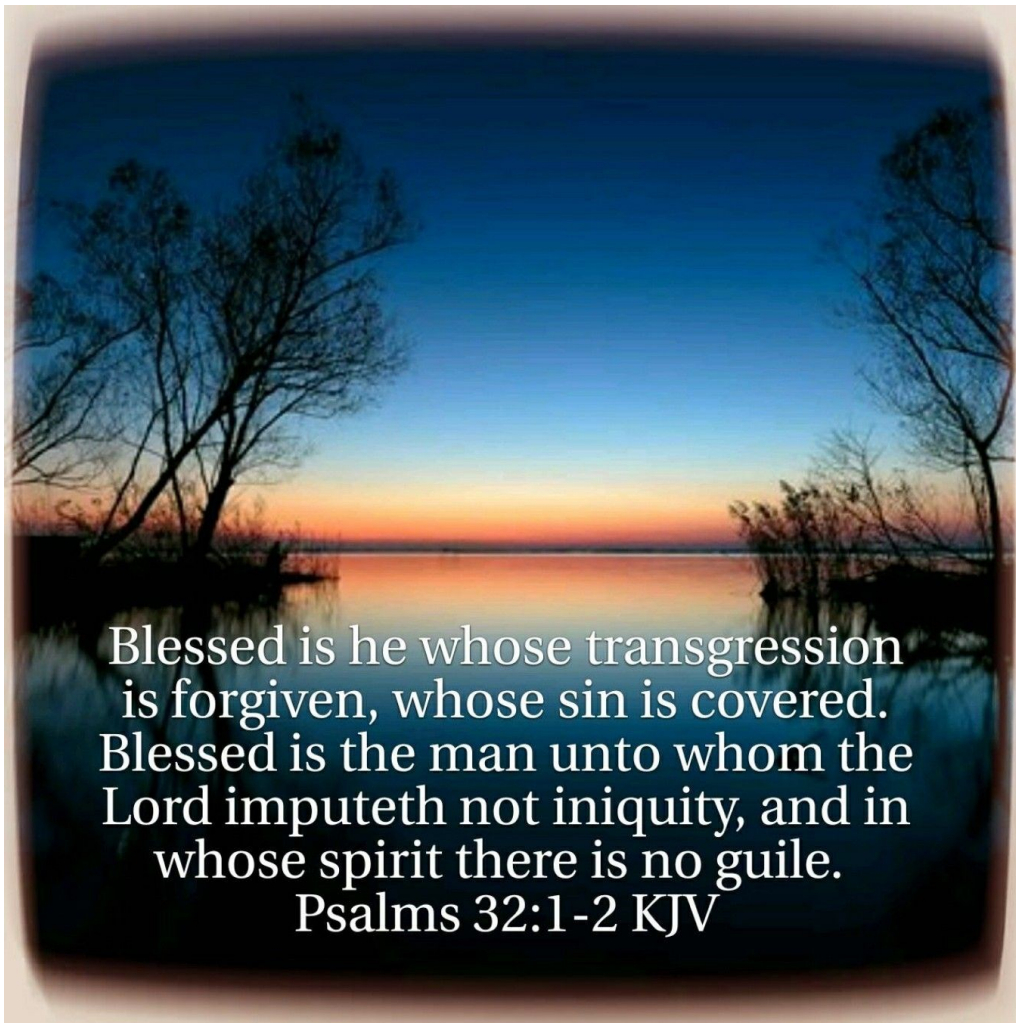


Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

*“Inspired by God’s Grace
to Love and Serve all”*



FEBRUARY 26, 2023

9:00 AM

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome & Announcements

WE WELCOME GUESTS WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Thank you!

The 2023 altar flower chart is in the narthex. Please sign up to sponsor flowers! This year the cost will be \$14.00. (There are no altar flowers during Lent.)

We welcome Karen Carter to worship this morning as our worship leader. Thank you Karen for sharing your gifts and talents!

OFFICE HOURS—Administrative Assistant Kari Britton Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am—Noon. Pastor John Kuziej: Tuesday 10:00 am—Noon and by appointment. Cell: 906-932-4165; email: johnckuziej2@gmail.com. Pastor John is happy to schedule visits with home-bound individuals and is also available for hospital visits.

From our Financial Secretary: Offering envelopes are available to be picked up in the narthex. If you need envelopes, please contact our Financial Secretary, Sheree Vanden Heuvel.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS—6:00 p.m. during Lent. Sign up in the Narthex to bring soup, bread, or dessert.

LENTEN SERVICES—Holden Evening Prayer Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

MARCH WORSHIP – *Please sign up in the narthex* OR call the office if you can assist with Worship. We need readers, ushers, live stream assistant, and communion assistant.

SNOW SHOVELING - sign up sheet in narthex to volunteer for snow shoveling in the winter months.

WELCA BIBLE STUDY MOCHA ON THE MOUNT meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

NATH MEALS: All meals have been covered through April 2023. Please consider signing your group up to provide a meal again this year! To volunteer, please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex or you can call Sue Larsen at 715-362-2544.

BLOOD DRIVE—Thursday, March 23rd from 2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. To schedule your donation, please contact Jackie Waldorf at (715) 482-0513.

Prelude

Statio: Holy Pause—Silence

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

**We confess to you our faults and failings.
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces us with divine mercy,
† forgive us in Christ's name,
and revives us in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn “When Peace like a River” ELW #785

Pastoral Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie (Sing) **Also Found on Page 213**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hymn of Praise (Sing) **Also Found on Page 213-215**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

Lord, God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

First Lesson

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' 2 The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; 3 but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' 6 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. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 32

Read Responsively

- 1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
- 2 Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- 3 While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord',
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- 6 Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.**
- 7 You are a hiding-place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.
- 8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should
go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**
- 9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.
- 10 Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in
the Lord.**
- 11 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Second Lesson

Romans 5:12-19

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— 13 sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. 14 Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. 16 And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. 17 If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. 19 For just 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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation (spoken)

Also found on Page 151

Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' 4 But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying 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, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

7 Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 9 and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' 10 Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Karen Carter

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" ELW #618

Our Worship continues with professing our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ. God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*Please share a sign of peace, keeping in mind social distancing
and respecting others boundaries.*

Please be seated.

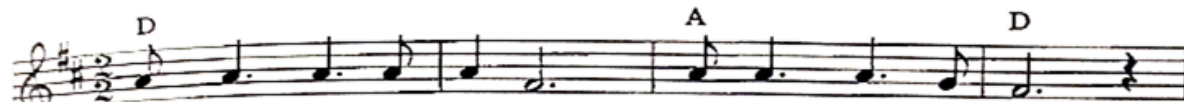
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Offering Song—"What Have We to Offer?"

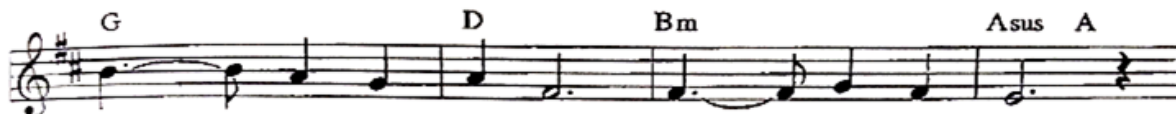
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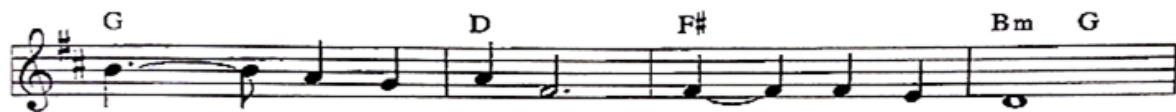
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1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?



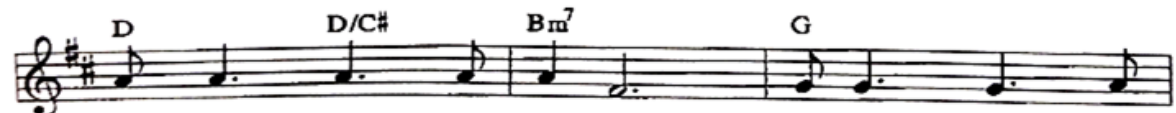
Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.
Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;
Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;



God will not fal - ter; so let us dare
dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.
truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.



lay it at the al - tar there.
Lay it at the al - tar then.
Lay it at the al - tar now.



4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to



give? Lives we will live.

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray,
God of good gifts,
Receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*Gathered into one with the Holy Spirit let us pray
as Jesus taught us.*

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
And the Holy Spirit of rebirth
Bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” ELW #325*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Anita Foss

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Kristine Mladucky

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