

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

The Thread



March 2nd, 2025

Lectionary Summary:

Quinquagesima

1 Samuel 16:1–13

or Isaiah 35:3–7

1 Corinthians 13

Luke 18:31–43

Faith Alone

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “Son of David.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.



Sunday Divine Service - 9:00 am
Sunday Bible Study - 10:15 am

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MEMORY VERSE

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

COLOSSIANS 3:16



Live Broadcast

If you are unable to join us for church today, don't miss the opportunity to listen to our service live this morning at 9:00 a.m. on 103.9 FM WXAN. The radio broadcast re-airs on Sunday evenings at 9:00 p.m. You can also view the livestream or recording on our YouTube channel.

Church Announcements:

LWML: The next LWML meeting will be March 4 at 5:00 p.m. All women of the congregation are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

Pledge Cards: If you would like to fill out a pledge card for the 2025-2026 budget year, you can pick up a paper in the narthex and place it in the offering plate this morning. You can also take one home to fill out this week to place it in the offering plate during the Divine Service on March 9.

Bible Study: There will be no Bible Study or Sunday School this morning as we gather for the Spaghetti Spring Social. You are always welcome to join our Wednesday Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. and our Sunday Bible Study which resumes next week as we study an overview of God's story of salvation through a chronological Bible history.

Important Dates in the Church:

March 5

Ash Wednesday and the Beginning of Lent

During the forty days of Lent, God's baptized people cleanse their hearts through the discipline of Lent: repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent is a time in which God's people prepare with joy for the Paschal Feast (Easter). It is a time in which God renews His people's zeal in faith and life. It is a time in which we pray that we may be given the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God.

(Treasury of Daily Prayer)

Prepare for Worship Next Week:

March 5—Ash Wednesday

Hymn of the Day:

LSB 607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

Readings:

Joel 2:12-19

2 Peter 1:2-11

Matthew 6:1-21

March 9—First Sunday in Lent (*Invocavit*)

Hymn of the Day:

LSB 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Readings:

Genesis 3:1-21

or 1 Samuel 17:40-51

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

or Hebrews 4:14-16

Matthew 4:1-11



School Announcements:

This past week, the Excellent Eagle Awards were presented to the students for demonstrating motivation throughout the month of February. Congratulations to the following students: Daxton Youngberg, Blake Moore, Bjornn Cheu, Piper Morrison, Jameson Thompson, Evelyn Connor, Hudson Lee, Marie Stanley, Kassie Smith, Amara Little, Francisco Flores, Eric Carson, and Zane Stewart. ILS is very proud of each one of you!

Today, our preschool students will be singing *Jesus in the Morning* before service begins. It serves as a reminder to all of us that we need to take Jesus with us everywhere we go - all day, every day.

Please join us for the PTL Spaghetti Spring Social following service today. FREE games for the children! Silent auction and raffle items will be available as well.

-Veronica Manwaring, Principal

You're invited

Preschool Sing at 6pm

(Preschool students will sing five songs)

&

Miracle After Miracle

(a musical performed by K-8)

at 6:30pm



MARCH 6, 2025

Weekly Small Catechism Readings:

The following chart may be used to pray through the entire Small Catechism weekly.

Sunday <i>Before Divine Service</i>	Christian Q & A
Sunday <i>After Divine Service</i>	Table of Duties
Monday	The Ten Commandments
Tuesday	The Creed
Wednesday	The Lord's Prayer
Thursday	The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Friday	Confession
Saturday	The Sacrament of the Altar

Daily Lectionary Readings:

Join in the congregation's daily devotional life with this week's readings.

Date	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
3/2	Job 33:19—34:9	John 11:1–16
3/3	Job 34:10–33	John 11:17–37
3/4	Job 36:1–21	John 11:38–57
3/5	Genesis 1:1–19	Mark 1:1–13
3/6	Genesis 1:20—2:3	Mark 1:14–28
3/7	Genesis 2:4–25	Mark 1:29–45
3/8	Genesis 3:1–24	Mark 2:1–17

Stewardship Thoughts:

Luke 18:35 – “As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.”

Who is not a beggar? All that we have is a gift of God. We are all beggars before Him. Knowing this can leave us with nothing but thankfulness in our hearts. And this thankful acknowledgment of all the Lord's gifts is also what forms the basis of our own generous giving.

A Note from Pastor:

A Daily Lectionary Reset

The Daily Lectionary provided each week in the *Thread* is designed to begin on Ash Wednesday. If you haven't made use of these readings before now, please consider taking up these readings as a daily habit for your own devotional life. This lectionary provides an excellent opportunity to unite our congregation around the same daily readings. Perhaps they will spark conversation during the week or spur questions in Bible study that pertain to the readings we've shared throughout the week. Now is the best time to join in this great opportunity as the lectionary resets on Ash Wednesday. You can keep the *Thread* as a devotional resource throughout the week. You can also find the Daily Lectionary in *Lutheran Service Book* on page 299. The hymnal really should be a daily devotional tool for us all. Finally, if you would like to purchase a copy of *Treasury of Daily Prayer* or the “PrayNow” app, these both present the daily readings for you along with other nuggets of devotional beauty.

✠ Pastor Christian

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KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE
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What's a “Kyrie”?

The Kyrie comes from the Greek words “kyrie eleison” (pronounced KEER-ee-ay eh-LAY-zon) which means “**Lord, have mercy.**” You've probably noticed that we sing this after we have confessed our sins and received God's forgiveness. For example, look to see where the Kyrie is in the Divine Service.

Why do we ask the Lord to have mercy on us after we have already confessed our sins and been forgiven?

When we sing the Kyrie, we are not making a confession of sins. Instead, we are crying for mercy so that our God would hear us and come to help us in all times of need. It is the first prayer that we pray together in the Divine Service as God's forgiven people!



Parents:

During worship, help your children to recognize the Kyrie and its place in our worship. You may want to practice saying “Kyrie Eleison” with them. After they have mastered the pronunciation, praise them for having learned a bit of the Greek language!



Service Participants - This and Next Week

Sunday, March 2nd, 2025

Organist: Landon Hicks

Elder: Jeff Streuter

Ushers: Rick Fager, Jeff Streuter, Chuck Closson, Mike Boese & Kevin Boester

Altar Guild: Patti Proctor

Acolyte: Ryker Gregory

Greeters: Terry & Jan Estel

Sunday, March 9th, 2025

Organist: Corey Williams

Elder: Chuck Closson

Ushers: Rick Fager, Jeff Streuter, Chuck Closson, Mike Boese & Kevin Boester

Altar Guild: Patti Proctor

Acolyte: Eli Pittman

Greeters: Susan, Emily, & Abigail Beckman

Offering Income from last week:

February 23rd, 2025:

Regular Offerings \$ 3,585.00

Loose Plate \$ 5,497.05

Total Offerings \$ 9,082.05

Attendance:

February 23rd: 91



Anniversaries:

† 3-4 Will & Molly Stephens

Birthdays:

† 3-2 Joshua Proctor

† 3-2 Zoey Cox

† 3-3 Robert Boulton

† 3-4 Vickie Hollmann

† 3-6 Kent James

† 3-6 Bowan Mueller

Baptismal Anniversaries:

† 3-2 Ronnie Stanton

† 3-2 Malcolm Todd

† 3-4 Jack Mulvany

† 3-6 Leonard Tweedy

† 3-8 Kyle Fager

Expectant Mothers:

† Bethany Campbell

† Emily Newton

Thanksgiving for a Safe Birth:

† Audrey Kay Cramer

Immanuel Families:

† Gary Mileur

† Jolene Morber

† Thomas, Jean & Madison Morgan



Comfort, health, recovery:

† Those in the Armed Forces, Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Medical Services, & Healthcare

† David Arbeiter

† Rev. Ted Mayes

† Ruth Boese

† Wilma Nelson

† Leah Carter

† Casey Phillips

† Ben Dallas

† Jeff Presutti

† Valerie Draves

† Don Porter

† Tina Doan

† Amanda Reinhardt

† Paul Estel

† Sarah Reitzel

† Terry Estel

† Becky Streuter

† Annette Etherton

† Alice Svanda

† Jane Gilbert

† Brenda Todd

† Richard Hart

† Evie Todd

† Marilyn Imhoff

† Roger Walker

† Dan Kuenker

† Richard Weber

† Faye Lee

† Sue Williams

† Virginia Lewis

† Beth Zobel

† Ron Manwaring

† Carol Zobel

† Nelda Miesner

Let us pray at all times in the Spirit with boldness and confidence — making supplication for all the saints (Ephesians 6:18).
✠ Pastor Christian



March BIRTHDAYS

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| 3-1 Patti Proctor | 3-19 Christopher Alvey |
| 3-1 Bruce Davis | 3-20 Lori Graff |
| 3-2 Joshua Proctor | 3-20 Mary Beth Varner |
| 3-2 Zoey Cox | 3-22 Julie Cason |
| 3-3 Robert Boulton | 3-23 Anthony Spurgeon |
| 3-4 Vickie Hollmann | 3-24 Kallie Winters |
| 3-6 Kent James | 3-25 Eric Clendenin |
| 3-6 Bowan Mueller | 3-25 Chloe Barnett |
| 3-10 Andrew Winters | 3-27 Malcolm Todd |
| 3-12 Amy Hoppenstedt | 3-29 Jeff Streuter |
| 3-13 Brad Fager | 3-29 Kelly Batson |
| 3-13 Blaire Manwaring | 3-30 Calvyn Karg |
| 3-14 Betty Beckman | 3-30 Nolan Stephens |
| 3-15 Scott Wheeler | 3-30 Martin Stephens |
| 3-16 Miles Franzen | 3-31 Olivia Herring |
| 3-17 Andrew Cramer | 3-31 Jolene Morber |
| 3-19 Adelynn Streuter | 3-31 Molly Stephens |

Altar Guild

Patti Proctor

Ushers

Rick Fager

Jeff Streuter

Chuck Closson

Mike Boese

Kevin Boester

Acolytes

3-2 Ryker Gregory

3-9 Eli Pittman

3-16 Parker Closson

3-23 Gage Pittman

3-30 Jackson Fager

Organists

3-2 Landon Hicks

3-9 Corey Williams

3-16 Luella McComb

3-23 Landon Hicks

3-30 Corey Williams

Elders

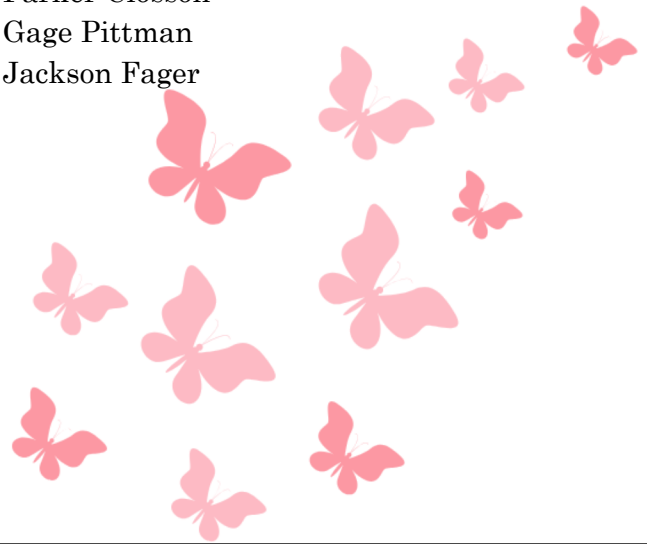
3-2 Jeff Streuter

3-9 Chuck Closson

3-16 Charlie Homan

3-23 Mike Clough

3-30 Bryan Hollmann



CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Oh God

AND RENEW IN ME A RIGHT

SPIRIT WITHIN ME

PSALM 51:10



March ANNIVERSARIES

3-4 Will & Molly Stephens

3-10 Jim & Charla Alvey

3-25 David & Haley Hollmann



March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:00 am Divine Service PreK Students Sing 10:30 am—1:00 pm Spaghetti Spring Social	3 6:30 pm Elders Mtg.	4 Pastor at Circuit Winkel 5:00 pm LWML mtg.	5 Ash Wednesday 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30pm Divine Service w/ Imposition of Ashes	6 6:00 pm School Musical	7 Pastor's Day Off	8
9 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School	10 Spring Break—No School 7 pm School Board Mtg.	11 Spring Break—No School	12 Spring Break—No School 10:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Vespers	13 Spring Break—No School	14 Spring Break—No School Pastor's Day Off	15
16 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School	17 6 pm PTL mtg. 6:30 pm BoD mtg.	18	19 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Vespers	20	21 Pastor's Day Off	22
23 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School	24	25	26 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Vespers	27	28 Noon Dismissal Pastor's Day Off	29
30 9:00 am Divine Service K-1 Students Sing 10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School	31					