

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 23, 2025, 8:00 & 10:15am



Jesus Crushes Our Enemies: False Security with His Faithfulness

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Welcome to Immanuel *where God is with us!*



'Immanuel' is a name the Bible uses for Jesus. It means '*God is with us.*' When born Christmas Day, Jesus is literally 'with us.' He lives 'with us' to save us. Jesus is still 'with us.' We have his words, the Bible. It teaches our constant need for a Savior, reveals God's forgiveness, and guides our Christian living.

To our guests, we extend a warm welcome and are happy to have you worship with us! If you have questions for our pastor, please catch him after service. He would love to assist as possible.

Our congregation offers these services should you need them:

- Copies of the sermon are on usher's cart at the back of the sanctuary.
- Bible story color sheets, also on the usher's cart.
- A nursery at the rear of the sanctuary.
- Restrooms directly behind the sanctuary, a water cooler to your left.

Today's Worship Focus



Christ is the center of our worship. We follow a yearly set of readings that explores and applies the life, work, and teachings of Christ for us.

We are in the church season of **Lent**. Lent means 'lengthen.' It occurs as daylight 'lengthens.' We humbly meditate on the seriousness of our sins and the depth of Christ's love that took our sins upon himself.

Prayers before service may be found in the blue hymnal, page III & 255-258.

Our worship service is printed in this bulletin (also printed in the hymnal; The Service: Setting One, page 154). Consider taking a moment to become familiar with it.

Current Series: Jesus Crushes Our Enemies

March 16: Spiritual laziness by his determination

March 23: False security with his faithfulness

Christians are tempted to spiritually coast on religious milestones or outward morality. These do not save. All have need for repentance.

March 30: Our condemnation with his grace

April 6: Rejection with divine exaltation

OPENING HYMN #916

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

(Stand for final verse)



- 1 To - day your mer - cy calls us to wash a - way our sin.
- 2 To - day your gate is o - pen, and all who en - ter in
- 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us, his Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
- 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, what - ev - er we have been,
shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come and par - don for their sin.
his bless - ed an - gels gath - er a - round the heav'n - ly gates.
what should we do with - out you when heart and eye run o'er?



how - ev - er long from mer - cy our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, a pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us how of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, to drive us to de - spair,



your pre - cious blood can wash us and make us clean to - day.
a fu - ture grace be prom - ised, a glo - rious crown in heav'n.
al - though we oft have wan - dered, it is our Fa - ther's home.
we know one gate is o - pen, one ear will hear our prayer.

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done the things that we should not have done, and we have not done the things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever!

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



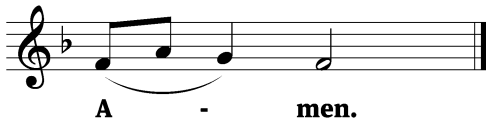
Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

(Our joyful praise returns Easter as now we ponder the heavy price Christ paid for our guilt)

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word. We pray this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

Approach God not on the basis of your merit, but on account of his mercy

¹Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." ⁵"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to

Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹²And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.” ¹³Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 85a

Refrain



LORD, in your mer - cy hear my prayer; your good-ness nev - er fails.

Tone



You, LORD, forgave the iniquity of your / people
and covered / all their sins.

You set aside / all your wrath
and turned from your fierce / anger.

Show us your unfailing / love, LORD,
and grant us your sal- / vation.

Refrain

I will listen to what God the / LORD says;
he promises peace to his / people.
Surely his salvation is near those who / fear him,
that his glory may dwell / in our land.
Love and faithfulness meet to- / gether;

righteousness and peace kiss each / other.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Pride in personal morality will bring spiritual catastrophe. Watch out!

¹For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." ⁸We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. ¹¹These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹²So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Peter 3:9

Refrain



Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Refrain

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

God's patience teaches us that the time to repent is now!

¹Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ²Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." ⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' ⁸"'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY #712

"Delay Not! Delay Not"



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!
2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,
3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,
4 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.
for mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.
long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight
the love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed, the Sav - ior is here;
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
and leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,
A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



re - demp - tion is pur - chased, God's prom - ise is true.
its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.
to sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.
Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

SERMON

Luke 13:1-9

The Time is Now!

1. to repent.
2. to produce fruit.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor will lead prayer

OFFERING

At this time our offering will be brought forward and presented to the Lord. For those still desiring to give an offering, an offering plate remains near the Usher's Cart at the back of the church.

HYMN #588

"Come, O Come, Life-Giving Spirit"



1 Come, O come, life - giv - ing Spir - it, God from all e -
2 Show us, Lord, the path of bless - ing; when we tres - pass
3 Spir - it, guard our faith for - ev - er; let not Sa - tan,
4 And when life's frail thread is break - ing, then as - sure us



ter - ni - ty! May your pow - er nev - er fail us;
on our way, cast, O Lord, our sins be - hind you;
death, or shame ev - er part us from our Sav - ior.
more and more, as the heirs of life un - end - ing,



dwell with - in us con - stant - ly. Then shall truth and
and be with us day by day. Should we stray, O
Lord, our ref - uge is your name! When our hearts op -
of the glo - ry there in store, glo - ry nev - er



life and light ban - ish all the gloom of night.
Lord, re - call; work re - pent - ance when we fall.
pose your will, let your Word prove strong - er still.
yet ex - pressed, glo - ry of the saints at rest.

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #927

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's
3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
call a - way, borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
glad the sum - mons to o - bey, may we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with Christ in end - less day.

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NORTHLAND NOTES

NLHS SUMMER CAMPS Do you have a younger student or sibling in grades 3-9? Summer camp sign-ups are now available for various sports and activities at Northland. Registration forms can be found on the church's bulletin board.

PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM (PSCP)- Each year parents must complete the **Online Parent Application**. Please consider completing this early, as people occasionally run into difficulties when filling it out. If you have questions about the application or qualification processes for the Choice Program, please contact Shannon Schmidt (sschmidt@nlhs.org) or Ryan Wiechmann (rwiechmann@nlhs.org) at NLHS.

NLHS Annual Together We Shine Annual Silent Auction & Soup Cook-Off is Sunday, April 27th Noon - 3pm at Northland Lutheran High School. We are looking for the following assistance: event volunteers, donor solicitors, donations, soup chefs, bake sale items and more. Event Sponsorships are also available with advertising benefits. Please contact Brenda Kruncos at 715-571-4420 or brenda@mistylane.org for more information. All proceeds raised will benefit Northland Lutheran High School.

We are looking for people to help us insulate walls in the gym. Is your Christ-compelled heart able to help out?

PIES!! Who likes to eat pie? Who likes to make pies? NLHS Together We Shine Silent Auction & Soup Cook-Off is adding Mouth-Watering Pies to the Silent Auction. We are looking for any variety of whole pies: fruit, pudding, meat, chicken pot pie, etc. fresh, refrigerated, or frozen. Call or email Brenda Kruncos at 715-571-4420 brenda@mistylane.org to preregister your pie for the auction. Pies need to be delivered to NLHS prior to noon on Sunday, April 27th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday (3/23)	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School /Bible Study Worship
Wednesday (3/26)	3:45 PM 5:15 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Soup/Sandwich Supper Midweek Lenten Worship
Sunday (3/30)	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:15 AM	Worship Sunday School / Bible Study Worship Fill Eggs for Easter Egg Hunt

BIBLE STUDY *Sunday mornings at 9:00am* - Nowhere do we find the gospel more clearly presented than in the story of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. On the Sundays leading up to Easter, study the Glory of Jesus' Suffering, Death, and Resurrection. You will have the opportunity to hear familiar Lenten readings, discover your present needs in those ancient events, and then marvel at how Jesus so completely satisfies our soul's greatest need. This class runs until April 13th. All materials are provided.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES continue Wednesdays at 6:30pm. *“The Lord is not slow to do what he promised. ...Instead, he is patient for your sakes, not wanting anyone to perish, but all to come to repentance”* (2 Peter 3:9). Scripture’s call to repentance is intended as a way of life. Join us as we explore the depths of our sinful depravity, the brokenness of our relationship with God, our dire need for rescue, and the good news of forgiveness, cleansing, and rejoicing in our restored relationship with God and the promise of eternal life through Jesus our Savior.

Before the midweek Lenten Services, you are invited to join your Immanuel family for dinner. If you would like to provide a soup and/or sandwich, please sign up on the list located near the usher’s stand. All help is very much appreciated! Dinner starts at 5:15pm.

EASTER FOR KIDS The ILC Community Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 5th at 10:00am. **We will fill Easter Eggs with candy after the 10:15 service on March 30th.** If you would like to fill eggs at home, empty eggs and bags can be found under the mailboxes. Candy donations can be dropped off in the church kitchen. **Are you able to volunteer an hour of your time for the event?** A sign up on the entryway’s bulletin board lists help needed. Please sign up if interested! Thank you.

EASTER CHOIR Immanuel will sing a new-to-us hymn at its Easter Festival (9:00am) Service. Any Immanuel member interested in singing are asked to speak with Pastor. (No prior experience needed. If you can carry a tune, you can sing this hymn.) A one-time practice will be determined.

EASTER BRUNCH is scheduled between Immanuel's two Easter Day services. The menu is set; several items are still needed. To help, see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the Usher's Cart You may also contact Adam Baarts (715.496.7625) with any questions.

OWLS Our April OWLS meeting will be very interesting, Jeff (Marathon Sheriff Department) will be giving a presentation on SCAMS. The meeting will be April 8th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mosinee. It all starts at 11:30, snacks will be served. Guests are encouraged to attend. Questions contact Evan or Sandy Dobberfuhr 715-693-1337.

SISTERS IN CHRIST SPRING EVENT Immanuel, Mosinee, will host the Spring Sister's In Christ event Friday, April 11th, 6:00pm. All women are welcome to attend. (Invite family or bring a friend!) Local florist Fawn Mueller (Inspired by Nature) will run the hour-long class. Cost is \$35 for flowers and supplies. Learn tips in creating a beautiful floral arrangement and create your own just in time for your Easter celebrations. Sign up emailing Cassy Ewald cinderella.ewald@gmail.com or by visiting the Sister's In Christ Facebook page. Money is due the night of the event. Come enjoy some yummy snacks and fellowship.

175th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT The Seminary Chorus of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., and the College Choir of Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., invite you to a special joint concert to celebrate the synod's 175th anniversary. The concert is 7:00pm, Saturday, March 29, at the Chapel of the Christ on Martin Luther College's campus. (Livestream available at: mlc-wels.edu > select 'Streams' at top right-hand corner > select: Visit our streaming page).

SAVE THE DATES Maundy Thursday service is Thursday, April 17th at 6:30pm... Good Friday service is Friday, April 18th at 6:30pm... Immanuel is preparing two Easter services, each different, but complimenting each other. First service is 6:30am; the second at 9:00am. Consider your opportunities to praise your crucified and risen Lord!

Serving You in Worship:			
	Usher	Live Streaming	Display
Today March 23, 8:00 AM	Byron Draeger	Ethan Sondelski	Tracy Pawlowski
Today March 23, 10:15 AM	William Bandell	--	Amelia Kirchner
Wednesday March 26, 6:30 PM	Rod Sparby	Joy Peterson	Dean Peterson
Next Week Sunday March 30, 8:00 AM	Jeff Wendorf	Matt Sondelski	Aidan Sondelski
Next Week Sunday March 30, 10:15 AM	Kevin Leder	--	James Leder