

***Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church***

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***Sunday, March 9, 2025***

***First Sunday in Lent, Year C***



***Please welcome Kathy Robinson as she leads us in Worship today.***

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Introduction**

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

***Please stand if able.***

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

**P:** Compassionate One,

**C:** you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you

**and your love for the world.  
We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.  
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.  
We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.  
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.  
Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.  
Amen.**

**P:** Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.  
In † Christ your sins are forgiven.  
You have a place in God's house forever.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn      “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”      #774**

**Greeting:** “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” ( 2 Corinthians 13:14).

**C: And also, with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

*The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

**R: Please read responsively to Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

*God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)*

<sup>1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter of <sup>1</sup> the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of <sup>1</sup> the Almighty—

<sup>2</sup> **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge <sup>1</sup> and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I <sup>1</sup> put my trust.” R**

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the <sup>1</sup> LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your <sup>1</sup> habitation,

<sup>10</sup> **no evil <sup>1</sup> will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come <sup>1</sup> near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels charge <sup>1</sup> over you,  
to guard you in <sup>1</sup> all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> **Upon their hands they will <sup>1</sup> bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot a- <sup>1</sup> gainst a stone. R**

<sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion <sup>1</sup> cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion <sup>1</sup> and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup> **I will deliver those who <sup>1</sup> cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they <sup>1</sup> know my name.**

<sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will <sup>1</sup> answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and <sup>1</sup> honor them.

<sup>16</sup> **With long life will I <sup>1</sup> satisfy them,  
and show them <sup>1</sup> my salvation. R**

**Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13**

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

<sup>8b</sup> “The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture

says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”<sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.<sup>13</sup> For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**“Alleluia”**

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**Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’



## The Lord's Prayer

### Offertory Hymn

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

#186

*The usher will bring up the offering plate.*

*Please stand if able.*

### Offering Prayer

**P:** Gracious Provider,  
you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### Blessing

God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

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### Dismissal

**P:** Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

**Attendance on 3/2/2025: 44**

**Prayer Concerns: Joan Bonstead, Judi McGill and Bob Henning for medical challenges. Leora Mitchell, Joan Winterhoff, Roger Neiter, Karen Spoehrs.** (For updates, please contact the ILC Office)

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***Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Pastor Elijah Lekwate. Email for Justice Pule: @pulejustice74@gmail.com***

**Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.**

### **Serving us Today**

**Leader:** Kathy Robinson

**Organist/Pianist:** Karen K.

**Reader:** Adam Doede

**Usher:** Bob Doede

**Video Recorder:** Bob Henning

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, and Pattie Bricko



**Time For Easter Flowers! The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex!**

Here are the flowers for 2025:

- Single Lilies (5+ blooms) \$13
- Spring Bulb Plants (Tulip, Daffodil, Hyacinth) \$10
- Mums – Daisy Variety in white, yellow or lavender \$14

*All prices include preformed foil pot covers.*

***Order by March 16, 2025***

**Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 9:00am.** Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting.

**Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 9:15am.** Immanuel Lutheran Church Congregational Informational Meeting – Update of Current Status.

**Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 9:15am.** Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting.





**St. John Lutheran Church, 5304 44th Avenue**  
**Wausau, WI 54401**

- **Lenten Dinners at 5pm** (Every Wednesday in Lent – excluding Holy Week) March 5, 2025 – April 9, 2025
- **Lenten Services at 6:30pm** (Starting with Ash Wednesday March 5, 2025 – April 9, 2025)

**Holy Week**

- **Thursday, April 17 at 6:30** - Maundy Thursday Service
- **Friday, April 18 at 6:30** - Good Friday Service
- **Easter Sunday, April 20 - Services at 8:00 and 10:30, breakfast at 9:00**

**Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, 150202 County Rd NN**  
**Wausau, WI 54401**

- **Ash Wednesday, March 5:** 12:15 and 6:15 pm. Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday when we will mark the beginning of the 40 days of Lent together. Pr. Rich Block will preside over these services at 12:15 and 6:15 pm with the Handbell Choir playing at 6:15 pm.
- **Lenten Soup Supper.** Wednesdays 1-6 pm | **March 9-April 9** in Fellowship Hall. It is time once again to share in fellowship and soup supper. There will be 3 soup varieties each week along with a vegetarian option. The weekly “Network” will list the soups for the upcoming Wednesday. Please join us after the noon Lenten service or before the evening Lenten service. All are welcome.

**First English Lutheran Church, 402 N 3rd Avenue**  
**Wausau, WI. 54401**

- **March 5, 2025:** Ash Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
- **Lenten Services:** 6:00 p.m.
- **Maundy Thursday:** 6:00 p.m. with Holy Communion
- **Palm Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.
- **Good Friday:** 1:15 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday:** 2 services, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion

**The Men's Discussion Group** meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

**Strong Bones Senior Exercise Group** meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the old Nursery at 10:30 am. The class is open to anyone wishing to improve balance and maintain strength to prevent falls. New faces are happily welcome.

**Food Pantry Donations for the Neighbors' Place**

Place your items on the black cart next to the pew near the Gathering Room and they will be delivered to the Neighbors' Place.

## 40 Days 40 Items

In observance of the Lenten Season, many people choose to “give up” something they enjoy as they enter a period of reflection. An alternative to or perhaps in addition to this observance is to “take on” something new.

You can collect an item for each day of Lent—40 days yields 40 much-needed items in our community for many organizations. You will make a profound impact on your community while you are reflecting on your life and making personal changes.

Please consider contributing the following shelf stable food to your local food bank, clothing or hygiene items to those that need it. You can bring these items to church and place them in the appropriate donation location, and we will sort and distribute at the end. Items collected will then be distributed amongst Neighbors Place, The Marty Bus, Women’s Community and Community Clothing Closet.

1. Peanut Butter
2. Socks
3. Canned Meal with Pop Tops
4. Canned Chicken/Tuna
5. Pasta
6. Spaghetti Sauce
7. Cereal
8. T-Shirts
9. Canned Vegetables
10. Canned Fruit
11. Oatmeal
12. Applesauce
13. Pants
14. Spices/Sauces
15. Jelly
16. Juice/Juice Boxes
17. Flour, Sugar or Oil
18. Sweatshirts
19. Side Dishes
20. Soup
21. Popcorn/ Snacks
22. Hamburger Helper
23. New Tarps
24. Baked Beans
25. Granola Bars/Protein Bars/Pop Tarts
26. Water
27. Laundry Soap
28. Toilet Paper
29. New Underwear/Boxers
30. Instant Mashed Potatoes
31. Microwave Meals
32. Crackers [i.e. Saltine or “Ritz”]

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 33. Cake Mix with Frosting            | 34. Walking Shoes without holes |
| 35. Individual Drink Mixes ex. Propel | 36. Tooth brush/Toothpaste      |
| 37. Paper Towel                       | 38. Bath Soap                   |
| 39. Shampoo/Conditioner               | 40. Deodorant                   |

Please bring your donations to any of the following four church locations:  
St. Stephens, Good Shepherd, Pilgrim, or Immanuel Lutheran Church. If you  
have questions feel free to reach out to Shauna Robinson, 608-514-4504,  
[nutband@gmail.com](mailto:nutband@gmail.com)