



**3rd Sunday in
Lent**

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Sunday & Monday, 9:30 am/6:00 pm, March 20th & 21st, 2022

Welcome to
worship! Please
complete a
Connection Card
and place the card
in the offering plate.
Thank you!

COVID Protocol
Update: Council has
lifted COVID proto-
cols as a result of
low county
numbers, but
encourages aware-
ness of ongoing
county numbers
and personal
health.

The warnings are
plentiful and blunt
on the third Sunday
in Lent. Cut it out or
get cut down! The
warnings are ac-
companied by God's
invitation to atten-
tiveness: "Incline
your ear, and come
to me; listen, so
that you may live."
The landowner's
ultimatum is fore-
stalled by the gar-
dener's readiness to
till the ground one
more year. That is
good news for all of
us. Thanks be to
God!

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of + God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, **we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, **your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

*O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.
(Ps. 63:1)*

Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 63:1-8

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸**My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jesus began to proclaim, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.
(Matt. 4:17)*

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or

those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” ⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Solberg

SONG

As the Deer Runs to the River

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the advocacy efforts of this congregation: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policymakers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Extravagant God, **you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ✠ bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF, March 20-March 27, 2022

* **BIRTHDAYS** Happy 82nd Birthday to **Dick Aper** on March 23rd.

* **ARE YOU WANTING A WAY TO SUPPORT FINANCIAL UKRAINE'S REFUGEES?** We can work through Lutheran World Relief (LWR), donating through Immanuel, noting "LWR" or "Ukraine". Or you can give online directly to LWR's "World of Good Fund," providing families facing crisis with emergency food, clean water, safe shelter, medical supplies and more. Your love will reach neighbors in Ukraine and around the world with the lifesaving care they need.



All baptized Christians who believe this true presence are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion today. Please assist your child(ren) if you wish them communed.

Parents, We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is in/with/under the bread and wine.



***WELCOME TO LENT** In cooperation with Yombo Parish and Pastor Michael Locko, we will focus on “fasting” (Matthew 6:16-18) during our Lenten mid-week services. Immanuel’s approach will be “Fasting: Disrupting the Ordinary to Gain the Extraordinary” & next includes: **a)** Fasting from Judgements; **b)** Fasting from Forgetting; and **c)** Fasting from Being Your Own Savior. Missed Fasting from Worry, Hunger & Hatred? They are available online under **WORSHIP AT HOME**.

***LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** On **Wednesdays, March 23, 30, and April 6**, our *Soup Suppers* will take place. Donations of soups, breads, and desserts, are needed. There is a SIGN-UP sheet posted near the Fellowship Hall door for you to sign up for the various Wednesdays for bringing YOUR delicious ‘foods’. Thank you for contributing to the Lenten Soup Suppers. Then, come for our soup supper at 5:30 pm, followed by a ½-hour service at 6:15 pm. Any donated monies given for the suppers will go toward Immanuel’s Youth Fund.

***MEN’S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS** ... on **March 26, and April 2, 9, 16, at 8:30 am**, there will be a Men’s Lenten Prayer Breakfast offered in the Fellowship Hall. The breakfast starts at 8:30 am followed by a discussion of Sunday’s readings and any topic that you may want to share, ending at 9:30 am. For more information, please call Walter Scanlon @ 906-235-2294. All of you men are welcome, and Walter hopes to see you there!

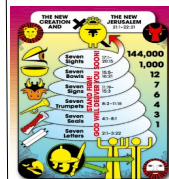
***REVELATION STUDY...** continues on Thursdays at 6:00 pm, both in person (fellowship hall) and online (church website). No RSVP is necessary. Just bring your Bible. Pastor Steve will provide study materials in downloadable and printed form. Explore this strange and wonderful final book of the New Testament that is best understood as a series of seven broad cycles each beginning either with the life of Christ or the beginning of the Christian Church and completed by the coming of Christ for judgment of the world.

***CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY: A HARD-COPY OF OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH!** You can also view it online or via the FREE mobile app. Printed copies are available on the upper level resource table and at the front entrance. To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Use your email address that you included in your directory submission and confirm it following the instructions. If you did not submit an email for directory use, you won’t be able to access the directory online. There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for “**Instant Church Directory**” to get the download. The same login protocol as above applies to the app. Need help or have questions? Please contact the church office: (906) 475-9161.

***GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS:** Thank you for continuing to financially support our on-going congregational mission. **NOTE:** The GivePlus Mobile App will be phased out by April 30th. After that date, GivePlus Mobile app will no longer be supported. In its place, you may download the VANCO Mobile app. VANCO Mobile is a free app and offers a better user experience with easy giving options, including giving to special funds. Here are the steps to follow: 1) **Search for Our Church** - Enter our church’s name or use the invite code and click SEARCH. Then, select our church. 2) **Select Your Fund and Amount** - Select your fund and donation frequency, then select your payment method. 3) **Enter Payment Method** - Select a payment method and enter your credit card, debit card, or bank account information. You can save this payment method for future donations. 4) **Choose to Cover Processing Fees** - You can choose to cover the donation processing fees by adding a small amount on top of your gift. Click the button to opt in. 5) **Complete Your donation** - Review and complete your gift by clicking SUBMIT. If giving online through Immanuel’s website, there is no change.

***SUNDAY SCHOOL:** If you are interested in Sunday School for your child(ren), there is always open enrollment for toddlers through Grade 5. The class meets at 9:15 am and classes start at 9:30 am. Go to the Facebook page for updated information, or you can always call the office at (906-475-9161). Bring your child(ren) to worship with us.

40
days
of Lent





***SUMMER VBS IS BACK! JULY 25 - 28, MONDAY - THURSDAY** To help with your family summer plans, we thought we should put this news out now! Currently, we are in the planning stages for our Vacation Bible School (VBS), so more information will be available in the spring. The Fortune Lake VBS Program and staff will be leading the program! Diana Hetrick is the coordinator, should you have questions or need more information ((906) 235-7110). Oh, and, yes, we will have multi-generational volunteer opportunities for all! The Preschool will be the morning program and the School Age will be a full day.



***"SHEEPSKIN SCHOLARSHIP" for NEGAUNEE HS GRADUATE ATTENDING NMU** *The Howard B. Lehto "Sheepskin Scholarship" is a \$4,000.00 scholarship to be granted to a Negaunee High School Graduate who is attending Northern Michigan University in the fields of business, education, or skilled trades. The ideal candidate should be a person who is returning to school after taking time off to work, or who started his or her college studies later than usual for personal, family, or financial reasons. The scholarship will be awarded in two parts: \$2,000 for the Fall 2022 semester and \$2,000 for the Spring 2023 semester. The deadline for applying is May 1st. The application is available through the NMU Financial Aid Office. Pick up your application now!*



***INSTALLATION OF PASTOR ALEX LACHAPELLE @ PRINCE OF PEACE** This afternoon at 3:00 pm, Prince of Peace Church, 555 Riverside Road in Marquette, invites you to come out and welcome Pastor Alex LaChapelle to their church and to the Northern Great Lakes Synod and to the UP. The service begins at 3 pm. The color of the day is Red. Bishop Finnegan will lead the service and Pastor Jim Duehring, former pastor at Prince of Peace, will be preaching. They are very excited for this day and for their future ministry with Pastor Alex. A dessert reception will follow the service. Consider attending this installation.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pray For: Nancy Burton, Pat DeWitt, Dan Hendrickson, Pete Hicks, Billy Jo Kaufman, Peggy Jackson, Betty Kinnunen, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Wendy Niemi, Arianna Paananen, Don & Vera Palomaki, Joyce Peterson, Jessica Roberts, Richard Toyra, and all COVID patients.

Our Shut-ins: Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Mary Parkkonen, Janet Penhale, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Smith, Lynne Tossava.

Members in the Armed Service: Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Jacque Kurian, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Steve Solberg*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Connie Scanlon*

Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS – *Reuven Romback & Need Volunteer*

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – *Mike Frustaglio & Need Volunteer*

9:30 am LECTOR – *Alice Zinsser*

6 pm LECTOR – *Linda Ogea*

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Linda Dillman*

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Cheryl Dix*

9:30 am Tech Team – *Tyler Moore*

6 pm Tech Team – *Need Volunteer(s)*



MARCH'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN MARCH, our Immanuel's Fortune Lake Camp Scholarship Fund will be the Mission Emphasis (ME), enabling people from Immanuel, young and old, to participate in the out-door camping ministries of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp (FLC) near Crystal Falls, MI.

Outdoor camping ministry reaches people like none other. We'd like to encourage those connections by providing scholarship funds to our local youth, making it more affordable for them to attend a week of summer camp and other retreats throughout the year. In this special place, campers disconnect from the world in order to reconnect with God, each other, and themselves. Campers experience the beauty of God's creation, amazing camp staff, other campers, Good News themes, and all the fun that a week can hold.



If you wish to give to Immanuel's Fortune Lake Camp Scholarship Fund, use the *March Monthly Mission envelope* from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Thank you for giving \$ 1,315.00 in February to
Messiah Lutheran Church Asylum Refugee Support.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **March 20, 2022 - March 27, 2022**

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

- Sunday** ***3rd Sunday in Lent ~~ Spring Begins Today***
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 3:00 pm - Installation of Alex LaChapelle @ Prince of Peace
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- ?? pm - Youth Group returns from Quake
- Monday** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
 - 7:00 pm - **NO** Confirmation Class
- Tuesday** - 5:00 pm - Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 - 6:00 pm - Faith Formation Committee Meeting
 - 6:30-8:30 pm - PEO (Linda Sjolund)
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)
 - 5:30 pm - Soup Supper
 - 6:15 pm - Lenten Midweek Service
 - 6:45 pm - Choir Practice
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting
 - 6:00 pm - *Revelation* Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)
- Friday** **OFFICE CLOSED**
 - 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- Saturday** - 8:30 am - Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast
- Sunday** ***4th Sunday in Lent ~~ 1st Day of Spring***
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)