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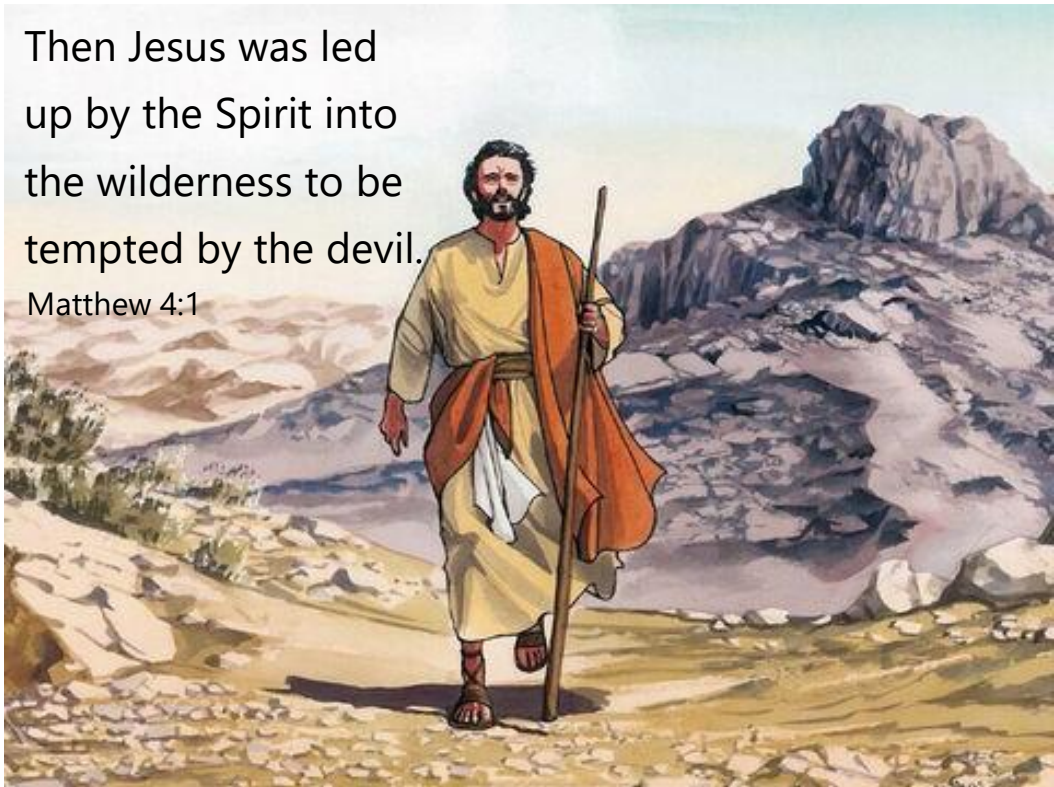
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Lent 1

Then Jesus was led
up by the Spirit into
the wilderness to be
tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1



We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 91 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 418 *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days*

LSB 418

SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement, p. 12)

Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

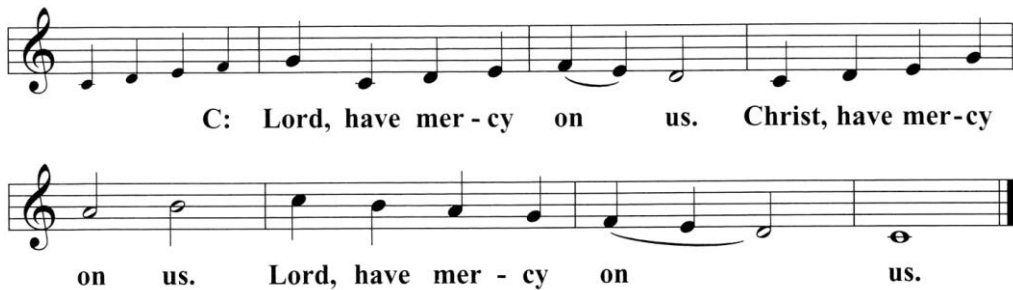
P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy upon me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. Through faith in Him, which was created in you by the Holy Spirit, you are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C Amen.

Kyrie *Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.* W.S. p. 13



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Gloria in Excelsis *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."* W.S. p. 13



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to defend us against Satan and all who would rise up against us. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17, 3:1-7 (EHV)

⁷ The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ The Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made every kind of tree grow—trees that are pleasant to look at and good for food, including the Tree of Life in the middle of the garden and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

...¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care of it. ¹⁶ The Lord God gave a command to the man. He said, "You may freely eat from every tree in the garden, ¹⁷ but you shall not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for on the day that you eat from it, you will certainly die."

...^{3:1} Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³ but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, 'You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.'"

⁴ The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die. ⁵ In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists.

Children's Choir: "Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing"

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19 (EHV)

P The second reading is from Romans 5:12-19.

C Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

¹²Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— ¹³(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. ¹⁶And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. ¹⁷For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

¹⁸Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. ¹⁹For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Alleluia and Verse

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Alleluia!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 there 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.**

Hymn of the Day: 668 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

LSB 668

Sermon Text: Matthew 4:1-11 (NKJV)

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. ³Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." ⁴But 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.'" ⁵Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and 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.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" ⁸Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then 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.'" ¹¹Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

Sermon Theme: Led by the Spirit – Tempted by Satan

- † What wisdom and strength can we gain from Jesus example in our text for our own struggle with Satan’s temptations in this wilderness of life?

- † What “shortcuts” does Satan tempt you to take in your life?

- † What is the solution when Satan tempts us with his “shortcuts?”

Offertory

W.S. p. 16



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Sermon Hymn: 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424

Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Prayer of the Church *We bring our prayers to God.*

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.

Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: 665 *Be Strong in the Lord* (please stand for last verse)

LSB 665

Announcements



Welcome! We welcome all our visitors this morning.
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today:
3/9/25

Choir Practice – 8am
Worship – 9am
Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am
Board of Education Meeting (rescheduled) – 11:15am

This Week:

Tuesday – **Worship Service at New Perspective** (Franklin) – **11am**
Board of Elders – 6pm
Wednesday – **Worship Service at The Villa** (Greenfield) – **10am**
Wednesday Lent Worship #2 – 6:30pm
(Preaching: Pastor Mark Tiefel – Peace Thru Christ, Middleton)

Friday – **No School at MLS** (Spring Break Begins – School resumes Mon. 3/24)
CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament – ILC, Eau Claire (Fri. & Sat.)

Church Cleaning: Team #8 (3/8-3/14); Team #9 (3/15-3/21)

Next Sunday: **Choir – 8am**
3/16/24 **Worship – 9am**
Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am



Private Communion After the Worship Service – For communicant members who would like to receive the Lord's Supper today, please meet with Pastor Luke at the front of church after the worship service this morning.

CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament – Fri. March 14th – Sat. March 15th - Next weekend (March 14 & 15) many of our CLC youth in grades 5-8 will be participating in a grade school basketball tournament at ILC. The event starts on Friday at 10:10 with morning chapel at ILC, followed by the games running from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM on Friday and 8:00 AM to 9:30 PM on Saturday. The schedule is available at <https://tinyurl.com/GradeschoolTourney>. To view chapel and the games live, go to <https://www.youtube.com/@ilcvideos/streams>. Our Messiah Rams will be playing at 4pm & 8pm on Friday, and Saturday at 2:30pm. Go Rams!

CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament – Eau Claire, WI – Volunteers Needed – 3/14-3/15

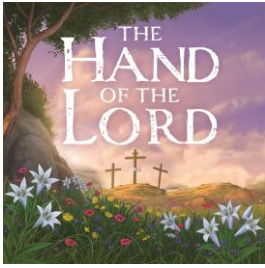
The Grade School Tournament in Eau Claire is in need of volunteers to help referee and run the scoreboard. Contact Steve Sydow (steve.sydow@ilc.edu) to volunteer. Share this information with anyone you think may be willing and able to help out - we rely on volunteers to make this tournament work!

- **Referees** - we only need two referees per game, but have room for three if a 3-person crew wants to do a game together, or if someone isn't quite sure and would like to try it by working with two other veterans.
- **Scoreboard/Clock** - if you're willing to help with this but aren't sure how to run it, sign up and let Steve Sydow know. He will make sure someone experienced is there to provide training and help you.
- **Scorebook** - once again the **home** team for each game is to provide the bookkeeper. If you'd like to help out in this way, let your team's coach know.

Any questions - contact Steve Sydow at steve.sydow@ilc.edu.

Arts Camp 2025: FINAL WEEKEND TO REGISTER - This is the final weekend to sign up for Arts Camp! Registration closes Monday, March 10th at 5pm. Register your 5th-8th grader now at immanuelmankato.org/arts-camp. Email Amber at artscamp@immanuelmankato.org if you have any questions! Arts Camp 2025 is held at Immanuel, Mankato, MN March 21-23!

Wednesday Lent Worship Services – March 5th – April 9th - 6:30pm -



Our Wednesday Lent series for this year is entitled, “The Hand of the Lord.” This expression is used throughout the Old Testament. However, it is precisely in the New Testament where the hand of the Lord takes on literal meaning. The One through whom all things were created took on real, literal hands in His incarnation (John 1:1–14). We have several examples throughout Scripture that speak of the way that Christ used His hands alongside His life-giving words to bring forgiveness, life, and salvation. The work of Christ’s hands helps us to see the merciful and personal way that He has come down to us. He has given us something to grasp, even as He holds us. Our Lord has hands, real hands. Jesus has accomplished all that we need. Amazingly, He takes our manipulative, distorted, self-serving hands and restores them into useful hands for His purposes, both to literally use them in service and to make our whole lives into His instruments of witness, service, and praise.

Please make plans to join us for these special worship services that focus on our Savior who stretched out His hands on the cross to save us from our sins. Our Wednesday Lent worship services begin this week with our Ash Wednesday communion worship service at 6:30pm. During this Lenten series we will also be having four other area CLC pastors guest preaching here at Messiah during the middle four Wednesdays of the Lenten season. (See display on bulletin board in entryway.) May our Savior bless our Lenten meditations and worship service as we look forward to once again celebrating His triumph over the grave on Easter Sunday.

CLC Call News – Berea Lutheran Church of Inver Grove Heights, MN has **called** members Christine Starland (part-time teacher) and Deb Owens (band) to fill the vacancy created by Cathy Augustin's retirement. < > Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has **returned** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Pastoral “Get to Know Each Other” Visits / Pastor Luke’s Contact Info –I am continuing to make “face to face” visits with our members. These include a short devotion and some time to get to know each other. Wherever is most convenient and comfortable for you will work just fine for me (my office, your home, a coffee shop, etc.). Feel free to contact me via email, text, or phone call if you know of a day and time that will work for you. If I don’t hear from you, rest assured, I will be contacting you! I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know each other better soon! In Christ, Pastor Luke

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Immanuel High School Visitors Day – May 2nd - Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI will host their annual High School Visitors Day on Friday, May 2, 2025 for students grades 7 and up. A schedule of events and online registration can be found at www.ilc.edu. Please register students and chaperones by Friday, April 25. A theater performance of *The Worst High School Play in the World* will take place on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm. Friday night's play performance will be livestreamed on Youtube with an unlisted link that will be shared via email. The Immanuel Band will perform before the play on Friday at 7:00 pm, and student talent performances will take place Saturday at 7:00 pm. Performances are free and open to the public. For more information please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud (joel.gullerud@ilc.edu 715-544-8446).

CLC Youth Camp at Pillager, MN - June 8-14, 2025 -

Registration opens **Saturday, March 15th at 10am CST**. CLC Youth Camp at Pillager is for campers entering grades 6th-12th. Camp runs **June 8-14th, 2025**. For more information please visit our website, <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp>, or contact Amber Casto and Ethan Sydow at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

Christ's Explorers Young Adult Retreat – June 19-22

We are pleased to announce that we will be opening up registration for our young adult "Christ's Explorer's Retreat" on **Saturday, March 1, at 9am EST**. The information and registration website is www.ChristsExplorers.com.

Our theme for the retreat is "Discovering Your Purpose". The discussions will be led by Pastor Glenn Oster and Professor Joe Lau.

This retreat is geared toward high school and college aged youth. It is hosted by Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of West Columbia, SC. The retreat will be held in the beautiful mountains of Bryson City, NC, where we will stay in large group cabins and spend a lot of time outdoors enjoying God's creation. We will have outings to include hiking, river tubing, and outdoor exploration.

The retreat is **June 19-22**. Check-in will begin around 4pm on the afternoon of June 19. The retreat will conclude with a worship service on Sunday morning and dismissal at 11am.

The cost of the retreat is \$150, and this includes all expenses for the weekend (lodging, food, activities, etc.). Due to our lodging capacity, registration will be limited to 50 guests. Contact information is on the website.

A green poster for CLC Youth Camp 2025. The text on the poster includes: "CLC YOUTH CAMP 2025", "GRADES 6-12TH", "JUNE 8-14TH, 2025", "CAMP JIM, PILLAGER MN", "REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 15TH AT 10AM CST", and contact information: "For more details, visit: https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp" and "Contact Amber and Ethan youthcamp.clc@gmail.com". The poster features several circular images showing campers engaged in various activities like hiking, tubing, and socializing.

Bible Readings:	
3/9	Gen. 49:29-50:26 Psalm 65 Rom. 1:1-17
3/10	Ex. 1 Psalm 66 Rom 1:18-32
3/11	Ex. 2 Psalm 67 Rom. 2
3/12	Ex. 3 Psalm 68 Rom. 3:1-20
3/13	Ex. 4:1-17 Psalm 69 Rom. 3:21-4:12
3/14	Ex. 4:18-5:21 Psalm 70 Rom. 4:13-25
3/15	Ex. 5:22-6:27 Psalm 71 Rom. 5

March Ushers	Cleaning Team 3/15-3/21
Mike Cutler Ethan Gurgel Bryon Nelson Sr.	<u>Team 9</u> B/L Blue D. Blue O. Docter I/K Stewart C/A Gerbitz
March Slideshow James Schaser	

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings*:	\$8,535.00	\$265,714.96
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,571.29	\$299,995.15
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$36.29)	(\$34,280.19)
Kinship:	\$30.00	\$2,991.96
ILC Building Fund:	\$50.00	\$2,099.75

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Attendance Last Sun. (3/2): 122



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