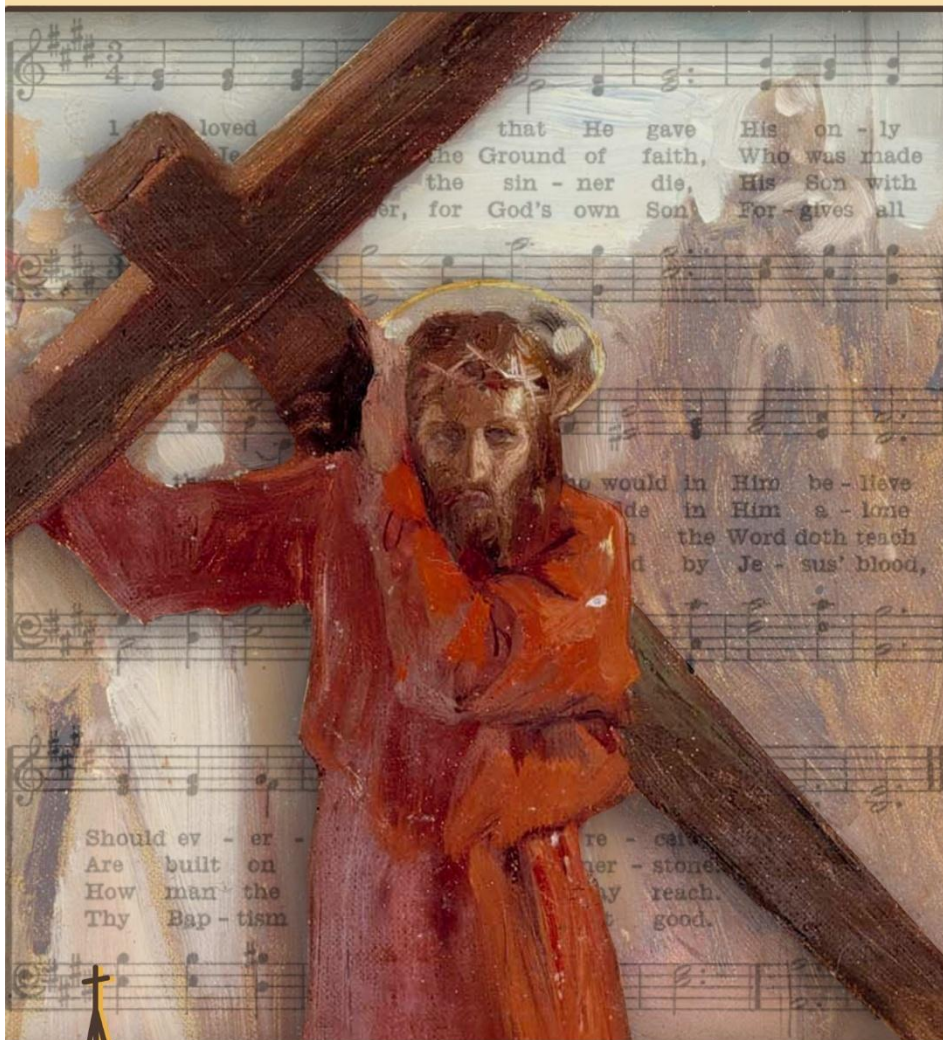


2nd Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #367

"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Pastor

Confession of Our Sins

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

The Gloria Patri

TLH #39:5

C ♪ *Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before
Him! Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

The Introit

Psalm 105:4-8

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

C Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

P Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

C O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

P He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

C He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

P O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶

Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.



Romans 4:1-8; 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the

flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷ "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . . ¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring-- not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"-- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**John 3:1-17**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.



Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn: TLH #245

"God Loved the World So that He Gave"



Romans 4:16a

"That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace..."

Lean on the Load-Bearing Grace

The Offertory

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C ♪ *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #425:1, 3-4, 6

"All Depends on Our Possessing"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace. **C Amen!**

Hymn: TLH #391

"Blessed Are the Sons of God"

Alice DeWall's memorial service will be held this coming Saturday, March 7th. A visitation will begin at 9:30 am, the worship service will begin at 11 am. A meal will follow the service.

Thank you from Leonard and Norma – “Our thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards, and greetings on our 65th wedding anniversary and Leonard's 90th birthday.

In Christ, Leonard and Norma Eigenberg”

Lent Continues on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm, with a finger food potluck to follow. Pastor Rodebaugh will be preaching on Jesus' final words, “Today, you will be with me in paradise.”

ILS Music Teacher - Immanuel Lutheran-Mankato is looking for a part-time music instructor for the 2026-2027 school year. This position is to teach: High School Choir; K-6 Music; 5-6 Handbells; 7-8 Music/Handbells. If you are someone you know may have gifts and willingness to serve teaching these classes, or would like information about the call, please contact Principal Rick Mariner: (507-317-0805; rick.mariner@immanuelmankato.org).

CLC Call News - Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ and is **still considering** the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN. <> Dr. Daniel Sullivan has **received** the call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI.

Ushers	3/1	Kendall B, Larry B.
	3/8	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	3/15	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
Cleaning	This Week – Fogelman, Ahrens, Sullivan (wk. 4)	
	Up Next – The Voits	

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 2nd - 7th, 2026

Mon Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus, sent to the lost sheep of Israel, was not out merely to expand His fan-base. Nevertheless, those who come in faith, Jew or Gentile, find access through Him to the mercy seat of God.

Tues 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 Redeemed by God's mercy, we will want to live in such a way as is pleasing to God. Keeping away from sexual immorality is not to our harm, but results from our upward call in Christ.

Wed Isaiah 45:20-25 The Lord invites us to come together to Him. Turn to Him and be saved, all you ends of the earth (v22). There is no God except He, a righteous God and Savior (v21).

Thurs Psalm 35:1-18 Enemies of the Lord's servant are enemies of the Lord. The prayer for God's help is repeated (1-8,9-18), asking that the enemies be driven away and that life might be once again restored (v17).

Fri Psalm 35:19-28 Yet a third time the Lord's servant prays for help against false accusations and mockery. He foresees friends saying, "The Lord is great. He takes delight in the peace of his servant" (v27).

Sat Psalm 130 From out of the depths to the heights of heaven in eight verses. Such a rise is possible because "with the Lord there is mercy. With Him there is abundant redemption" (v7) . Wait for the Lord!

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