

The Second Sunday in Lent

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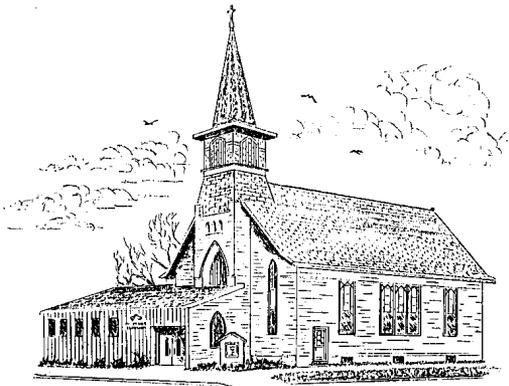
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 154 *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

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Old Testament Lesson Genesis 32:22-30 “And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob’s hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

Epistle Lesson Romans 5:1-5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Hymn 526 *In God, My Faithful God*

Sermon Matthew 15:21-28 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.” But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw *it* to the little dogs.” And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great *is* your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Faith in the Face of God's Silence...

The Offertory

The Offering

Choir *O Lamb of God*

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But you have sent Him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died,
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, But you have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Hymn 517 *The Will of God is Always Best*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 15 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

LENT Our third midweek service will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock. In our series, "The Power Words of Lent," we've considered the words of Jesus to His captors, "*I am He.*" We heard Peter's denial in the courtyard. When asked if he was a disciple, Peter answered, "*I am not.*" This week we'll consider the essential words of Pontius Pilate, "*I find no fault in Him at all...*" A finger-food potluck follows the service.

CALENDARS The price of the Inspirational Calendars has dropped from \$5.00 to whatever you'd like to donate. Please help yourself to those on the table.

BOOK STUDY GROUP The new study begins on March 21, at 6:30. You are welcome to join the sessions online or in person.

CLC NEWS Luke Willitz is considering the call to Eden Prairie. Pastor Aaron Ude, Rapid City, has the call to Winter Haven. Mrs. Debra Mayhew has the call to teach K-4 at Sleepy Eye. Teacher Claire Abbas, Spokane, has accepted the call to Inver Grove Heights. Pastor Tom Naumann, Detroit, has the call to Winter Haven, FL.

TOUR CHOIR What does the ILC Tour Choir mean to its singers? Several members of the 2022 choir made a video, giving their personal impressions of what it means to proclaim the Gospel of Christ Crucified in song You may see this inspirational clip at tinyurl.com/tchoir-22

ARTS CAMP Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Mankato, MN is excited to once again be able to host Arts Camp in 2022! Camp is for students grades 5-8 and will run Friday, March 25 through Sunday, March 27. Arts Camp is an amazing opportunity for creative fun and learning with other young Christians. There will be a variety of sessions based in music, drama, crafts and more for students in grades 5-8. More information can be found on Immanuel's website www.ImmanuelMankato.org/school/arts-camp

Black Hills Family Bible Camp Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God's Word. There will also be many outdoor activities available such as hiking, climbing/repelling, swimming, kayaking, bonfires, s'mores etc... The camp runs from the evening of Friday July 15th through the morning of Tuesday July 19th. To sign up or for more information, you can call Pastor Aaron Ude at (605) 393-1311 or email him at aaronude@gmail.com.

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