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Sunday & Monday, 9:30 am/6:00 pm, March 13th & 14th, 2022

**2nd Sunday in
Lent**

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

Though we some-
times doubt and
often resist God's
desire to protect
and save us, our
God persists. In holy
baptism, God's peo-
ple have been called
and gathered into a
God-initiated rela-
tionship that will
endure. Lent pro-
vides the church
with a time and a
tradition in which to
seek God's face
again. Lent provides
another occasion to
behold the God of
our salvation in the
face of the Blessed
One who "comes in
the name of the
Lord."

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 *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church* #321

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

God of the covenant, **in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them."

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

*In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter.
(Ps. 27:5).*

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess."⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

PSALM 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

**⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

**⁸My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**¹⁰Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

**¹²Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

**¹⁴Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting

a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Matt. 4:4)

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to...

Glorify to you, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Solberg

SONG

Thy Holy Wings

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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.

You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

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.

You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for baptism or confirmation. Empower Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, and parents who share their faith with younger generations. Give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

*All baptized
Christians who
believe this
true presence
are welcome
and encour-
aged to receive
Holy
Communion
today.
Please assist
your child(ren)
if you wish
them com-
muned.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF, March 13-March 20, 2022

* 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.



* 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*" and include:

a) Fasting from Anger & Hatred; **b)** Fasting from Judgements; **c)** Fasting from Forgetting; and **d)** Fasting from Being Your Own Savior.

* LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS On **Wednesdays, March 16, 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.

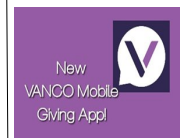
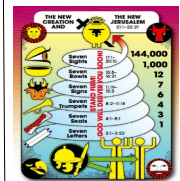
* MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS ... on **March 12, 19, 26, and April 2, 9, 16, at 8:30 am**, there will be a Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast offered in the Fellowship Hall. The breakfast starts at 8:30 am followed by a discussion of Sunday's readings and any topic that you may want to share, ending at 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**

40
days
of Lent



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.



***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!*



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 – *Dan & Fae Collins*

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – *Deb Hicks & Diana Hetrick*

9:30 am LECTOR – *Luanne Skrenes*

6 pm LECTOR – *Dan LaJoie*

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Shirley Koski*

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Linda Ogea*

9:30 am Tech Team – *Tyler Moore*

6 pm Tech Team – *Tyler Moore*



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 (FLLC) 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 13, 2022 - March 21, 2022

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...
www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

- Sunday** **2nd Sunday in Lent** ~ ~ **Daylight Saving Time Begins Today**
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
 - 7:00 pm - Confirmation Class
- Tuesday** - 9:30 am - Miriam Circle
 - 6:00 pm - Executive Committee Meets
 - 6:30 pm - Church Council Meets
- Wednesday** - 9:00 am - Staff Meeting (Council Review)
 - 10:00 am - Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)
 - 1:30 pm - Abigail Circle
 - 5:30 pm - Soup Supper
 - 6:15 pm - Lenten Midweek Service
 - 6:45 pm - Choir Practice
- Thursday** **St. Patrick's Day**
 - 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** **3rd Sunday in Lent** ~ ~ **1st Day of Spring**
 - 9:00 am - Installation of Alex LaChapelle @ Prince of Peace
 - 9:30 am - Sunday School
 - 9:30 am - Worship Service
 - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)