion

## **CIRCULATE THE LOVE**

...The American Red Cross is having a blood drive at Son’s Life Missionary Church on Tuesday, February 27 from 1-5:45pm. To schedule an appointment, log on to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code USA or call 1-800-Red Cross (733-2767).

## **HOT TURKEY LUNCH**

...at Trinity United Methodist Church in Sebewaing on Sunday, March 3 from 11:30 – 1:30. Meal includes: hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw and dessert. Drive Up carry-out only. Free will offering.

## **THE EVANGELISM BOARD**

...will be having Amy Paten, Social Worker from Crossroads Ministry come to speak on anxiety and mostly on depression. This will take place on March 10 at 2:00pm in the Great Room of the church. Snacks and drinks will be provided. All that are interested are welcome to attend.

## **BENEFIT BREAKFAST**

...TODAY at the Sportsmans VFW from 8am-1pm. Come enjoy eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast, fruit, coffee, juice and milk. Adults \$12, Children 5-12 \$6, under 5 eat free. Proceeds to assist Paul & Beth Schnitker for medical and travel expenses.

## **QUILT TYING GROUP**

...needs sheets (flannel too) or large pieces of fabric for the middle layer of quilts. Please drop off in the church office.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

### **+ SPECIAL NEEDS**

...Nancy Pommerenke, Gary Volz, Nelda Gnagey, Chuck Dutcher, Emily Smith, Donna Klaus, Sandy Gross, Shirley Sherman, LoAnn Rieman, Ernie Sbresney III, Sue McGathy, Jim & Shirley Simmet, Barb Nitz, Collin Nitz, Frank Gunsell, Randy Forbing, Ian Faist, Wayne Morris, Karen Swartzendruber, Stephen Sprague, Grayson Cohn, Carl Brandt, Scott Smith, Brenda Chambers and Rick Chambers.

## **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

...Sunday, February 18, 2024; 9:00 – 168, 6:30 – 42; February 21, 6:30 – 73

## **YABS CHANGE OF SCHEDULE**

...YABS will be meeting every other Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Collide room. The following dates are when we plan to meet during the winter/spring: February 27th, March 12th, March 26th (Easter Dinner), April 9th, April 23rd, May 7th, May 21st (Spring Fling BBQ). If you have any questions about the new schedule, or are interested in joining this fun group of young adults, contact Emma Shantz at (989)-325-2750.

## **THIS WEEK'S MEAGER MEAL**

...will be a pork stew made by the Walz family. Free will donations will be given to benefit the Dawson J Kuhl Be The Light Memorial Scholarship.

## **LADIES AID**

...has new activity bags in the Narthex for children to enjoy during worship services.

## **EASTER PLANTS**

...It's time to order Easter plants! They can be ordered until March 4, 2024 by calling Carol Truemner at 883-2391. Please make checks out to Carol.

**Lillies, Daffodils (yellow jonquil), Hyacinths, Mums & Tulips are \$12.50**

**Azaleas & Hydranges are \$23.50**

# **School News**

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

...**Congratulations to our boys and girls A Basketball Teams** as they made it to the state competition. There are only eight boys and eight girls teams chosen to compete and both of our teams were selected. Great job! The tournament is Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3 in Ann Arbor: Boys will play at 11:15; Girls will play at 12:30. Some games will have live streaming- more info to come on that! Watch the CTK sports facebook page for more updates. Special thanks to our coaches, John Kemp and Troy Vermeersch.

...Lutheran Schools Week will be celebrated the week of March 3 at CTK. Watch for more details of the fun coming up.

...Spelling Bee - This past week the following students represented Christ the King at the area wide Lutheran School Spelling Bee held at St. Lorenz: Molly Gremel, Peyton Roemer, Bentley Saenz, Luke Gremel and Hazel Scharf.

...**Raise Right App for Scrip Cards:** All gift cards have a percentage that is given back to CTK for tuition. Consider purchasing and supporting our school. enrollment code: CLA43143638

# Our Lord's Business this Week

## February 25 – March 3

|              |                |                                  |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| SUNDAY:      | <b>9:00 AM</b> | <b>WORSHIP/Communion</b>         |
|              | 10:15 AM       | Sunday School & Bible Study      |
| MONDAY:      | 10:00 AM       | OWLs                             |
|              | 5:00 PM        | Finance                          |
|              | <b>6:30 PM</b> | <b>WORSHIP/Communion</b>         |
| TUESDAY:     | 9:00 AM        | Quilters                         |
|              | 6:00 PM        | Public School Confirmation       |
|              | 6:00 PM        | Christ's Messengers              |
|              | 7:00 PM        | Adoration Choir                  |
|              | 7:00 PM        | Y.A.B.S.                         |
| WEDNESDAY:   | 7:00 AM        | Men's Bible Study at Lamplighter |
|              | 8:05 AM        | CTK Chapel                       |
|              | <b>6:30 PM</b> | <b>WORSHIP</b> – group 9 ushers  |
|              | 7:15 PM        | Glory Ringers                    |
| THURDAY:     | 12:00 PM       | Bulletin Deadline                |
| FRIDAY:      | 11:30 AM       | CTK Early Release                |
| NEXT SUNDAY: | 7:15 AM        | Elders                           |
|              | 9:00 AM        | <b>WORSHIP/Communion</b>         |
|              | 10:15 AM       | Sunday School & Bible Study      |

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK (MARCH 3)**

Acolytes: 9:00-Allison Zuzga & Jacob Boyer

Greeters: 9:00-Pat & Kari Stecker

Scrip: 9:00-Anne Bell

Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 1: Warren Reithel, Jim Reithel, Mark Reithel, Joel Gremel, Shaun Gremel, Seth Gremel, Dave Lutz, Michael Lutz, Matt Bumhoffer, Doug Elston

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing

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9:00 am

## Divine Service 3

### *Announcements*

Hymn – *My Song Is Love Unknown*

LSB 430

### Divine Service 3

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

### Introit

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

he will bless those who fear the LORD,

both the small and the great.

We will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

**Glory be 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.**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

Kyrie

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Salutation and Collect

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading – ***Genesis 17:1-17, 15-16***

The Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Epistle – ***Romans 5:1-11***

The Gospel – ***Mark 8:27-38***

Nicene Creed

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Hymn – ***Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart***

**LSB 708**

Sermon

Offertory

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Offering – ***Hymn of Promise*** - Natalie Sleeth - Adoration Choir

Prayer of the Church

## Communion Liturgy

Service of the Sacrament

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Preface

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

***Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed***

**LSB 437**

***Lamb of God***

**LSB 550**

***When Peace, like a River***

**LSB 763**

Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving

Salutation

Benediction

Closing Hymn – ***O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken***

**LSB 439 (v1-5)**

## Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>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. . . .

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>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.”

## Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## Mark 8:27-38

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?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>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.”

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever

would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

<sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>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."

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer  
ELDERS: Ken Walz & Chuck McGathy  
ORGANIST: Barbara Bleck  
ACOLYTES: Willow Truemner & Griffin Bloomer  
GREETERS: Janet Sharpsteen & Carol Truemner  
SCRIP: Stephanie Boyer  
USHERS: GROUP 8: Dave Wiltse, Mark Janke, George Eurich, Noah Eurich, Joshua Eurich, Dean Kuhl, Brian Rievert, Michael Rievert, Bruce Jubar, Gary Wissner, Ben Abke

### **Who Should Commune?**

In the Sacrament of the Altar we receive, as Christ says, His true body and His true blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come to the Lord's Supper at this altar, are those who: 1 **Repent** of their sins, and earnestly seek to live according to God's will. 2 **Trust** the Word of Christ that His body and blood are truly present and received here for forgiveness. 3 **Confess** the faith of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, as a member of this congregation or a member of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.





**Our Congregation at Prayer  
Daily Scripture and Prayer  
To be Used in the Home  
Getting Ready for Lent 3 B  
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Theme for Sunday: In man there is only sin. We deserve to be driven from the presence of God eternally. Yet, God has chosen us and given us salvation!

*The following short order may be used for devotions at home during the week or Daily Prayer for individuals and families may be used in the hymnal (LSB page 294 and following).*

**Invocation**

In the Name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introit**      *Psalm 69.14-16; antiphon Psalm 69.9*

For zeal your house has consumed me,

And the reproaches of those who reproach you  
have fallen on me.

Deliver me from sinking in the mire;

Let me be delivered from my enemies and from  
the deep waters.

Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep  
swallow me up,

Or the pit close its mouth over me.

Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is  
good;

According to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

**Glory be 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.**

For zeal your house has consumed me,

And the reproaches of those who reproach you  
have fallen on me.



**Collect**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Gradual**      *Hebrews 12.2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

The founder and perfecter of our faith,

Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Psalm for Lent 3 B may be read (Psalm 19) or those printed below.

| Daily Psalms | Sunday | Monday    | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday |
|--------------|--------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Morning      | 84     | 119.73-80 | 34      | 5         | 38       | 22       | 43       |
| Evening      | 42; 32 | 121; 6    | 25; 91  | 27; 51    | 126; 102 | 107; 130 | 31; 143  |

Readings for next Sunday (see below) or these daily readings may be used

|                 |                                      |              |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Lent 2 (Sunday) | Genesis 16.1-9, 15-17.22             | Mark 6.1-13  |
| Monday          | Genesis 18.1-15 (18.16-20.18)        | Mark 6.14-34 |
| Tuesday         | Genesis 21.1-21                      | Mark 6.35-56 |
| Wednesday       | Genesis 22.1-19                      | Mark 7.1-23  |
| Thursday        | Genesis 24.1-31                      | Mark 7.24-37 |
| Friday          | Genesis 24.32-52, 61-67 (25.1-26.35) | Mark 8.1-21  |
| Saturday        | Genesis 27.1-29                      | Mark 8.22-38 |

**Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20.1-17**

Why would God give the people His law?

Can we keep this law of God perfectly?

What or who is the only answer to the law?

**Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18-31**

How could the word of the cross be folly to some and the power of salvation to others?

Why would God choose the people in Corinth? Why has God chosen you?

Where should our boasting be?

**Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: John 2.13-25**

Why would Jesus drive out the sellers in the Temple with a whip?

What does Jesus mean, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up"?

Jesus "knew what was in man (verse 25)." What is in man?

Catechism Selection (this may be read, recited, or spoken responsively)

**The Ten Commandments Continued**

**The Tenth Commandment**

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

**The Close of the Commandments**

*What does God say about all these commandments?*

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Exodus 20:5-6)

*What does this mean?*

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.