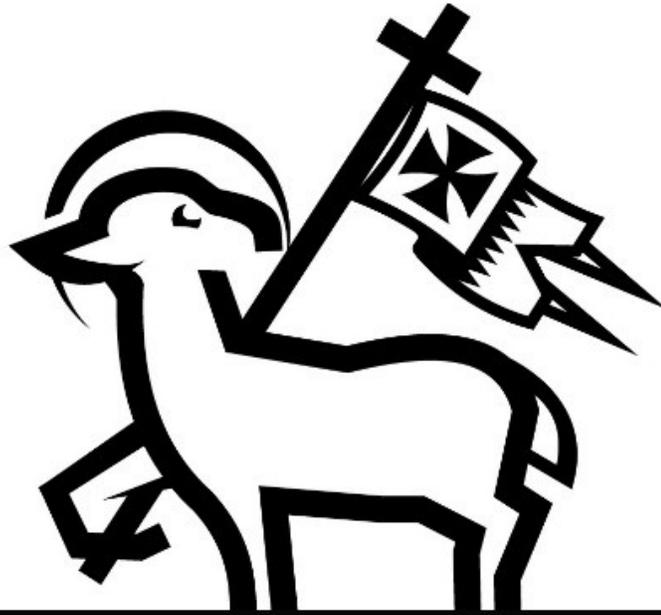


Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church

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JESUS CHRIST
IS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

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Welcome to worship! In our Midweek Lent services this year we will be making use of a circuit-wide rotation of our pastors. The theme of our services this year is ***Jesus Christ is Our Great High Priest***

The theme focuses on one of the three roles of Christ: Prophet, **Priest**, and King. What does it mean that Jesus is our “Great High Priest”? What does that mean for you in your daily life? These are not trivial questions. They get to the heart of what Jesus came to do and what He continues to do for you today.

During this Lenten Season, we will walk through the book of Hebrews as we learn about Jesus. As we do so, we will come face to face with sin, but also face to face with the Savior. You will grow in your faith as you see how Jesus is your Great High Priest at the cross, at the tomb and by your side each day.

May the Lord bless us as we make our Lenten journey this year to the cross, and finally, to Jesus’ empty tomb on Easter!

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN:

CW 377 vs. 1-5 “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

Stand

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

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PSALM PRAYER

**PASSION READING
THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK
Mark 14:53-72**

Jesus’ First Trial in the Sanhedrin

⁵³ They led Jesus away to the high priest. All the chief priests, the elders, and the experts in the law gathered together. ⁵⁴ Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. He was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire.

⁵⁵ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they did not find any. ⁵⁶ Many testified falsely against him, but their testimonies did not agree. ⁵⁷ Some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.’” ⁵⁹ Yet even on this point, their testimony did not agree.

⁶⁰ The high priest stepped forward and questioned Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is this they are testifying against you?”

⁶¹ But Jesus was silent and did not answer anything.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”

⁶² “I am,” Jesus said. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

⁶³ The high priest tore his robes and said, “Why do we need any more witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?”

They all condemned him as being worthy of death. ⁶⁵ Then some began to spit on him. They covered his face and struck him with their fists, saying, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him and beat him.

Peter Denies Jesus

⁶⁶ While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the servant girls of the high priest came there. ⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, “You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus!”

⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, “I don’t know or understand what you are saying,” and he went out to the entryway. Then a rooster crowed.

⁶⁹ When the servant girl saw him, once more she began to tell those standing there, “This is one of them.”

⁷⁰ But again he denied it. After a little while those who were standing there said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, because you are a Galilean.”

⁷¹ But he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know this man you are talking about!” ⁷² Just then, the rooster crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him: “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

All: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

SERMON HYMN:

CW 104 “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

SERMON

Hebrews 5:7-9

⁷ During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a son,

he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him

OFFERING

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from You. Give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

CW 377 vs. 6-8 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a forty-day liturgical season that initiates the most sacred part of the Christian year. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on the Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday night before Easter Sunday). Sundays are not included in the forty-day count because every Sunday is a joyful celebration of our Lord's resurrection. During Lent, Christians meditate with awe and thanksgiving on the salvation God offers to us sinners through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

WHAT DOES THE WORD "LENT" MEAN?

The word "Lent" is apparently derived from the Old English *lencten*, which means "lengthen." It refers to the lengthening of the daylight hours that occurs in the northern hemisphere as spring approaches. It is in this time of year that the season of Lent falls.

HOW DOES WORSHIP CHANGE DURING LENT?

Since Lent is a season of penitence, reflection, and prayer. Worship during this time is solemn and restrained. The somber colors of purple and black replace the brighter white and green of the Epiphany season. Expressions of joy like *Alleluia* ("Praise the Lord") are removed from the liturgy until Easter. Many churches hold special mid-week services and other devotional activities that help their members concentrate on repentance, and help them contemplate on the grace received through baptism.

Jesus is Our Great High Priest

March 7 ... Pastor McKinney (St Paul's, Algoma)
Hebrews 5:7-9 Jesus Is Our Perfect High Priest

March 14 ... Pastor Sauer
Hebrews 1:1-3 Jesus Is Our Great High Priest

March 21 ... Pastor Vertz
Hebrews 10:19-25 Jesus Our Great High Priest Makes Us Priests

Lenten Serving Schedule (after Worship)

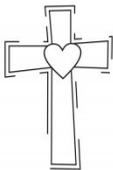
March 7 - Choir - Tortes & Cheesecakes

March 14 - Athletic Club (before worship; see bulletin note)

March 21 – OWLS - Finger Foods

March 14th Lenten Fellowship The Athletic Club will be serving a light lunch **before** the Lenten Services on March 14th. We will be serving from 11:45-12:45 for the afternoon service and 5:15-6:15 for the evening service.

Easter Lilies The Altar Guild has ordered 60 lilies to beautify the church this Easter, April 1st. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of, or in honor of someone, please put \$6.75 for each lily in the envelope and place it in the basket in the narthex. You can also place the envelope in the collection plate if you wish. Please put the person's name (in memory or honor) & your name on the outside of the envelope. Make checks payable to Immanuel Ladies' Aid. The deadline to purchase is Sunday, **March 18th**. Any questions, call Michele Kitzinger at 255-1583, Sue Kieckbusch 388-3406, or Connie Karnitz 388-4163. Thank you!



Bedtime Stories with Jesus All children ages 0-5 and their families are invited to a special bedtime story hour Tuesday, **March 20th at 6:30pm**. Enjoy stories, songs, poems and snacks. Come in your PJs and bring your blanket or stuffed animal. Each family will receive a bible story book and every child will go home with at least one book! There is limited space, so reserve yours by March 11th! Call Laura at 388-6009 for more information or to reserve your family's spot.

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