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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 38 (pew bible, p.500)
- ◆ The Hymns: 915, 614, 606, 924
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Exodus 3:1-8,10-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 51

Sermon Text – Luke 13:1-9

LET US HEED CHRIST'S CALL TO REPENT

1. Each mishap/accident is a reminder of our need to repent.
2. The Lord, in His patience and love, gives us time to repent.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayers & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (924)

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Visitors, Welcome! The members of St. Paul Lutheran are pleased to meet you and are happy you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word in the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again! The Lord be with you.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Exodus 3:1-8,10-15

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey. | So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation."

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 51

P O LORD, open my lips:

C And my mouth will declare your praise.

P You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it:

C You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

C A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

P In your good pleasure make Zion prosper:

C Build up the walls of Jerusalem.

P Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you:

C Then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Sermon Text – Luke 13:1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (3/24)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Pool of Bethesda, NT 24)
	10:45 am	Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Sun (3/31)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers, NT 32)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Wed. Lenten services: March 27; April 3,10 (7 pm)
- Mary & Martha Ladies' Meeting: Sunday, April 7 (10:45 am)
- Church Council Meeting: Sunday, April 14 (8:30 am)
- Maundy Thursday Com. Service: Thursday, April 18 (7 pm)
- Good Friday Worship: Friday, April 19 (7 pm)

UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICES

- Sunday, March 24 & 31, 8:30 am
- Sunday, April 7, 8:30 am

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING MARCH

- Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Bob Rankin
- Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

ST PAUL LENTEN SERVICES (REMAINING SCHEDULE)

<i>LANDMARKS OF JESUS' PASSION</i>			
DATE	THEME	TEXT	SPEAKER
Mar 27	<i>The Way of Sorrows</i> where Jesus carried His Cross	John 19:16-17	J. Klatt
Apr 3	<i>The Seat of Judgment</i> where Justice Prevailed	John 19:12-16	C. Seybt
Apr 10	<i>The Mount Called Calvary</i> where the Savior Died	Luke 23:32-33	T. Schuetze
Apr 19 (Gd Fri)	<i>The Garden Tomb</i> where the Dead Savior Lay	John 19:31-42	T. Schuetze

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday Worship: April 14, 9:30 am
(followed by brunch served by the men)
 Maundy Thursday Communion Service: April 18, 7:00 pm
 Good Friday Worship: April 19, 7:00 pm
 Easter Sunday Worship: April 21, 9:30 am

PRAYERS FOR OUR BRETHREN IN MYANMAR: "Last week Pastor Thang, who serves as the President of the CLC-Myanmar, was injured in an accident while helping to build church benches for one of the congregations. He was struck by a truck and sustained severe internal injuries. He was taken across the border to India where proper medical equipment was available and he had surgery to repair the damage. It appears that surgery was successful but they do not know how soon he will be able to return home. To assist the family and church body, the Board of Mission will be sending emergency medical aid through Project Kinship. Those who are moved to help with this or similar needs may support Project Kinship through their congregation or using the online giving page through the CLC Bookhouse: <http://clcbookhouse.org/shop/donations/kinship-donations/>. Please remember Pastor Thang, his family, and our Myanmar brethren in your prayers!" (Nathanael Mayhew, Secretary for the CLC Board of Missions).

RETIREMENT GIFT: "Professor Paul Schaller has announced his retirement effective the end of the current academic year. Upon graduation from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in 1972, he served in the pastoral ministry in California and Washington until 1996 when he began his service at Immanuel where he has served for 23 years. His faithful service to our church and school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 17-18, 2019. Our custom is to present a monetary gift to Prof. Schaller as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to a monetary gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 18). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: 'Prof. Schaller Retirement.' Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701" (John Hein, Chairman of the Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, & Seminary).

VISITORS DAY INVITATION: "Students (grades 7 and up), parents, pastors, and teachers are invited to attend Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors Day in Eau Claire, WI on Friday, April 26. Visitors will have an opportunity to experience firsthand what it would be like to attend Immanuel. The Immanuel Band will perform a concert in the gym at 7:00 pm, followed by a theater performance of *The Beverly Hillbillies* at 7:30 pm. Please register at www.ilc.edu by Friday, April 19" (Joel Gullerud, Principal of Immanuel Lutheran High School).

CALL NEWS: Missionary Peter Evensen has accepted the call to serve as the interim vacancy pastor of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church in Morris, MN until he travels to Togo, Africa in the beginning of May.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
MARCH 25-30

Mon Romans 9&10 Jewish folks were first in line to enjoy God's great love for them, so they should have crowded the gates of heaven (9:1-5). When they didn't, who was to blame? Not God, for God is above blame (6-29). The fault lies in the human heart that dethrones Jesus (30-33) and idolizes self (**10:1-13**). God has given us the great privilege of publicizing these truths and Jesus (**10:14-21**) to *a disobedient and contrary people*. Lord, have mercy!

Tues Rom 11 God has always tried hard to salvage Jews—first by using direct means—and when that failed, by indirect means (11-14). *All Israel* (26) does not mean everybody who is Jewish, but rather those who are children of Abraham by faith in Christ Jesus (17-27). God has it all figured out, blue-printed, and put into effect via Jesus, *for of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.*

Wed Rom 12 We can prevail against the world (1-2) and our own sinful self-esteem (3) by helping one another (4-8) in every way possible (9-21). **Ch.13:** We keep our hearts and minds attuned to civic duties (1-7), sacred privileges (8-10), and our heavenly goal (11-14).

Thurs Rom 14 In the Roman congregation converts were faced with their ethnic and cultural differences. Since practicing *kosher* and *Sabbath* was ingrained in Jews and not forbidden by God, the brethren should let it go at that (1-13). After all, *he who serves Christ in these things* (which God has neither forbidden nor commanded), *is acceptable to God* (14-23).

Fri Rom 15 *We who are strong ought to help others carry their baggage and not make ourselves look better in the process* (1-3). We can learn a lot from the Psalms, especially those which refer to Jesus (4); and having His attitude is a great gift from God (5-6). So let's get along with one another (7-13)! The Apostle Paul was a Christian gentleman in his mission outreach (14-21) and humble to God's will in making plans for the future (22-33).

Sat Rom 16 Although Paul had never been to Rome, he knew many of the church members, for they had crossed paths before, loved and respected one another (1-16). To protect them, Paul gave a parting warning: Avoid fellowship with purveyors of false doctrine! Why? Because they are causing divisions and offenses contrary to Bible doctrine, are not serving our Lord Jesus Christ but are serving their own self-interests, and by use of linguistic skills are deceiving the hearts of God's dear children (17-18). They are neither Jesus' friends nor yours; so steer clear of them! *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*