



Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lakefield, Minnesota - LCMS
March 22, 2026

Jesus Is the Resurrection and the Life

As We Gather

Lent is a time when God prepares His people to celebrate the Paschal Feast, the resurrection of Jesus, with sincerity and truth. In the Reading from Ezekiel 37, we see the power of the Word that transforms dry bones into living flesh with the breath of the Spirit. This same Spirit lives in us and will raise us at the Last Day, which is exactly what we hear from Paul in the Reading from Romans 8. The Spirit who raised Christ will also give life to us. Having received the Spirit in Baptism, we join with Martha in confessing boldly that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who comes to us today in His Word and Sacrament and will come again to call us out of our graves.

Preparation

Hymn: 543 What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:1-4

P Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!

C O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

P If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we cry to You from the depths of our sin. We were born into those depths and need Your Word to call us out of them. We have sinned against You with our thoughts, our words, our actions, and our inactions. We have lived according to the flesh rather than the Spirit. From the depths, we wait for You. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, deliver our soul from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from stumbling. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. You are precious in His sight because Christ is in you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Word

Introit

Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15

- P** Precious in the sight of the LORD
- C** **is the death of His saints.**
- P** I love the LORD, because He has heard
- C** **my voice and my pleas for mercy.**
- P** Because He inclined His ear to me,
- C** **therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**
- P** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
- C** **I suffered distress and anguish.**
- P** Then I called on the name of the LORD:
- C** **“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**
- P** For You have delivered my soul from death,
- C** **my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

- P** Precious in the sight of the LORD
C is the death of His saints.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Job 41:1–11, 31–33

“Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook
or press down his tongue with a cord?
Can you put a rope in his nose
or pierce his jaw with a hook?
Will he make many pleas to you?
Will he speak to you soft words?
Will he make a covenant with you
to take him for your servant forever?
Will you play with him as with a bird,
or will you put him on a leash for your girls?
Will traders bargain over him?
Will they divide him up among the merchants?
Can you fill his skin with harpoons
or his head with fishing spears?
Lay your hands on him;
remember the battle—you will not do it again!
Behold, the hope of a man is false;
he is laid low even at the sight of him.
No one is so fierce that he dares to stir him up.
Who then is he who can stand before me?
Who has first given to me, that I should repay him?
Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.
He makes the deep boil like a pot;
he makes the sea like a pot of ointment.

Behind him he leaves a shining wake;
one would think the deep to be white-haired.
On earth there is not his like,
a creature without fear.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:1–11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir

Lamb of God

Verse

John 11:25

C I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.

Holy Gospel

John 11:17–27, 38–53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” . . .

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” He did not say this of his own accord, but

being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: 657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

sts. 1-4



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Sermon

Catechism

The Third Article

C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

P Because the Lord has inclined His ear to us, let us call upon the One who delivers us in our time of need. Lord of life, You look upon the ways in which sin has withered our existence, and You speak Your words of life over us. Bless all pastors, that they may speak that same word with the faithfulness of Ezekiel, for the benefit of Your church and her mission,

C for Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

P Loving Father, You claimed us as children in Holy Baptism, setting us free from the law of sin and death by sending Your own Son in the likeness of human flesh. Help us to forsake the ways of sinful flesh and to walk according to the Spirit who lives in us,

C for Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

P Fearless Lord, even in the threat of death You pursue those You love. Give us courage to follow You into those places where death taunts and persecution lingers. Help us to fix our eyes on the One who is the founder and perfecter of our faith,

C for Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

P Almighty God, precious in Your sight is the death of Your saints. Strengthen our leaders, our government, and all You have put in place to protect us, that they look upon every life entrusted to their protection with the same care,

C **for Jesus is the resurrection and the life.**

P Merciful Lord, You deliver those who cry to You from the depths of distress and anguish. Visit the sick, the dying, and the grieving, [*especially . . .*]. Bring them Your peace, especially as they might question Your ways and Your timing. Comfort them with the hope of life everlasting, when Your Word will restore their bodies again,

C **for Jesus is the resurrection and the life.**

P Receiving the fullness of Your Spirit and offering these prayers to You, O gracious Lord, we trust that You hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will,

C **for Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Amen.**

Offering

Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Lord’s Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Distribution Hymns

Hymn: 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymn: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

Hymn: 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

Hymn: 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn: 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

introduction by the Immanuel Ringers



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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Preacher *Rev. Eric Obermann*
Elder *Joel Poppe*
Organist *Brenda Matasovsky*
Acolyte *Mathias Liepold & Izzy Larsen*
Usher *Randy Henry*

We Remember in our Prayers

Janet Fischer, friend of Jeanine Ackermann, dealing with health issues
Lila Voehl and family on the death of her brother, Richard Rice
Jackie Ward dealing with health issues

*Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden Horizons in
Worthington, Accura HealthCare in Milford, Paynesville Health
Care Center, Good Sam in Estherville, Lakeview in Fairmont*
Tim Rossow, Merlyn Rossow, Keith Kolander, dealing with health issues
*Sandy Brown, sister of Vickie Baumann; Jeff Meyer, friend of Bruce and
Jan Bakalyar; Mitch Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Joyce Urmie,
sister-in-law of Vickie Baumann; Marla Holcomb, sister of Wade
and Alan Salzwedel; Mary Beth Baumann, sister-in-law of
Myleen Swanson & LaNell Rossow; Mackenzie Erickson, friend
of Amber Liepold; Diane Hansen, wife of Pastor David
McDonald (Trinity Brewster), Miles Ramsey, toddler cousin of
Amy Altman; Pastor Dennis Brech; Pastor Ben Rucker; Denny
Daberkow; dealing with cancer*
*Chad Kolander, brother of Keith and Corey Kolander; Curt Gates,
brother-in-law of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health
issues*

Our Law Enforcement

Our Missionaries in the Field

Our Country and Our Military

SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY, & ADULT BIBLE CLASS

are held after church from 10:15-11:15. All are welcome to join us!

- Sunday School (3-year-old through 5th grade) in the school classrooms.
- Youth Group Bible Study (6th-12th grade) in the mother's room (in the church basement).
- Adult Bible Class in the church basement.

COMMUNION: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church –Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with Pastor.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with Lila Voehl and family on the death of her brother, Richard Rice. Richard passed away on March 17th. We pray that God would comfort the family at this difficult time.

PHOTOGRAPHY FOR OUR NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY starts in less than a month! Our photo shoot will be taking place in the Activity Center. If you haven't scheduled already, we still have some slots available. In addition to Friday, April 17th, Saturday, April 18th, Tuesday, April 21st, and Wednesday, April 22nd, we now have added Monday, April 20th to the photo schedule. The Congregational Services committee is making calls to help schedule your photo appointment. You are an important part of our church family and our directory wouldn't be complete without you! For participating you will receive a complimentary 8X10 as well as an updated church pictorial directory. The process will only take 30-45 minutes and you will have the opportunity to purchase family portraits. You can contact Dory Poppe @ 507-830-0577 or Beth Carlson @ 507-370-3107 to schedule an appointment or go online:

- Go to www.ucdir.com
- Click on the red box "Photography Session Sign Up"
- Put in Church Code: mn640
- Put in Church Password: 640mem
- Pick your day & time!

We look forward to seeing you there!

We will be in back after church today to help you sign up for the pictorial directory.

Church Cleanup

On **Saturday, March 28th** a Spring Clean-Up of the church will be held. The plan is to start at 9:30 and clean until it is done.

— — —
We will be cleaning
the Chancel area, pews, floors,
walls, working sacristy, and Narthex

— — —
We need your help — all you need to bring is a bucket and some cloths for cleaning. Cleaning supplies will be provided.



HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL is at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alpha today, Sunday, March 22nd from 10:30-12:30. On the menu: Chicken Dumpling Soup, Vegetable Beef Soup, Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Chili, Ham Sandwiches, Cookies, Bars, and of course Homemade Ice Cream. A freewill offering will be accepted. The church is located at 225 Main Street South, Alpha.

RESCHEDULED: BAKED POTATO BAR is at Martin Luther High School in Northrop today, Sunday, March 22nd, from 10:30-1:00. Baked Potato with toppings will be served along with a salad bar, cookies, and refreshments. Cost is a freewill donation. Meal is sponsored by the MLHS Class of 2028. The school is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

JOIN US FOR LENTEN SUPPERS on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30. Suppers will be served prior to our Lent services which are at 7:00 p.m. Our boards at Immanuel plus our LWML will each be hosting a Lenten supper this year. A freewill donation will be taken with proceeds going to the Lunch Assistance Program here at Immanuel Lutheran School. Our last Lenten supper is:

- March 25: Chili served by the Board of Ed

LENTEN DEVOTIONS from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available. This year's devotions are titled "Behold Your King!". Both regular and large print copies can be found on the welcome center in the narthex. Please help yourself to a copy.

**ILS "MARCH MADNESS"
3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
RESCHEDULED TO
SUNDAY, MARCH 22 @ 3:00**



**COME CHEER ON OUR ILS COUGAR
ALUMNI AND CURRENT ILS FAMILIES
IN THIS FUN TOURNAMENT!**

CONCESSION STAND WILL BE OPEN

"SET APART TO SERVE" SYNOD SURVEY: Where do we get pastors who preach and care for us with God's Word? Where do we get teachers who teach our children about Jesus in our Lutheran schools? Where do we get our directors of Christian education, deaconesses and directors of parish music? Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is partnering with our seminaries, Concordia universities, districts, congregations and many others to build a Synodwide culture of church work formation and recruitment. You can contribute toward this effort by taking this brief online survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey. The synod is asking us to let them know how they can make SAS more beneficial to our congregation. They want to hear what we have to say. Deadline is March 31st.

EBONY & IVORY OH! WHAT A KNIGHT! DINNER AUCTION is at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop on Saturday, March 28th. Enjoy hundreds of silent and live auction items (collectibles, crafts, services, interesting items), plus fun games where guests can win big prizes throughout the evening. Valet parking for the event. There will also be a Wine Wall. Catered Dinner of Sunrise Cashew Salad, Bacon Wrapped Chicken Breast, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, and Desserts made by Sweet Indeed of Madelia will be served. Proceeds will benefit MLHS. Gratis auctioneers are Auctioneer Alley/Land Services Unlimited. Check out auction preview pictures at martinlutherhs.com. Tickets are \$40. Purchase tickets ASAP to guarantee a seat. Best Dressed Contest – wear black and white! Ties will be available for rent at the door! The school is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

CONFIRMATION will be held on Sunday, April 19th during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Pastor Obermann will be confirming these 5 confirmands:

- Maddox Boogerd: son of Jeremy and Tara Boogerd
- Nora Freking: daughter of Mark and Sheila Freking
- Mathias Liepold: son of Wes and Amber Liepold
- Jada Milbrath: daughter of Cory and Suzanne Milbrath
- Simeon Peterson: son of Stuart and LaDonna Peterson

LAKEFIELD LIONS PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST is on Sunday, March 29th, from 9:00-12:30 at the Lakefield American Legion. Freewill donation accepted to support Lakefield Lions sponsored events. The Legion is located at 413 Main Street in Lakefield.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL IS OPEN. We appreciate your interest in Immanuel Lutheran School, an educational environment that promotes excellence and growth in the Lutheran Christian Faith where each child can strive to reach his or her potential. We believe that the parent is the child's first teacher. It is only through parents and teachers working together and showing mutual respect that we hope to achieve what is best for each child at Immanuel Lutheran School.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- **RESCHEDULED:** ILS March Madness 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament is now today, Sunday 3/22 at 3:00. Come cheer on our past and present ILS Cougars!
- Dental Varnishing is Monday 3/23.
- Board of Education meets on Wednesday 3/25 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting is open to anyone who wants to attend.
- Chapel Offerings for the 3rd Quarter went to Hearts for Jesus which is a service project of the Minnesota South District. We gave to Jehovah Lutheran Church (an LCMS church in St. Paul) to support their mission of helping the homeless. In addition to the winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and sweatshirts we collected; we also gave a donation of \$239.30.
- Chapel Offerings for the 4th Quarter will go to the Tuition Assistance Program here at ILS.
- ILS Chess Tournament was held on 3/14. We had 41 players, 20 of which were ILS students.

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER for April through June are available on the welcome center in the narthex in both regular and large print. Please help yourself to a copy.

WE WELCOME all of our guests and visitors today. We invite you to visit us again. If you have no church home and would like to make Immanuel your church home, please speak to Pastor Obermann or one of the Elders at the end of the service.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE you may call the church office at 507-662-5718, Pastor Obermann at 563-321-0032, or speak to one of the elders.

SCRIP ORDERS are taken weekly. Please turn in your orders to Amy in the church office by 8:00 a.m. on Monday and it will be ready for you to pick it up the following Monday. Order forms can be found on the welcome center in the narthex (they're blue). Any questions ask Amy in the office by calling 507-662-5718 or send an email to immanuel@immanuellakefield.com.

FORT BELMONT SPRING FUNDRAISER is on Saturday, April 11th, from 11:00-1:00 at the American Legion in Jackson. Menu includes: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips, Bars, and a Beverage. Freewill donation accepted with all proceeds supporting Fort Belmont Capital Projects. The American Legion is located at 411 1st Street in Jackson.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER need to be turned in to Amy in the office by March 25th.



Easter Breakfast

April 5 ~ 7:30-9:00 a.m.

*Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Ham,
Applesauce, and Fruit will be served.*

*Freewill Offering with proceeds
going to our Youth Group*

Come and enjoy a hot breakfast!

LWML Spring Get-Together

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
SIOUX VALLEY

38523 730TH STREET, LAKEFIELD

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

9:30 a.m. with a 9:00 registration

Cost is \$5



⇒ Speaker Pastor Peter Preus, Gospel Relief for the Despairing

⇒ Gifts from the Heart collected for SW Crisis Center

- Diapers: size 2, 3, 4
- Hygiene Items: All items full size
 - Shampoo
 - Conditioner
 - Body Wash
 - Bar Soap
 - Deodorant
 - Tampons
 - Toilet Paper
 - Kleenex
 - Laundry Soap: liquid or pods

A collection box, with further info, will be located in the narthex.

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

~ Jeremiah 29:11



QUILTERS will be getting together on Tuesday, March 24th, at 1:30 p.m. to tie quilts. They have approximately 20 quilts that are ready to be tied. Help is welcomed and appreciated. Please bring a pliers if you have one. The quilts will be sent to Orphan Grain Train. Questions, please call Connie at 507-841-3350 or Loretta 507-360-1164. Thank you!

BRIDAL SHOWER will be held for Kim Meyers, bride to be of Matthew Poppe, on Sunday, April 12th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Immanuel Church basement. The couple is registered at Target and Amazon. All are welcome to shower the bride to be with well wishes!

**EASTER AND CONFIRMATION CARDS
ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BOOKSTORE**

<i>POINTS OF INFORMATION March 8, 2026</i>	
<i>Current Fund received this past week.....</i>	\$8,278
<i>Needed each week.....</i>	\$10,112
<i>Non-Budget Giving</i>	
<i>Teacher Salary Fund.....</i>	\$20
<i>Memorial given in memory of</i>	
<i>Ardie Westergard to Immanuel School.....</i>	\$100
<i>Current Fund received in February.....</i>	\$45,385
<i>Needed in February.....</i>	\$41,914
<i>Worshipping on Sunday 3/8: 131</i>	
<i>Worshipping on Midweek Lent 3/11: 167</i>	
<i>If you have any questions, please call Josh Swanson</i>	

<i>POINTS OF INFORMATION March 15, 2026</i>	
<i>Current Fund received this past week.....</i>	\$3,091
<i>Needed each week.....</i>	\$10,112
<i>Non-Budget Giving</i>	
<i>Teacher Salary Fund.....</i>	\$500
<i>Easter Flowers.....</i>	\$420
<i>Immanuel School.....</i>	\$31
<i>Current Fund received in February.....</i>	\$45,385
<i>Needed in February.....</i>	\$41,914
<i>Worshipping on Sunday 3/15: NO WORSHIP SERVICE</i>	
<i>Worshipping on Midweek Lent 3/18: 181</i>	
<i>If you have any questions, please call Josh Swanson</i>	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...

<i>Sunday, March 22</i>	<i>Lent V</i>
9:00 AM	<i>Worship with Communion</i>
10:15 AM	<i>Sunday School</i>
10:15 AM	<i>Youth Group Bible Study</i>
10:15 AM	<i>Bible Class</i>
<i>Monday, March 23</i>	
6:10 PM	<i>Immanuel Ringers</i>
7:10 PM	<i>Choir</i>
<i>Tuesday, March 24</i>	
5:30 PM	<i>Board of Congregational Services Meeting</i>
5:30 PM	<i>Board of Elders Meeting</i>
6:00 PM	<i>Board of Finance Meeting</i>
7:00 PM	<i>Joint Boards and Church Council</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 25</i>	
8:30 AM	<i>Lent Chapel</i>
2:10 PM	<i>Confirmation</i>
5:30 PM	<i>Board of Ed Meeting</i>
5:30-6:30	<i>Lent Supper – Chili</i>
7:00 PM	<i>Lent Worship</i>
<i>Saturday, March 28</i>	
9:30 AM	<i>Spring Church Cleaning</i>
<i>Sunday, March 29</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
9:00 AM	<i>Worship with Communion</i>
10:15 AM	<i>Sunday School</i>
10:15 AM	<i>Youth Group Bible Study</i>
10:15 AM	<i>Bible Class</i>
<i>Monday, March 30</i>	
6:10 PM	<i>Immanuel Ringers</i>
7:10 PM	<i>Choir</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 1</i>	
8:20 AM	<i>Chapel</i>
2:10 PM	<i>Confirmation</i>

Wondering where you can watch this service?

1. Facebook: “Immanuel Lutheran Church” at the time of the service or any time after up to a month.
2. YouTube: “Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Lakefield” at the time of the service or any time after.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Worship Services

Lenten Worship Services

Wednesday, March 25
8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Thursday, April 2
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Worship Service

Friday, April 3
7:00 p.m.

Easter Worship Services

Sunday, April 5
6:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.



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