



Sermon: "Lead Us Not into Temptation" Luke 4:1-13  
Saturday, March 8 & Sunday, March 9, 2025  
Immanuel Lutheran Church & School  
Okawville, Illinois 62271  
*The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

## WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

*We gather on the Lord's Day knowing that "Christ being raised from the dead will never die again" (Romans 6:9). Welcome, visitors who have joined us today. If we can help in any way, please call: Church 618-243-6216 or School 618-243-6142.*

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Saturday: 28 Communed: 23 Sunday: 79 Communed: 63

Ash Wednesday: 49 Communed: 40

Bible Class: 7 Sunday School: 10

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Prayer concerns to be included in our public prayers may be shared with Pastor Wood and/or the church office. Prayers may be for particular individuals or concerning wider issues. Let us pray!*

- All members of Immanuel including:
  - At home – Adeline Blumhorst, Bill Durham, Gloria Eggemann, Linda Frederking, Norbert Hasheider, Kellee Helbig, Jewel Martens, Linda Schuetz, Crystal Strasburg, Mike Strasburg
  - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard & Bernice Hemminghaus
  - At Breese Nursing Home – Lois Rabenort
  - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado - Carol Wennemann
- Non-members with health concerns: Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; ILS Kindergarten teacher, Jody Liszewski; Betty Markowski, sister of Charlotte Durham; Tim Schnitker, son-in-law of Sharon Storck.
- That the Lord would continue to provide for his work in this place through generous giving, willing workers, and wise stewardship
- The staff, faculty, and students of Immanuel Lutheran School
- The educational mission of Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School
- All who work or study in West Washington County Schools
- Reverend Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores, serving in Chile
- The mission work of the Southern Illinois District, including...
  - ...all congregations, schools, and district leaders
  - ...rural and smalltown congregational support
  - ...urban ministry (neighborhood renewal and Unity school) in East St. Louis
  - ...campus ministry and international student outreach at SIU-C and SIU-E
  - ...prison and jail ministry in many locations
  - ...partnership with Seminary in Dominican Republic
  - ...disaster response ministry (LERT)
  - ...Advocates for Life

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

## Order of Service -Prayer and Preaching

424 O Christ, You Walked the Road (Sunday)

*Stand*

### Opening Versicles


- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,  
**C** slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.
- L** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,  
**C** let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
- L** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.  
**C** He was bruised for our iniquities.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Old Testament Canticle


*Refrain*




**C** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the




wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,




make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

*Refrain*



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and




He has be - come my sal - va - tion.




Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done




glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will  
be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Readings From Holy Scripture

Psalm 91 (spoken on Saturday) (sung on Sunday)

*Psalm 91:1-13*

# Psalm 91

Richard Leach

Amanda Husberg

*Congregation sings Refrain where indicated*



Lay down your fear, lay down your fear, lay down your fear and come.—



Lay down your fear, lay down your fear, lay down your fear and come.

## **Choir:**

- 1 Come to the shelter, to the warm shadow, under the wings of the Holy One.  
Here there is refuge, here there is safety, lay down your fear as you come. *Refrain*
- 2 Danger from people, danger from sickness, you need not fear them under these wings.  
Terror in darkness, arrows in daylight, lay down your fear of these things. *Refrain*
- 3 Thousands, ten thousands, fallen beside you—how have they fallen?  
How do you stand?  
Although the wicked fall and keep falling, your life still comes from God's hand.  
*Refrain*
- 4 God will command His angels to guard you, they will be near to keep you from harm.  
Stones will not hurt your feet when the angels lift you up in their arms. *Refrain*

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*Sit*

**Old Testament**

**Deuteronomy 26:1–11**

**L** A reading from Deuteronomy, the twenty-sixth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first



of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ <sup>4</sup>Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

<sup>5</sup>“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

Romans 10:8b–13

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

## Gospel

Luke 4:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup>for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the

Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’”<sup>5</sup> And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time,<sup>6</sup> and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.<sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”<sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,  
and him only shall you serve.”

<sup>9</sup>And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,<sup>10</sup> for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
to guard you,’

<sup>11</sup>and

“On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>12</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>13</sup>And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

- L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- G** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- L** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- G** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- G** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

## Catechism - Office of the Keys

### Apostles' Creed

**G** 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.

*Sit*

Children's Message (Sunday)

Sermon "Lead Us Not into Temptation"

Luke 4:1-13

657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Offering

*Stand*

Prayer

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**G** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**G** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the  
proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**G** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us  
all, let us pray to the Lord:

**G** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**G** Lord, have mercy.

- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- G** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- G** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- G** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- G** Lord, have mercy.
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- G** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### Lord's Prayer

- G** 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.

### Collect of the Day

- L** 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.
- G** Amen.

### Collect for the Word

- L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by

the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

### Evening Prayer (Saturday)

**G** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### Morning Prayer (Sunday)

**G** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### 505 Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay

#### Blessing

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**G** Amen.

### 418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days (Sunday)

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**Birthdays:** 11<sup>th</sup> Toryn Stevenson, 12<sup>th</sup> Kaidyn Schumacher, 14<sup>th</sup> Addysen Rennegarbe, 15<sup>th</sup> Mark Friedrich

**March Ushers** – Saturday – Jason Obermeier  
Sunday - Gary Streuter and Greg Harre

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Chapel Service this Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. with Pastor Wood

Lenten Service this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Choir rehearsal this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> a special voters' meeting will be held after worship service.

Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> Elders' Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Extra copies of March newsletter** are available on the table in the narthex. Annual report copies are available on the brochure rack. Please feel free to take one of these items for yourself or someone else.

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

**Ag in the classroom** is Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

**Board of Parochial Education Meeting** is Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**A note from the Board of Parochial Education:**

Spring registration/enrollment for the upcoming school year is scheduled for March 10th through March 27th. The board would like to remind parents of the importance of completing enrollment in the spring. Spring enrollment provides a more accurate figure for how many students we will have, allowing us to better plan the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Additionally early enrollment helps with ordering curriculum materials and supplies. Without an accurate enrollment number in the spring, we cannot determine how many books and materials need to be ordered. While we will have a summer registration/enrollment period, it is ideally reserved for new families to ILS that did not make the decision to enroll in ILS until the summer.

Please take this in consideration as you make your plans for enrollment at ILS.

Yours in Christ,  
Board Of Parochial Education

**Pre-school and Kindergarten registration** for Immanuel families is March 10<sup>th</sup> – March 14<sup>th</sup> and will continue the following week, March 17<sup>th</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup> for all other current and new students.

**1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade registration** is March 24<sup>th</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**The PTL Breakfast is Sunday, March 16 7:30- 12:00.** Please call the school office or see any ILS/Wee Care student for tickets.

**Immanuel Wee Care** is looking for a custodian for a couple hours each day after 5:30 p.m. If you are interested or would like additional information, please call Cheri Kurtz at 618-243-6161

**ILS Scholarship Fund:** The Board of Parochial Education would like to start another scholarship fund. This fund is not intended to replace SAFE funds; the SAFE fund program is still essential to providing tuition assistance for families in hardship or need, so funding will still always be needed for the SAFE program. The new scholarship fund is intended for all first year, 1st grade through 8th grade students to apply for. In the future we plan to expand the scholarships to more than first year students. If an individual, organization or committee would like to donate to this fund, please enclose cash or check in an envelope with "scholarship fund" written on the envelope and "scholarship fund" on the memo line of the check. You may place it in the offering plate (Immanuel), mail to the school office or hand deliver to the school office. Thank you for your support!

You can help the school financially by doing the following: **Shop With Raiseright** - For complete information visit [www.shopwithraiseright.com](http://www.shopwithraiseright.com) Checks payable to ILS PTL. Go to [smile.amazon.com/ch37-0916756](http://smile.amazon.com/ch37-0916756) and Amazon donates to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Okawville. Participate in the **Kroger Community Rewards** program. Join **Casey's Rewards** today and donate to our school. This is for instore, online or at the pump purchases.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

**Christ Our Rock** has full or part-time staffing needs in Drivers Education, Computer Applications, Physical Education, and Spanish for the 2025-2026 school year. Interested parties should send resumes to Mr. Don Duensing, Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, 9545 Shattuc Road, Centralia, IL 62801, 226-3315, [dduensing@corlhs.org](mailto:dduensing@corlhs.org).

Join us for the **2025 Martin+Katie Conference at University Lutheran Church** in Champaign, IL on Saturday, March 29, 2025. At this free conference, grow as Christian men and women, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The conference is open to ages 18-30. Married or single are welcome. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Please register no later than Friday, March 21st. Info and registration are available at <http://martinpluskatie.org>.

Plus: Extra bonus activities planned for Friday night, March 28, and Saturday night, March 29! All are invited to stay for Sunday Bible Class, Divine Service, and lunch on Sunday, March 30.



## GENERAL NOTES

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:** Abortion and assisted suicide enact idolatry by assessing life apart from the Word of the Lord (Luke 4:4, 8). Saving faith, on the other hand, receives both child and trials as riches from the loving hand of God. He who makes hills give milk and honey will no doubt bring forth even better blessings from the humblest human life!

**Life Quotes:** "Brothers and sisters, in Christ you are God's masterpiece. You were created for a purpose. You are the hands and feet of Christ demonstrating His love in a world that desperately needs it. Live out that purpose in the strength that comes from Him and wait joyfully for the day where we get to see His finished product." *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

**Stewardship:** Luke 4:8 - "And Jesus answered him, 'It is written ...'" Isn't it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

**Lutheran programs on Radio & TV on Sundays** - 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 850 AM Radio KFUE Lutheran Worship from a Lutheran church; 9:00 a.m. 104.7 FM Rev. Mueller, New Minden Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. TV Station "TCT" "Lutheran Worship." These are not a replacement for being in church and Bible class. These are for times when we are unable to attend in person.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Saturday, March 1, and Sunday, March 3 were not counted.

Expenses for the week: \$2,177.55

Loan Balance (\$21,000.00 borrowed on 12/27/24) (\$7,000.00 borrowed on 01/31/25)  
(\$15,000.00 borrowed on 02/13/25) \$43,000.00

### Update to Thrivent Choice

Thank you to everyone who directed their “Thrivent Choice Dollars” to Immanuel. If you have not contacted Thrivent Choice Recently, please call 800-847-4836 to see if Thrivent has money set aside for you to designate to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran School or another designation of your choice. Money is available through the Thrivent Choice Program. This is not a donation coming out of your investment.

**Reminder:** Bunker’s Restaurant (Golf Course) will give 10% to Immanuel Lutheran Church if you show your bulletin from church when eating on Sundays. For the last 6 months of 2024, Immanuel received \$64.90 for the Sunday Bulletin Rebate from Bunkers Restaurant. Thank you for your support!! RBM Golf Course