

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8 and 9, 2020

Welcome to Worship! In our own minds we consider ourselves to be good people. When we compare ourselves to others, we see ourselves as shining. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel today no one will enter the kingdom of heaven unless they are reborn. We'll talk about that today.

First time guests: Please stop by the Welcome Center for a travel mug and other gifts!

A **Staffed Nursery** is available at **9:00 A.M.** below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

All **Sunday School classes** meet UPSTAIRS. **Adult Bible Classes** are in the Fellowship Hall, and the **Adult Information Class** meets upstairs in 203. Everyone is welcome!

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

Large Print bulletins and **Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

+ 11:15 MATINS, P. 219 +

THE **PRELUDE:** "Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart" - Alberti

THE **HYMN:** "See This Wonder in the Making" Hymn 593

+++ **THE BAPTISM OF JACK TYLER SZYMCAK**, Page 268

Parents: Tyler and Lindsey (Kovener) Szymczak

Sponsor: Tyler Kovener Witness: Ashley Szymczak

THE **RESPONSES:** Page 219

THE **WORD OF THE MONTH :** (We speak together) **God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8**

THE **LENTEN CROSS HYMN:** "Jesus I Will Ponder Now" Hymn 440, verse 2

THE **READINGS** (See Back)

THE **COMMON RESPONSORY:** Page 221

THE **HYMN:** "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" Hymn 708

THE **SERMON:** "Who's the Good Guy?"

THE **OFFERING:** (Please register Attendance)

THE **MUSICAL OFFERING:** "There is a Green Hill Far Away"

THE **KYRIE, LORD'S PRAYER, and COLLECTS**, Page 227

THE **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION** Page 228

THE **CLOSING HYMN:** "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" Hymn 722

THE **POSTLUDE:** "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" - Hildebrand

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 Welcome Center, or visit us online at www.immanuelseymour.com.

Holy Communion will be offered at **9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.** If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. Wine with alcohol removed is in the tray center. The Common Cup is served to those who do not take an individual cup. Gluten free wafers are available.

+ 9:00 and 7:00 DIVINE SERVICE I, P. 151 +

THE **PRELUDE:** "Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart" - Alberti

THE **OPENING HYMN:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" Hymn 918

THE **INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:** Page 151

THE **KYRIE**, Pages 152-153 (*We omit the Hymn of praise during Lent*)

THE **LENTEN CROSS HYMN:** "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" Hymn 440, verse 2

THE **PRAYER OF THE DAY:** (We pray together) **O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

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THE **OLD TESTAMENT READING:** **Genesis 12:1-9** (page 8 or see back)

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

THE **EPISTLE READING:** **Romans 4:1-8, 13-17** (page 941 or see back)

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THE **LENTEN VERSE:** page 157

THE **GOSPEL:** **John 3:1-17** (Page 887 or see back) **C: (Sing) Glory to You, O Lord.**

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: (Sing) Praise to You, O Christ!**

THE **HYMN:** "Lord Thee I Love with All My Heart" Hymn 708

THE **SERMON:** "Who's the Good Guy?"

THE **NICENE CREED**

THE **OFFERING:** (Please register Attendance and Communion)

THE **MUSICAL OFFERING:** "There is a Green Hill Far Away"

THE **PRAYERS**

+++ **HOLY COMMUNION:** Pages 160-166; **Hymns: 637, 732, 673, 632, 798**

THE **CLOSING HYMN:** "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" Hymn 722

Please take time after the closing hymn to greet and introduce yourself to those around you.

THE **POSTLUDE:** "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" - Hildebrand

Preacher: Pastor Rodriguez **Liturgist:** Pastor Blumenberg **Lector:** Vicar Ronchetto

Organist: Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Special Music:** ILS and ZLS Children (9)

Pastor Bloch is preaching at St. John's Farmer's Retreat. His Adult Information Class will meet today.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

THE ANTHEM: 9:00 “Father I Adore You” and “God So Loved the World” - Zion Lutheran Children

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring – not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

THE GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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