

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Divine Service I
The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

AS WE GATHER

God's richest blessings on your worship here with us! John 3:16 might be the most well-known verse in scripture. When people are asked what their favorite bible verse is, John 3:16 is often mentioned. Yet this familiar passage comes in what is one of the most confusing conversations in all of scripture. It occurs as Nicodemus visits Jesus by night to speak with him, to show that he believes that Jesus comes from God. Jesus however makes sure that though Nicodemus knows in part, he still has much to learn. In this conversation Jesus reveals that he has descended from heaven, that we must be born again, and that he must be lifted up like the bronze serpent in the wilderness. He also speaks of the coming and going of the Spirit. Only then do we hear that all of this is done because *God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son*. This week we will dive deep into this conversation and see that though we cannot fully comprehend everything that Jesus is saying, we can still trust in his Word for our Salvation.

PRELUDE

SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

*The congregation will stand for sections beginning with an asterisk.**

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS

LSB 906



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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*INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Cong: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

(Silence)

Cong: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

***KYRIE**

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

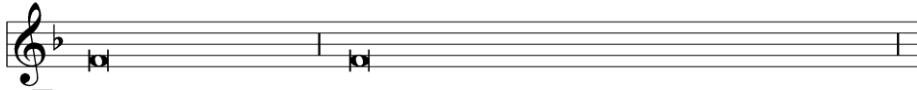
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



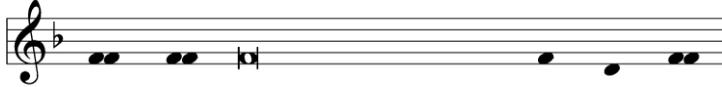
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST READING

GENESIS 12:1-9 (ESV)

Lector: The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 121 (ESV)

Lector: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

Cong: From where does my help come?

Lector: My help comes from the Lord,

Cong: who made heaven and earth.

Lector: He will not let your foot be moved;

Cong: he who keeps you will not slumber.

Lector: Behold, he who keeps Israel
Cong: will neither slumber nor sleep.

Lector: The Lord is your keeper;
Cong: the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

Lector: The sun shall not strike you by day,
Cong: nor the moon by night.

Lector: The Lord will keep you from all evil;
Cong: he will keep your life.

Lector: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
Cong: from this time forth and forevermore.

Cong: 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.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 4:1-8, 13-17 (ESV)

Lector: What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

JOHN 3:1-17 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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SERMON

PASTOR JOSHUA GROTELUESCHEN

Pastor: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts
and minds in Christ Jesus.

Cong: **Amen.**

***NICENE CREED**

Cong: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lector: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all
people according to their needs.

O God, You have graciously given us a new birth in the waters of
Holy Baptism. Sustain our faith in You and turn us from the old
things of the flesh, that we would fix our eyes on the Son of Man
through faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Merciful Lord, Your Son, Jesus, came to teach us the way of truth.
Sustain all pastors in this sacred calling. Give them patience to
teach the faith to all who question the way of salvation, and raise up
teachers of righteousness in every generation. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, You made Your servant Abraham the father of us
all through faith, and You have given all fathers the calling of
Abraham to hand down the Gospel of Christ. Fill their hearts with
the words of Christ, and remember them according to Your great
mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, You have established rulers and earthly authorities to protect us. Bless our president, our governor, the Congress of the United States, the legislature of Michigan, and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Help us to preserve our liberty and use its gift wisely in the pursuit of justice and for the welfare of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Almighty God, You sent forth Your own Son to heal and give everlasting life. By Your Word and Spirit, lift up Your people from their sorrows. Heal them according to Your gracious will, and deliver them from the pain of death to eternal life. Hear us, we pray, especially for those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause.*) Sustain them in their afflictions, comfort them in the hour of death and raise up the dead according to Your gracious promise. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Righteous Lord, Nicodemus was led by the word of Jesus to the cross, and from the cross he received the body of Jesus. Grant us faith like his to trust Your Word and receive Christ's body and blood in the Holy Sacrament for forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord, You gave Abraham the promise of many descendants. Give us faith, that we may delight in this promise, delivered through the ages and kept in Christ, our Savior. Equip us with Your Spirit to be bold and unwavering witnesses, carrying Your name and Your Gospel to every place and people. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

Cong: Amen.

***PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong: **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

OFFERING

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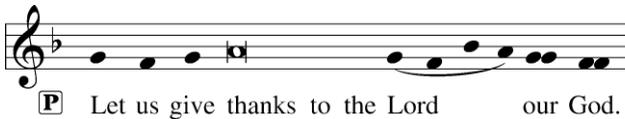
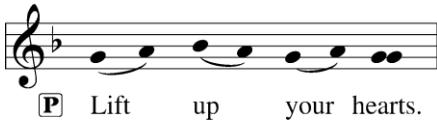
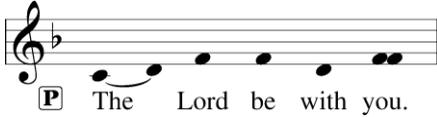
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ARRANGED BY HAL HOPSON**



*We ask our guests to review our understanding and practice of communion
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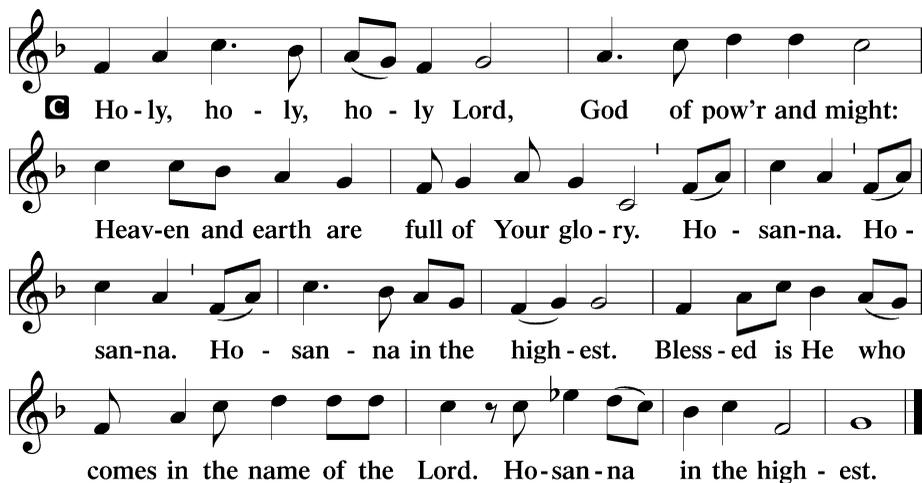
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*PREFACE



Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

***SANCTUS ~ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Cong: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**Cong: 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
forever and ever. Amen.**

*PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong: Amen.

*AGNUS DEI

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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COMMUNION

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COMMUNION HYMNS

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

LSB 702



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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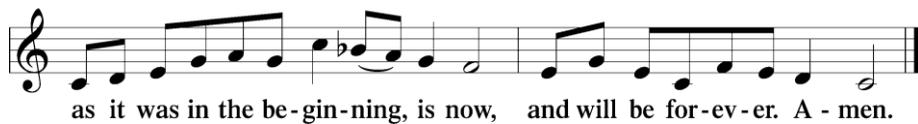
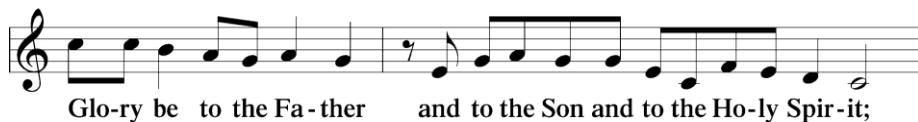
I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY (HERE I AM, LORD)

WOV 752

MY SOUL PROCLAIMS YOUR GREATNESS

WOV 730

NUNC DIMITTIS



***POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Cong: Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

LSB 922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos - er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy - ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE: *The sacred song recital "Then Sings My Soul" will be held at Immanuel on **Sunday, March 15 at 3pm.** Sara Emerson McGarvey, soprano, will share a program of beautiful music glorifying God. It will be sure to uplift your spirit and make your soul sing! Free and open to the public.*



ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

Nicholas Jackson, son of Julie and Scott Jackson, has a glioma (type of brain tumor) (*pronounced gleoma*). He has been referred to U of M, awaiting an appointment to see a specialist. The possible treatments are radiation, surgery or both. Much is still TBD.

Dotty Smith recently had a fall and simply asks for prayers for healing.

Chuck Townsend had an accident on 2/17/26 that may require a knee replacement sooner than he expected. He has had an issue with his knee for some time, but doctors had previously determined he could put surgery off for a while. Currently, he's getting around with a walker and will have a CT scan on 2/24/26. Please pray for healing and discernment on his next steps.

GRIEF: **Sandy Hail**, Stephen Presdorf's cousin, passed away earlier this week.

Daniel Duchon, father of Renee Yorton, passed away Wednesday morning, 2/18/2026.

THANKSGIVING:

The prayer chain and congregation has been praying for **Candace Graham**, friend of Ted and Rita Clarke and former member of ILC. Candace writes: "*I am completely done with treatments. I responded well and no longer have any growths. It took me until just recently to start getting my energy and strength back. I appreciate your prayers and support more than words can express.*"

*"Thank-you for all your prayers for my friend **Kim M. (Melvin.)** She fought cancer courageously, but passed away on January 21st. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her."* Kim Sharp

HOMEBOUND: Marian Brugh, Ellen Plano, John Curtiss, and Jerome Dirst.

IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

LONG TERM CONCERNS

Rose Maxum , requested by Chuck and Amber Townsend	Susan & Gregory Fritz , Stephanie Beck's parents
Amy Stillwell , sister of Dave Reynolds and daughter of Mary Reynolds	Mary Ann Massey , friend of Dotty Smith
Bob Perri , brother of Phil Perri	Craig Rennhack , requested by Bob & Maryalice Reck
John Blasko , requested by Elizabeth Blasko	Mindy Mitchell , sister of Shelly Reynolds
Kyle Reinbold Family , requested by Kyle's sister, Sonya DeVary	James Leo Brown , requested by Shelly and Dave Reynolds
Karen McDougall , requested by Sue Steuer	Jim Sabo , friend of Susan Steuer
Katie VerKow , former member of Immanuel, requested by Phil Roekle	Lucille and Lawrence Fritz, requested by Jonathan Fritz
Vicki Dilley , requested by Christa & Phil Perri	Bill Brink , Christie Sidwell's brother
Joanne Cleason , Esther Cleason's daughter	Melissa , friend of Dotty Smith and daughter Laura
Marie Winberg , godmother of Bill Bennett	Hannah Bayer , requested by her father
Lisa and David Wentzel , Sue Steuer's cousins	Jerry and Sandi McKenzie , friends of Dotty Smith
Ware Washam , requested by Brian Long	Sandy Hale , requested by Stephen Presdorf
Caroline Barkow	Jeri Noneman
Gene Jennings	Kay Hecht , John Hecht's mother
Loren Gerber , Sue Anderson's father	Beth Mitchell
Sharon S. , requested by Dotty Smith	Charlie Miller , Marian Brugh's brother
Ruth Krueger	Jason , son-in-law of Sue & Craig Anderson
Deb , friend of Sue Steuer	Karen Petersen , daughter of Cathy & Tom Mollet
Sophie Rose Verile , Brindley's grandniece	Justin Nickels , requested by Justin Beck
Linda & Scott Spurlock , req. by Esther C.	Marilyn Borgeson , Annie Hecht's grandmother
Merry Linn , Sally Crawford's sister	Lynne Partridge , friend of Christa Perri
Mae Westphal , Vivian's & Wayne's granddaughter	Gus Reck , 3 y.o. grandson of Bob & Maryalice Reck
Thomas Nault , Sue Wagner's cousin	Otto , Pastor Quardokus' grandson
Candace Graham , former ILC member	Theo Yoakam , Cheryl Schreiber's great grandson
Daniel Duchon - father of Renee Yorton	
Kim N., Emilie H., & Sydney B. , all friends of Kim Sharp; and River Lint	
All Crossroads Prison Ministry students from all congregations around the country	
Immanuel members: Gail Stewart, Dolly Bryan, Shelly Reynolds, Tina Lauer, Jerome Dirst & John Miller	

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 3/1/2026	Eliora & Caviion Beck	Patti Wills	Kim Sharp	John Quardokus	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Maryalice Reck
Sunday 3/8/2026	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Kim Sharp	Randy Horneber	Dave Mandrick	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	Jan Schaffer— coffee Kelly Quardokus— snacks
Sunday 3/15/2026	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	Sally Crawford	Ron Swinehart	John Hecht	Larry Baumgart & John Quardokus	David Longsioux
Sunday 3/22/2026	Cailyn & Kyrie Hecht	Vivian Westphal	John Hecht	Andrew Lustila	Denny Patzer & Craig Anderson	AnnMarie & Phillip Miller
Palm Sunday 3/29/2026	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Vivian Westphal	John Hecht	John Krueger	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Shelly Reynolds
Maundy Thursday 4/2/2026	NA	Amber Townsend	NA	NA	NA	NA
Good Friday 4/3/2026	NA	Rita Clarke	NA	NA	NA	NA
Easter Sunday 4/5/2026 7am	NA	Kim Sharp	Kim Sharp	NA	NA	NA
Easter Sunday 4/5/2026 10am	Eliora & Caviion Beck	Amber Townsend	Randy Horneber	Mark Miller	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	NA

CHURCH CALENDAR

February's **MISSION:** Solid Grounds Ministries
 March's **MISSION:** LCMS MI DISTRICT

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
MARCH 1 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR	2	3 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC 5:00-6:00PM CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC	4 6:00PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 7:00PM LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE	5	6	7
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15 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMM. SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR 3PM "THEN SINGS MY SOUL" SACRED SONG RECITAL @ ILC	16	17 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC 5:00-6:00PM CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC	18 6:00PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 7:00PM LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE	19	20	21 9:00AM ADULT CATECHISM CLASS WITH PASTOR JOSH— 3RD ARTICLE OF THE CREED AND THE SACRAMENTS
22 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMM. SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR	23	24 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC 5:00-6:00PM CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC	25 6:00PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 7:00PM LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE	26	27	28



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our Belief and Practice

Our congregation believes that Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. Out of loving concern for the communicants and our understanding of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, we request that those who commune here:

1. Be Baptized Christians.
2. Are mature enough to examine themselves, recognizing their sin and their need for God's grace. (*1 Corinthians 11:28*)
3. Believe that in Holy Communion they receive Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the gracious remission of their sins. (*Matthew 26:26-28*)
3. Do so without giving offense to others. (i.e., Willing to forgive and be reconciled) (*Matthew 18:15-17*)

Guests of the congregation, who are instructed in Luther's Small Catechism, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All others are asked to speak with the pastor regarding the sacrament. Non-communicating children may join their parents. Communicants may choose from the Common Cup or individual cups.

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