



*The time is fulfilled,  
and the kingdom of God  
is at hand;  
repent and believe  
in the gospel*

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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8 a.m. in person and FB live  
10:30 a.m. Radio Service

## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

**Theme for Worship:** This Sunday is the first Sunday “in Lent.” Lent is a 40-day period of contemplation over our sinfulness and the cost to God of that sin. The Sundays “in Lent,” while still contemplative, never lose their focus on the resurrection of Jesus. This morning we’ll reflect on the Lord always providing what we need, even in times of testing.

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Pre-Service Music 🎵

--*Spiritwind*

Ringling of the Bells

Radio Welcome

Pastor Marty Welcome

Opening Hymn 🎵 “Wherever You Lead”

*Chorus* **Wherever You lead; I want to follow. Whatever You say, I want to do.  
You are my God and I am Your servant so I’m giving myself to You.**

**1 Give us ears now to listen Lord; give us eyes now to see.**

**Give us hearts with the strength to say, “Lord here I am send me.”** *Chorus*

**2 As You lead us in the steps ahead. Help us overcome our fears.**

**So we move into the great unknown knowing that You are near.** *Chorus*

### The Invocation

**P** We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

### Nicene Creed

**C** 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.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 22:1–18*

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. <sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” <sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Epistle Reading

*James 1:12–18*

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. <sup>16</sup>Do

not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Children's Message Holy Gospel

--Pastor Marty  
Mark 1:29–39

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

### **C** Glory to you O Lord

<sup>29</sup>Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup>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." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You O Christ

## Sermon Hymn ♪ "Here I Am, Lord"

**1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

*Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord. If you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

**2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send? Chorus**

**3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Chorus**

## Sermon: “The Lord Will Provide” Confession and Absolution

--Rev Marty Marks

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

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

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **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.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## The Offering

*(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting [www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com](http://www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com). If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)*

## Announcements and Sharing of the Peace

### The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with “Lord in your mercy” to which the congregation responds with “**Hear our prayer.**”*

### The Lord's Prayer

**C** **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**

## The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it. Special instruction about how to partake in the supper will be explained during the service in response to Covid-19 precautions.)*

**P** The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the

sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

**P & C** **Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.**

### **The Words of Institution**

**P** 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 His 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 is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

**P** Come, the table is prepared and the Lord awaits.

**C** We come in the name of Jesus.

### **The Sacrament Is Distributed for Us to Receive**

#### **Distribution Songs ♪**

#### **“Amazing Grace”**

*--LSB 744 vs. 1-3 & 5*

**1** Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!

**2** The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

**3** Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.

**5** When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

## “Spirit Song”

- 1 O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love,  
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.  
O let Him have the things that hold you and His Spirit, like a dove,  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

*Chorus* **Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

- 2 O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.  
O give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain,  
And you’ll enter into life in Jesus’ name. *Chorus***

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## “We Are Gathered”

**We are gathered in Your name, lifting our hands in praise.  
We are gathered in Your name, lifting our hands in praise;  
And we rejoice in Your presence, oh God You’ve come.  
We rejoice in Your presence, oh God.**

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**The Benediction  
Silent Prayers  
Announcements  
Postlude**

*--Spiritwind*

<b>PARTICIPANTS –February 21, 2021</b>	
<b>Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan; Jackie Hanson</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>Musicians/Vocalists</b>	Spiritwind: Angela Pringnitz; <i>coordinator</i> Amy Haeseker, Ellen Olsen
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Pat McKinley
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