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## The Second Sunday in Lent

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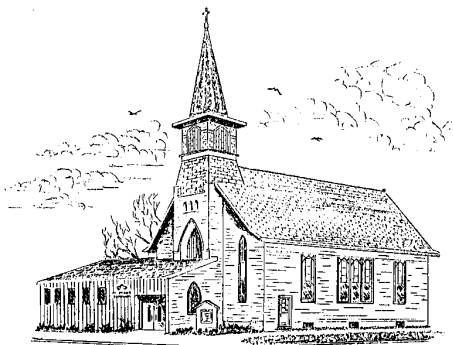
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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified for the sins of the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

Thanks for coming today. If you are looking for a church home, please speak with the pastor and he will be glad to call on you.

**Prelude** Mrs. Lana Strike

**Hymn** 155 *Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing*

**Order of Service** Page 12ff. in The Worship Supplement

**Epistle Lesson** Romans 5:1-11 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.

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 4:1-11 "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'"

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him."

**Hymn** 413:1-4 *I Walk in Danger All the Way*

**The Sermon** Genesis 3:8-9 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”

## “Where Am I?”

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Choir** 153 *Smitten, Stricken, and Afflicted*

**Hymn** 751 *God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

**Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Benediction**

**Hymn** 413:5-6 *I Walk in Danger All the Way*

**LENT** Our third midweek service will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 o’clock. In our series, “*The Crucial Hours of Lent,*” we’ve considered how Jesus was determined to celebrate the Passover, even when doing so would cost Him His life. Last week we heard His warning that Satan planned to sift His disciple Peter like wheat. This week we’ll consider how Jesus was bound, even though He chose to be arrested. A finger-food potluck follows the service.

**HOSPITALIZED** Lois Ferguson is recovering at home from a number of small strokes that she dealt with about 10 days ago. She is in good spirits and feeling well. May the Lord continue to bless her toward full recovery.

**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 next session is on Monday evening at 6:30. You may join in person or online.

**TOURNAMENT** St. John's Blazers will play in the annual Grade School Basketball Tournament that runs from March 10-12 at ILC. The games will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@ilcvideos/streams>. Schedules are available online at <https://www.clclutheran.net/events-2/youth-young-adult-events/tourney/>. May the Lord grant safe travel for them and their families and an enjoyable weekend with their fellow Christians from around the country.

**TIME CHANGE** Please remember to set your clocks ahead by one hour next Sunday, March 12.

**Arts Camp 2023** Registration is Closing Soon! This week is the final week to register for Arts Camp at Immanuel Mankato. Register your 5th-8th grade camper today! Registration closes March 13th. For more information please visit [immanuelmankato.org](http://immanuelmankato.org) or contact Amber Casto 507-327-3059 [artscamp@immanuelmankato.org](mailto:artscamp@immanuelmankato.org) with any questions.

**CLC NEWS** Pastor Tom Naumann, Detroit, has returned the call to serve at Lynnwood (Seattle) and Tacoma, WA. Pastor Neal Radichel, Mankato, has returned the call to Messiah, Eau Claire. Grace Lutheran School in Valentine, NE will be adding a third fulltime teacher to their staff. They have submitted a request for a graduate. Paul Agenten, who is currently in his 2nd year of Seminary, has accepted the call to serve an extended vicarage at Immanuel, Mankato.

**TOUR CHOIR** This year's tour includes concerts in Dallas, Corpus Christi, Lincoln NE, Sioux Falls (March 16), Eagle Lake and Sleepy Eye (March 17), Austin and Inver Grove Heights (March 18), Eden Prairie and Red Wing (March 19). May the Lord bless them with safe travel, good weather and health. May He bless the Gospel they proclaim.

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**USHERS** 03/05 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.  
03/12 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.  
03/19 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 4) The Albrechts  
The Eigenbergs, R. Gustaf