



**February 21 & 22, 2021**

**Church:** 812-522-3118

*Dial-A-Meditation:* 812-522-1345

[info@immanuelseymour.com](mailto:info@immanuelseymour.com)

[www.immanuelseymour.com](http://www.immanuelseymour.com)

[www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLC](https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLC)

**Pastors:** Rev. Dr. Ralph Blomenberg

Rev. Philip E. Bloch

Rev. James A. Rodriguez, Jr.

**Vicar:** Sem. William Fredstrom

**Ministry Leaders:**

**Music:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

**Youth:** Mr. Matt Nieman

**Children:** Mrs. Patti Miller

**School:** 812-522-1301

[www.immanuelschool.org](http://www.immanuelschool.org)

**Principal:** Dr. Todd Behmlander

**Faculty:**

Mrs. Julia Bell

Mrs. Martha Bloch

Mrs. Melissa Brown

Mrs. Heather Dyer

Mrs. Charlotte Elkins

Mrs. Sandy Franke

Mrs. Becky Goecker

Mrs. Tamara Keilman

Mrs. Megan Keller

Mrs. Jennifer Pyle

Mr. Mark Rudzinski

Miss. Cassidy Sawyer

Mrs. Sue Sims

Mr. B.J. Sinclair

Mr. Charles Smith

Mrs. Jordan Spieker

Mrs. Tracy Stam

Mrs. Julie Tracey

Mrs. Kelley Whitson



## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21 & 22, 2021

**Welcome to Worship!** The First Sunday in Lent brings us with our Savior to the wilderness and His 40-day temptation by the devil. In this “no man’s land,” Jesus faces the evil foe and emerges victorious. Jesus helps us in our times of temptation and brings us His healing forgiveness for the times we give in to sin and temptation. Through His death and resurrection, which has defeated our ancient enemy, His victory is now ours!

**A Nursery** is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium. The Nursery is not staffed at this time.

**All Sunday School classes, Adult Bible Classes and Adult Information Class are suspended at this time.**

**Cell Phones:** *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

**Holy Communion will be** offered at the 11:15 service. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. An usher will dismiss your row to move forward to the person serving the bread, and then to the person serving the individual cup. You may then dispose of the cup and return by the center aisle.

**Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

**+ DIVINE SERVICE III, Page 184 +**

**THE PRELUDE:** “Verset for Kyrie” -A.P.F. Boely

**THE OPENING HYMN:** “O Christ, You Walked the Road”

**Hymn 424**

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation’s pow’r And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung’ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation’s hour To fight our ancient foe.

**THE INVOCATION:**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

**THE EXHORTATION:**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord, C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

### THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

### THE ABSOLUTION

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

### THE LENTEN CROSS HYMN: "Christ, the Life of all the Living"

Hymn 420, v. 1

1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:  
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

### THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) "Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength." Isaiah 40:30

### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 22:1-1-18

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt

offering, my son." So they went both of them together. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

**L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE EPISTLE READING: James 1:12-18**

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

**L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!**

*THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE are omitted during Lent (Please stand)*

**THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15 C: (Sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

**L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

**THE HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

**Hymn 656**

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'er taken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.

- 2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Though these all be gone,  
Our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth.

#### THE SERMON: "No Man's Land"

+++ 9:00 AND 7:00 - THE APOSTLES' CREED, page 192

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From Thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. 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.**

+++ 11:15- THE NICENE CREED, page 191

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### THE PRAYERS

+++ 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION: pages 194-202;

## **Preface**

P The Lord be with you. C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. C **It is meet and right so to do.**

## **Sanctus**

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

## **THE PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## **Hymns: 637, 655, 547**

### **637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Public domain

### **655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Public domain

## 547 The Lamb

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,

O Father, where's the sacrifice?

Faith sees, believes

God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain

ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain

3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill

So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain

4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.

He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain

5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.

His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain

Text: © 1987 and 1997 MorningStar Music Publishers. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001725

## THE NUNC DIMITTIS

**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of  
all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## THE THANKSGIVING

**P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, C: and His mercy endureth forever.**

## THE SALUTATION

**P The Lord be with you. C: And with thy spirit.**

## THE BENEDICAMUS

**P Bless we the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE 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.**

## THE CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

**Hymn 718**

1 Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;

And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless.

Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.

- 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o’ertake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many\_a woe To our home we go.
- 3 When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring.  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
- 4 Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.  
Heav’nly leader, still direct us, Still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

**THE POSTLUDE: “O Lord Throughout these 40 Days” -H. Willan**

**Preacher:** Pastor Bloch **Liturgists:** Vicar Fredstrom and Pastor Blomenberg

**Lector:** Pastor Rodriguez **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

*Immanuel’s mission is to connect people to the life, calling, and community of Christ. Founded in 1870, Immanuel is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We believe the Bible is God’s inspired Word and that we are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, who died for our sins. Please take a brochure from the Information Center, or visit us on-line at [www.immanuelseymour.com](http://www.immanuelseymour.com).*