



Immanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE 1st SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22 & 23, 2026

Welcome to Worship! When we hear about Jesus being tempted in the wilderness, it is easy to turn the account into a call to try harder like Jesus, to resist like Jesus, to quote Scripture like Jesus. But the temptation of Jesus is not a do-it-yourself project. Where Adam fell and where we give in, Jesus remains steadfast. Our hope is not in our effort, but in our Champion who has conquered in the fight for us.

Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.

A “Wee Wiggle Room” is below the Narthex. A Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Children’s Activity Bags are located in the Narthex. Please return after worship.

Sunday School classes meet UPSTAIRS. **Adult Bible Classes** are in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Information Class meets in the Heritage Room. All are welcome!

Where do I put my offering? You can place gifts in the offering plate near each entrance or the boxes on the west wall of the narthex or in the chapel.

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be at the 9:00 & 7:00 service. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church and wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms when standing at the rail. Gluten free wafers are in plastic sleeves. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the tray center.

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THE PRELUDE: 9:00 “Holy Spirit Live in Me”

11:15 “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide You” -Paul Manz

7:00 “Prelude in C Major” -J.S. Bach

THE OPENING HYMN: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Hymn 656

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev’ry need That hath us now o’ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there’s none other God He holds the field forever.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow’r us.
This world’s prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none.
He’s judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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THE INVOCATION:

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

THE EXHORTATION:

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord, C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

THE ABSOLUTION

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

C **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE LENTEN CROSS HYMN: "Jesus I Will Ponder Now"

Hymn 440 v. 1

1 Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.

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THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) **“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”**
Micah 6:8

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till

you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned – for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:1-11 C: (Sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **(sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 THE NICENE CREED

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.

+++ 11:15 THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE HYMN: "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

Hymn 718

- 1 Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.
- 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many_a woe To our home we go.
- 3 When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
- 4 Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.
Heav'nly leader, still direct us, Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

THE SERMON: "More than an Example"

THE OFFERTORY

THE PRAYERS

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 HOLY COMMUNION: pages 194-202;

Preface

P The Lord be with you. C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. C **It is meet and right so to do.**

Sanctus

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

9:00 Anthem: "Rejoice the Lord is King" & "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Distribution Hymns: 637, 424, 624, 655, 607

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured; Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields; With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here. O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.

424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.

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624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

- 1 The infant Priest was holy born For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He, Anointed from eternity.
- 2 This great High Priest in human flesh Was icon of God's righteousness.
His hallowed touch brought sanctity; His hand removed impurity.
- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came To God's own altar lit with flame;
While weeping angels hid their eyes, This Priest became a sacrifice.
- 4 But death would not the victor be Of Him who hung upon the tree.
He leads us to the Holy Place Within the veil, before God's face.
- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

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607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

- 1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and tribulation;
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me, Lord, hear my supplication.
If Thou rememb'rest ev'ry sin, Who then could heaven ever win
Or stand before Thy presence?
- 2 Thy love and grace alone avail To blot out my transgression;
The best and holiest deeds must fail To break sin's dread oppression.
Before Thee none can boasting stand, But all must fear Thy strict demand
And live alone by mercy.
- 3 Therefore my hope is in the Lord And not in mine own merit;
It rests upon His faithful Word To them of contrite spirit
That He is merciful and just; This is my comfort and my trust.
His help I wait with patience.
- 4 And though it tarry through the night And till the morning waken,
My heart shall never doubt His might Nor count itself forsaken.
O Israel, trust in God your Lord. Born of the Spirit and the Word,
Now wait for His appearing.
- 5 Though great our sins, yet greater still Is God's abundant favor;
His hand of mercy never will Abandon us, nor waver.
Our shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow.

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THE NUNC DIMITTIS

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING, SALUTATION, and BENEDICAMUS

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, C: **and His mercy endureth forever.**

P The Lord be with you. C: **And with thy spirit.**

P Bless we the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE BENEDICTION: "Go Now in Peace"

THE CLOSING HYMN: "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" Hymn 418

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves, Since we have known God's love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.

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THE POSTLUDE: 7:00 "All Praise To God Who Reigns Above" -Paul Manz

9:00 & 11:15 "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" -Healey Willan

Preacher: Pastor Fredstrom **Liturgist:** Vicar Johnston

Pastor Blumenberg is out of town; Pastor Bloch is on vacation.

Sunday Organist: Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Monday Organist:** Mr. Adam Sutton

9:00 Special Music by the Lutheran Men's Chorus

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