

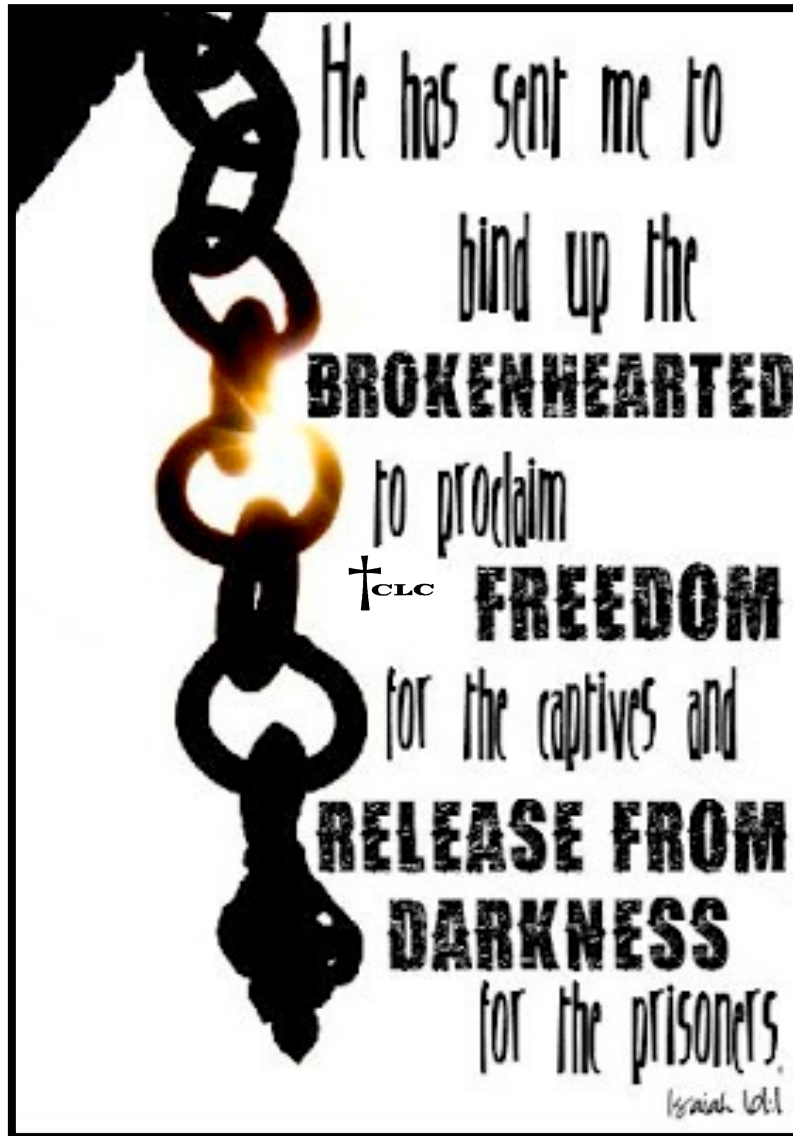
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+++ 4th Sunday in Lent – March 19, 2023 +++

Serving Us At God's House Today
Organist: Suzannah Miller
Ushers: Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister

Order of Worship: Service of the Word
(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalms 42 and 43 (pew bible, p.502)
- ◆ The Hymns: 905, 528, 694 (1-4), 694 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Exodus 6:1-8; John 8:21-36
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 119
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Romans 8:1-10

Free At Last!

1. Freedom accomplished by Christ.
2. Freedom to live our lives in service to Christ.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (694, stanza 5)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Exodus 6:1-8

1 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country.” 2 God also said to Moses, “I am the LORD. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. 4 I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens. 5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. 6 “Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. 7 I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. 8 And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.’”

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 119

P May your unfailing love come to me, O LORD:

C **Your salvation according to your promise.**

P Then I will answer the one who taunts me:

C **For I trust in your word.**

P Do not snatch the word of truth from my mouth:

C **For I have put my hope in your laws.**

P I will always obey your law:

C **For ever and ever.**

P I will walk about in freedom:

C **For I have sought out your precepts.**

P I lift up my hands to your commands, which I love:

C **And I meditate on your decrees.**

Second Lesson – John 8:21-36

21 Once more Jesus said to them, “I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come.” 22 This made the Jews ask, “Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, ‘Where I go, you cannot come?’” 23 But he continued,

“You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins.” 25 “Who are you?” they asked. “Just what I have been claiming all along,” Jesus replied. 26 “I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him I tell the world.” 27 They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. 28 So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. 29 The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.” 30 Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him. 31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” 33 They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” 34 Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Sermon Text – Romans 8:1-10

1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, 4 in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. 5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; 7 the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. 8 Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. 9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

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A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests!

It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States and Canada, with affiliated churches in Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All of our churches confess the Bible to be the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come worship with us again.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (3/19)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Wednesday Lenten Service
Sun (3/26)	8:30 am	Church Council
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Extended Calendar

- Wed. Lenten Services: Mar.22,29, 7:00 pm
- Choir Practices: April 2, 16, 8:30 am
- Palm Sunday Brunch: Sunday, April 2, served by the men
- Front Range Mission Festival Service, hosted by St. Paul: Sunday, April 23, 11:00 am (Choir: 9:30 am; Bible Class: 10:00 am, Meal: 12:00 noon). Guest speaker: Pastor David Reim of Vernon BC, Canada

Upcoming Meetings

Mary/Martha Ladies: Sunday, April 16, 10:45 am
Quarterly Voters: Sunday, April 30, 10:45 am

Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule continues this Wednesday, March 22, with Pastor Tim Wheaton of Prince of Peace, Loveland, conducting the service. This week's psalm prophecy in our ongoing series "Our Savior's Sorrows Foreshadowed in the Psalms": *Jesus Will Be Shamed by His People* (Psalm 69:7-12).

In Our Prayers: Joyce Maulis who underwent surgery recently to remove some cancerous skin lesions. She is also suffering from an unrelated leg ailment. ◇ Pastor Neal Radichel of Mankato MN who was hospitalized last Sunday after suffering a heart attack. The doctor removed a blood clot and put in two stents in one of his arteries. Neal was discharged from the hospital Monday and is recovering at home. ◇ *Gracious Lord, continue to provide healing of body and soul to Your people, made precious in Your sight through the blood of Christ.*

Synod News & Notes

Traveling Vacation Bible School – The TVBS Committee is looking for congregations willing to support the TVBS effort by sponsoring or adopting a program in a sister congregation. Several congregations have helped in these ways and have found that both congregations benefit from this fellowship. The TVBS committee deeply appreciates the help we receive from congregations, ladies' groups, and individuals of the CLC who support the TVBS program with their prayers and donations. <> You can find out more about the TVBS program and find contact information at www.clctvbs.org or by contacting Ryan Hammett at hammettr@gmail.com.

Financial Aid Applications – Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, individual student grants, scholarships, and work study. All students are encouraged to submit an application. While the scholarships are automatically applied based upon academic performance, the other aids are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all, these forms need to be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2023, for the 2023-24 academic year. If any potential student is showing interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at ilc.edu/resources/ under the heading “Financial Assistance Forms & Info.”

Christ's Explorers Camp – Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church (W. Columbia, SC) will be hosting Christ's Explorers Camp July 20-23 in Sevierville, TN. Camp is open to students entering grades 3-9 for the 2023-24 school year. *Registration opens on Saturday, April 1st at 9 AM (EST).* Registrations will be limited to the first 25 boys and 25 girls. You may register online at christsexplorerscamp.com.

After Banquet Party – Parents of Immanuel Lutheran High School students are presently working on this year's After Banquet Party to be held Saturday May 6, 2023. The ILHS Banquet is held at a local venue with the After-Banquet Party immediately afterwards in the high school gymnasium. The After-Banquet Party is held to provide a fun and safe place for the students to enjoy this special evening honoring the senior class. The gym is decorated to a theme with games, prizes, refreshments and entertainment provided at no cost to the students. Nearly every student attends the After-Banquet party, even if they don't attend the Banquet. We rely on donations from the parents, families and local businesses. We are able to buy some prizes at local businesses, but if you would like to donate gift cards or prizes, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding prizes and/or donations, please contact: Jennifer Radermacher, imjenrad44@gmail.com Monetary donations may be sent to: ILC After-Banquet Committee, c/o Immanuel Lutheran College, [501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701](http://501GroverRoad.com). Thank you for considering!

Basketball Camp for Girls Entering 5-12 Grades – Location: Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire. <> Date: Thursday, June 8 - Saturday, June 10. The CLC Youth Camp begins the next day, Sunday, June 11. *Learn correct basketball fundamentals. Meet new friends. Enjoy Christian fellowship.* <> Cost: \$35/girl (covers t-shirt, meals & lodging, if needed) <> Camp Staff: Present and Former Immanuel Lutheran High School and College coaches and players. <> Registration: Online at <https://ilc.edu/athletics/summer-skills-camps/girls-basketball-camp/> <> Questions? Call or email Ross Roehl at (715) 864-1764 or ross.roehl@ilc.edu

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions (March 20-25 '23)

Mon John 6:47-57 After Jesus fed the 5,000, crowds came to Him looking for more bread (6:26). Jesus offers a better bread, Himself, which will not perish like earthly food, and gives eternal life. Here “eating His flesh” and “drinking His blood” is done by believing Him (v47, also vv29, 35).

Tues Matthew 27:15-23 Pilate believes Jesus to be innocent (v23), but rather than take a stand for righteousness, he seeks to release Jesus by offering the people a choice. Given the chance, our sinful human nature will always make the wrong choice. Jesus, on the other hand, chooses to lay down His life for the sins of the world.

Wed Matthew 27:24-26 Pilate wants to be innocent of Jesus’ blood (v24), showing that he did not think Jesus was worthy of death. The mob does not mind being responsible for His death, not realizing that He dies also for their sin and for everyone else’s in the world. His blood upon us is our salvation (cp1 Jn 1:7).

Thurs Matthew 27:27-31 During the previous night, Jesus’ captors had mocked and abused Him. Mockery can speak the truth, but not believe it or mean it. Now the Roman soldiers put a robe of royal color on Him, place a crown on His head, a “scepter” in His hand, kneel down and hail Him as “King.” He endures all this in order to lay down His life for us all.

Fri 2 Corinthians 7:4-10 The apostle had written a letter “with many tears” (2:4) to the Corinthian Christians. Now from Titus he has learned that their response was sorrow unto repentance, unlike the sorrow of some (like Judas) which looks not for forgiveness, but leads to death (cp v10).

Sat Isaiah 52:7-10 To the Israelites under Babylonian rulers will come the day when messengers once again announce the rulership of God, the return of the captives, and joyful singing – that is, salvation! It would not be their doing but the Lord’s mighty arm accomplishing this. Such was the joy set before our Savior as He walked the way of the cross for us.