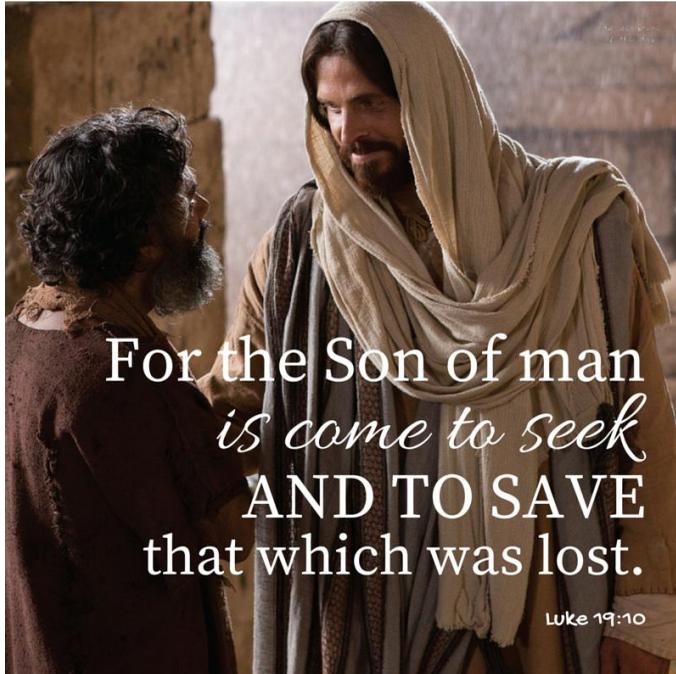


Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Divine Service I

March 11, 2026

7:00 pm

*3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006*

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

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

MIDWEEK OF LENT 3

FOR US HE SEEKS

Jesus talks all about seeking us in our texts this week. He does not wait passively until we get up the gumption to ask Him for help. Nor does He act out of selfish gain, like our health-care system seems to do so often today. Praying, teaching, working. In all these things, Jesus seeks us out and looks for ways to help us. This work is often overlooked because it is so ordinary. Water, bread and wine, the folly of preaching. In all these ordinary works, Jesus continues His ministry among us. This ministry of forgiveness means that Jesus continues to strengthen and help us.

OPENING SENTENCES



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

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PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!

Cong: **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

Pastor: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!

Cong: **Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Pastor: O LORD God of hosts,

Cong: **how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?**

Pastor: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

Cong: **You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

Pastor: Restore us, O God of hosts;

Cong: **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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+ READINGS +

READING

Romans 10:8–17

Pastor: A reading from the tenth chapter of Romans.

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

But how are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

READING

Mark 1:35–39

Pastor: A reading from the first chapter of Mark.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him, and they found Him and said to Him, “Everyone is looking for You.” And He said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” And He went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PASSION READING

Mark 14:53–15:5

Pastor: The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark, the fourteenth and fifteenth chapters.

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. And Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against Him, saying, “We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’”

Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?” But He remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? You have heard His blasphemy.

What is your decision?" And they all condemned Him as deserving death. And some began to spit on Him and to cover His face and to strike Him, saying to Him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received Him with blows.

And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And he broke down and wept.

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led Him away and delivered Him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "You have said so." And the chief priests accused Him of many things. And Pilate again asked Him, "Have You no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against You." But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

LENT RESPONSORY

Pastor: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

Cong: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Pastor: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

Cong: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

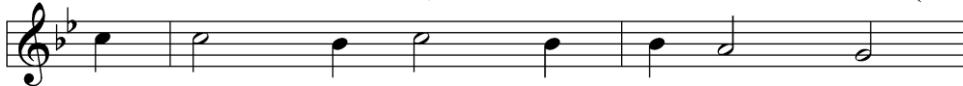
Pastor: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

Cong: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

SERIES HYMN

O LOVE, HOW DEEP

LSB 544 (V. 1-4)



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world Him - self He came.
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

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ANTIPHON

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

Cong: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

MAGNIFICAT

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;
for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty
away.

He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He
spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

**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.**

+ PRAYER +

KYRIE

**Cong: Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

COLLECTS

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.

Cong: **And let my cry come to You.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You did not remain apart from Your creation. You sought us when we were not seeking You and did for us what we could not do for ourselves. For all this we give You thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cong: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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

Cong: Amen.



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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Throughout the month of March, the **Mary Martha Guild** is collecting a free will offering to support **Nicholas and the Jackson family** during this challenging time. If you are so moved to support them there is a box in the Narthex in which you can make your donation.

If you would rather donate online you may use the following website to support his **Go Fund**

Me campaign-<https://gofund.me/575034ed8>.

Thank you so much for your prayers for Nicholas and the family during this time!

NOTE: *The sacred song recital "Then Sings My Soul" will be held at Immanuel this **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.*

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule						
	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 3/15/2026	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	Sally Crawford	Ron Swinehart	John Hecht	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	David Longsioux
Sunday 3/22/2026	Cailyn & Kyrie Hecht	Vivian Westphal	John Hecht	Andrew Lustila	Larry Baumgart & 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 "Sunrise Service" 4/5/2026 (7am)	NA	Kim Sharp	Randy Horneber	NA	NA	NA
Easter Sunday 4/5/2026 (10am)	Eliora & Caviion Beck	Amber Townsend	Kim Sharp	Mark Miller	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	NA
Sunday 4/12/2026	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Jane Schley	Randy Horneber	Ninah Miller	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Jane Schley
Sunday 4/19/2026	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	Rita Clarke	Ron Swinehart	John Quardokus	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Sue Steuer
Sunday 4/26/2026	Cailyn & Kyrie Hecht	Patti Wills	John Hecht	Dave Mandrick	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Amber & Chuck Townsend

CHURCH CALENDAR

March's MISSION: LCMS MI District

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			11 6:00PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 7:00PM LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE	12	13	14 10AM-3PM MARY MARTHA CRAFT DAY
15 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION 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 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MTG	20	21 9AM ADULT CATECHISM CLASS W/PASTOR G
22 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING	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
29 PALM SUNDAY 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR	30 7PM A READING OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW	31 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC 7PM A READING OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK	APRIL 1 ST IMMANUEL'S 72 ND BIRTHDAY!! 7PM A READING OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7PM COMMUNION SERVICE & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR	3 GOOD FRIDAY 7PM TENEBRAE SERVICE	4 EASTER VIGIL 7PM EASTER VIGIL DEVOTIONS



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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