



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday & Monday, 9:30 am/6:00 pm, March 27th & 28st, 2022

COVID Protocol Update: Council has lifted COVID protocols as a result of low county numbers, but encourages awareness of ongoing county numbers and personal health.

4th Sunday in Lent

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

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* **Choir Anthem**

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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **#807**

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 compassion, **you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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: Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

*Be glad, you
righteous, and
rejoice in
the LORD. (Ps. 3
2:11).*

*One way to
describe the
gospel is the
promise that in
Christ every-
thing is trans-
formed into
newness. All
mistakes, all
deliberate sins,
all old history is
reconciled with
Christ's resur-
rection. This is
Paul's strong
message to the
congregation
in the city of
Corinth.*

PSALM 32

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even
though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in
that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed
away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to
himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in
Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against
them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors
for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of
Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable:

^{1b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG

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.

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has sinned. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.

Pastor Steve Solberg

#779

Amazing Grace

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

Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You make the land to produce a harvest that sustains your entire creation. Equip farmers and farm workers who till the soil. Nourish the earth with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Heal grounds tainted by pollution or misuse. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Countries are divided and leaders often harbor grudges. Reconcile nations that experience conflict especially Ukraine. Act quickly to bring an end to war. Anoint peace-makers trained in the art of diplomacy and foster a spirit of collaboration among political rivals. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your people cry for help in times of distress. Resolve disagreements among family members. Save those experiencing financial hardship. Hear our prayers for those who are sick or grieving. Console us with the promise that everything can become new. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your love comes to us when a table is set and a feast is prepared. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation. Bring an end to hunger in our community and around the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

The one who was dead is alive again. We give thanks for those who have died, confident that steadfast love surrounds them. Shelter them in your love until we are gathered at your heavenly banquet. 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

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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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 encouraged 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 Je-sus Christ is in/with/ under the bread and wine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 27-April 3, 2022



***BIRTHDAYS** Happy 91st Birthday to **Robert 'Butch' Pynnonen** on April 1st (No fooling!).

***SYMPATHY & GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:**

- Cathy (Scott) Ross-Gustafson on the loss of her mother, **Gloria Diane Ross**, on Wednesday, March 16th. Also, condolences to her grandchildren: Michael (Brienne) Gustafson and Holly Gustafson, and all of the Ross Family.
- Anna (Mel) Laurila, on the loss of her mother, **Norma Rose Schoonover**, on Saturday, March 12th, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. (Anna is the daughter-in-law of the late Edna Laurila.) Also, condolences to all of the Schoonover Family.



***CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO:** **Grace Madison (Ulvila) Champion and Zack Champion**, who were married on Thursday, March 10th, 2022, in Marquette. Congratulations are extended also to Erik & Sherry Ulvila, parents of Grace.

***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.



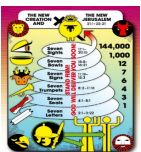
***WELCOME TO LENT** In cooperation with Yombo Parish and Pastor Michael Locko, we will focus on "fasting" (*Matthew 6:16-18*) during our Lenten mid-week services. Immanuel's approach will be "Fasting: *Disrupting the Ordinary to Gain the Extraordinary*" and the last two weeks of Lent include: **a)**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



***LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** On **Wednesdays, March 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 **April 2, 9, and 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.



***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.

***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.



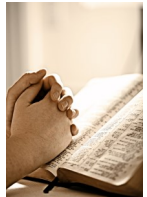
***SUMMER VBS IS BACK! JULY 25 - 28, MONDAY - THURSDAY** To help with your family summer plans, we thought we should put this news out now! Currently, we are in the planning stages for our Vacation Bible School (VBS), so more information will be available in the spring. The Fortune Lake VBS Program and 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 – *Reuven Romback & Need Volunteer*
- 6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – *Mike Frustaglio & Need Volunteer*
- 9:30 am LECTOR – *Charlie Schlicht*
- 6 pm LECTOR – *Jill Sladek*
- 9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Sara Garceau*
- 6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Jill Sladek*
- 9:30 am Tech Team – *Tyler Moore*
- 6 pm Tech Team – *Kerri Puckett*



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 27, 2022 - April 3, 2022

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

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org



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| Sunday | <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women) |
| Monday | - 1:30 pm - Social Ministry Committee Meeting
- 6:00 pm - Worship Service
- 7:00 pm - Confirmation Class |
| Tuesday | - 6:00 pm - Faith Formation Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday | - 10:00 am - Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)
- 5:00 pm - Endowment Committee Meeting
- 5:30 pm - Soup Supper
- 6:15 pm - Lenten Midweek Service
- 6:45 pm - Choir Practice |
| Thursday | - 10:00 am - Quilting
- 6:00 pm - <i>Revelation</i> 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 | <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women) |