

# Fourth Sunday in Lent



**March 30, 2025**

**Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMS**

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Radio Broadcast - Sundays at 7:30 AM on WTCH 960 AM or 96.1 FM

**We welcome you to our worship today!**

*Please remember to sign the fellowship pad each week. Thank you.*

*There are large print hymnals available in the narthex.*

*The Mission Statement of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, White Clay Lake, is to provide for the Christian welfare of all God's people through the administering of the Sacraments, worship services, gatherings of Christ-centered groups, caring for the sick and needy, offering the forgiveness of sins through the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and reaching out to the unchurched, showing love and concern.*

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Because these who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed (confirmed), in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34. "Please refer to pg 329 in the hymnal to prepare for the Supper."

## CHURCH CALENDAR & SCHEDULE

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, March 30</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM Worship w/LS</b>  <b>9:45 AM Youth Sunday School</b>  10 AM Worship w/LS (SP)  <b>3 PM Private Confession</b>  <b>4 PM Adult Education</b>  <b>5:45 PM Evening Prayer</b>  <b>6:00 PM Confirmation Class</b>  <i>Greeters - Daskam's</i>  <i>Acolyte: Logan Brede</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, April 6</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM Worship</b>  9:10 AM Sunday School (SP)  <b>9:45 AM Youth &amp; Adult Sunday School</b>  10 AM Worship (SP)  <b>3 PM Private Confession</b>  <b>4 PM Adult Education</b>  <b>5:45 PM Evening Prayer</b>  <b>6:00 PM Confirmation Class</b>  <i>Greeters - Marilyn &amp; Corinne</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, March 31</b></p> <p><b>9 AM Matins</b>  <b>6 PM Chimes</b>  <b>7 PM Choir</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Upcoming Greeter Schedule</i></u>  April 9 - Nehring's  April 13 - Orlando's  April 18 - Stu Schmidt's</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, April 1</b></p> <p><b>8-Noon Pastor in office</b>  <b>9 AM Matins</b>  6 PM Romans (SP)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Upcoming Acolyte Schedule</i></u>  April 20 - Cannon Kowalczyk  May 4 - Grady Rosenlund  May 18 - Deanna Smith</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, April 2</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Matins  9:00 AM Romans  11 AM Worship &amp; meal (SP)  <b>7 PM Worship &amp; dinner (Arvey's)</b>  <i>Greeter - Genke's</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March Elder - Steve Daskam</b>  <b>April Elder - Brian Brede</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Attendance:</b>  <b>March 23 - 71                      March 26 - 35</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, April 3</b></p> <p>8-Noon Pastor at SP  9 AM Matins  <b>7 PM LWML meeting</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Upcoming Lent Meals</i></u>  April 9 - Youth Group</p> <p>Treptow's Freewill - \$60-Radio &amp; \$25 for Roof</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, April 4</b></p> <p><b>9 AM Matins</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Stewardship - March 30</b>  General - 940    Roof/Furnace - 35  Mission - 100    TIM - 15  <b><i>Roy Fischer Memorial</i></b>  <i>Roof/Furnace - 10    General - 30</i></p>

*We are now in the season of Lent, these 40 days where we strip away aspects of our worship in order that all that remains is Christ and the death and resurrection He underwent for our salvation. With that, our worship will look different. We will begin each week with praying the Litany, where we remind ourselves, in our prayer to God, of our need for His constant mercy. Gone will be any song of praise or thanksgiving, drawing us to reflect on the need for God's mercy. We will not take the Doxology on our lips, leading to a longing to sing of God's glory. Instead of using the ashes from last year's palms on Ash Wednesday, they will be found throughout Lent in a bowl at the entrance to the Nave. You are invited to make a cross in the bowl as you enter, allowing the dust to remain and dirty your fingers, drawing to mind your constant need to turn to your God for your forgiveness. In all these things, what is hoped is that your thoughts and prayers will be held only onto the form of our crucified Savior who laid down His life for your sake.*

## Today's Worship Service

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Sermon title ~ *"The Parable of the Prodigal Father"*

Opening Hymn	#424	<i>O Christ, You Walked the Road</i>
Sermon Hymn	#423	<i>Jesus, Refuge of the Weary</i>
Communion	#635	<i>O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing</i>
Hymns	#613	<i>To Thee Omniscient Lord of All</i>
Closing Hymn	#422	<i>On My Heart Imprint Your Image</i>

## Church Prayers

Please keep the following in your prayers:

**Immanuel Members:** Rebecca Bonnin, Mary Ellen Fischer, Judy Manthei, Steve Olson, Al & Tammy Manthei, Bob Hoppe, Brice Huntington, Glenn Schreiber, Carol Brede, Ed Stanek, Ron Muck, Ralph Torbeck & Tim Treptow

**Youth & Adult Sunday School Staff:** Kelly Arvey, Connie Schmidt, Angie Smith & Tim Treptow

**St. Paul Members:** David Korth, Dan Schutt, Judy Specht, Lois Weisnicht & Chuck Milis

**Expectant Mothers:** Megan Steinke

**Friends:** Ernie Pelky, Pam Beilfuss, Lucille Tess, Marvin & Judy Kostka, Parker Koeppin, Bo Halla, Carissa Baker, Ginger Heller, Bryan Poirier, Terri Kowalczyk & David Raddant

The season of Lent began on Wednesday, March 5, where we picked up our Lenten services at St Paul (11 am) & Immanuel (7 pm). This year we are participating in a round-robin with Circuit 13. The theme is "Faith in the Midst of Darkness." We will be holding a lunch/snack after worship at SP and dinner at IM. Please sign up at each congregation.

April 2-Pastor Zobel/Kaiser, St. James *"Hiding in Darkness"*

April 9-Pastor Conradt, Hermansfort & Stony Hill *"Living in Darkness"*

## Church Announcements

Please keep the family of **Lorraine Wolf** (Connie Schmidt's mom) in your prayers, her funeral was held on Wed, March 26. Also, the family of **Yvonne (Busch) Polzin** whose funeral was held on March 28. Her burial will be in our church cemetery in the Spring.

The **3 small roofs** over the Altar, Vestry and front room, are finished. Check them out! The **photo display boards** by the elevator in the narthex were donated in memory of Eugene Schreiber. Watch for photos, coming soon!

With Lent upon us, Pastor will be offering time for **Private Confession & Absolution** as a means of pastoral care, on Sunday's from 3-3:45 pm at IM, or by appointment.

*Thank you for your generous gift and support. God's peace to all! ~ Pastor Steve Hyvonen*

*Thank you for the cards, prayers, and gifts. Also Thank You to Pastor for his visits during my recent back surgery and recovery. ~ Betsy Stanke*

Congratulations to **Elliott Arvey** who received his internship placement. He will be going to Camp Luther and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Eagle River.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for Easter flowers.

Kids, Parents, Grandparents - start making plans to attend the annual **Easter egg hunt** at SP on Saturday, April 12, beginning at 9 AM. If you know you will be attending please register with Cindy Wians with the ages of the children so there will be enough prizes for everyone!

Immanuel & St. Paul are sponsoring a 15 minute **radio broadcast** weekly on WTCH 960 AM or 96.1 FM at 7:30 AM on Sunday Mornings. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex, along with sponsor envelopes, if you wish to sponsor a Sunday for \$60. Don't forget to tune in!

**Pastor Craig** will be gone for a quick 3 day jaunt to OKC, April 10-12. Pastor Buhrke (414-807-5571) is on call if anything should arise that needs a pastor.

There will be **NO** Spring Potato Pancake Dinner this year.

Immanuel will be serving at **Charlie's Red Barn** August 21, 22, 23. Sign ups will be out soon. We are also on the reserved list for another spot if it opens. Thanks to Lynn Wickesberg for heading this up. Please have bulletin information turned in by Noon on Thursday. You can email the information to [IMWCLsec@gmail.com](mailto:IMWCLsec@gmail.com) or [tashatreptow@gmail.com](mailto:tashatreptow@gmail.com), or they can be left on my desk or in my mailbox. Thanks!

**FREE RESOURCES:** Check out the **Weekly Devotions** for the week for you to use at home in the narthex, produced from Around the Word Journal. There is a **monthly calendar** produced by CPH that is great for all ages.

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**St. Jakobi - Shawano** will be hosting **"The Way of The Cross"** on Saturday, April 5, from 9 am - 12 pm. Experience an event that opens up the days of Holy Week in a whole new way. In just a few short hours, you'll see the importance of what Jesus did during that week and the connections to the rest of Holy Scripture. Step into the Story!

**The Lutheran Hour** for April 6 "Better Than I Deserve!" Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Haberstock. Jesus didn't deserve to die on a cross, but He died and rose again in order to give us better than we deserve. (John 12:1-11) The Lutheran Hour can be heard on Sundays at 10 AM on 102.7 FM WRVM.

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### WRLHS NEWS

**2025-2026 SCHOOL REGISTRATION** - Register your child(ren) today by visiting our website [wrlhs.org](http://wrlhs.org) or call the office for assistance 715-745-2400, Mrs. B is here to help! Financial assistance is available. School Choice opened Feb. 3, 2025.

**SHEEPSHEAD CARD PARTY** - Sunday, April 13, from 1-3 PM, \$3 per person.

**WR FISH FRY**s - Friday, April 4th & 18th Fish Frys from 4-7:00 p.m.

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