

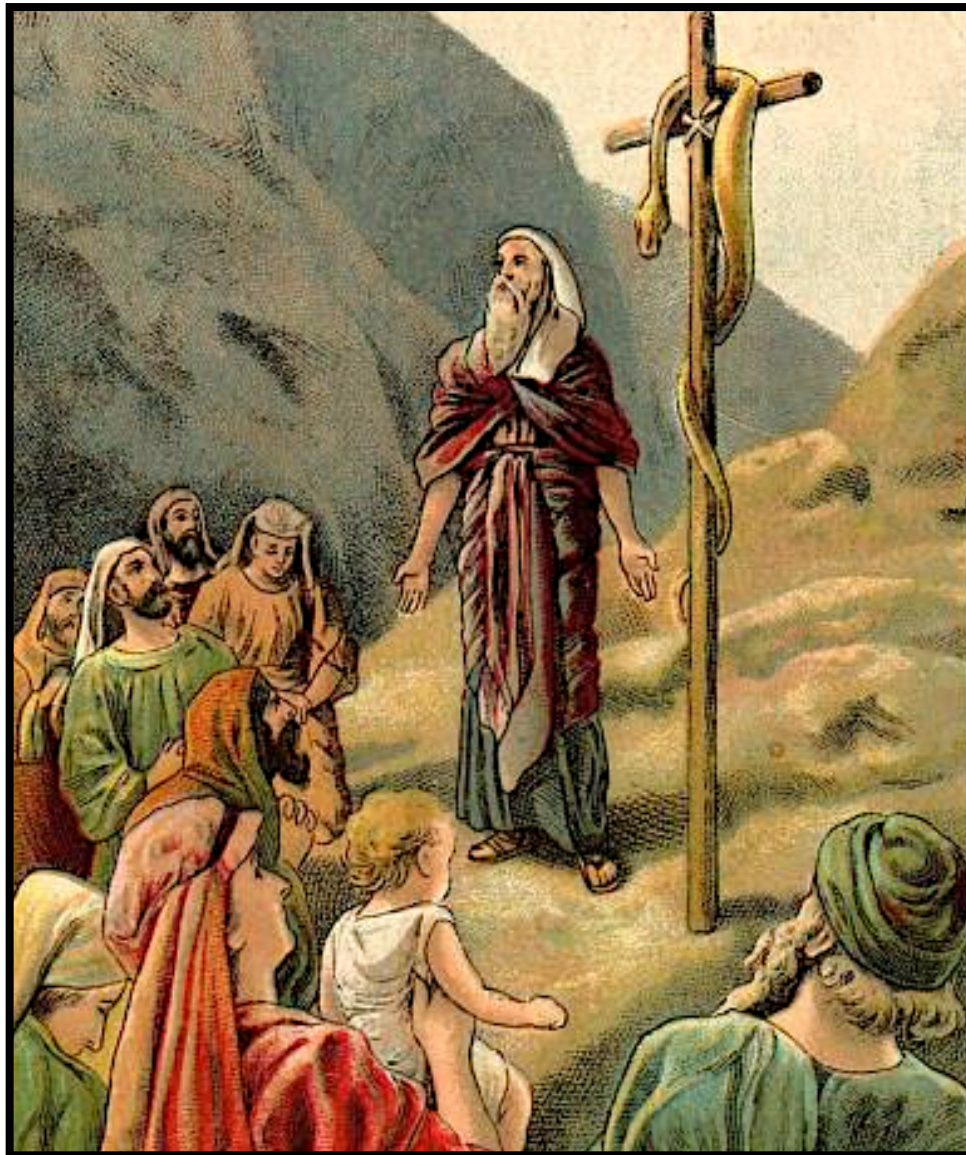
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4th Sunday in Lent – March 10, 2024

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that 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!

Find today's order of worship printed in this bulletin starting on page 2, below. Large print copies are on the shelf under the tract rack, or speak to an usher who will be happy to share one with you.

Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer
Psalm 6 (pew bible, page 482)

*There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains.*

*The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he, Washed all my sins away.*

*Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more.*

*E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme And shall be till I die.*

*When this poor lisping, stammering tongue Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy power to save.*

Serving Us Today
Organist Carly Mess; Ushers Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+++ We Prepare to Meet Our Lord +++

Opening Prayer

Hymn

428 – *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*

Invocation

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

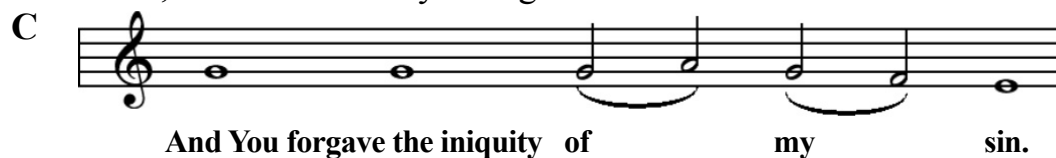


Our Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.



P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His

C



A - men.



Congregation sings:

**All glory, praise, and blessing, To God the Holy Trinity,
For planning and sustaining Our faith in Him who sets us free,
On whom our trust is founded, Our house built on a rock,
Our life by grace surrounded, Our Shepherd's precious flock,
Dear children to Him clinging, Who, welcomed once again,
Join saints and angels singing, "Amen, Amen, Amen!"**

(Melody: TLH #34)

P Let us pray:



+++ Our Lord Speaks to Us in His Word +++

First Lesson – Ephesians 2:4-10

By Grace Through Faith

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it. Alleluia!



Second Lesson – John 3:14-21

For God So Loved the World



14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 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. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”



Our Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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 is seated 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

571 – *God Loved the World So That He Gave*

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” 6 Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 7 And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Theme – *"Look ... and Live!"*

+++ We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord +++

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spi - rit with-in me.
 Cast me not a-way from Your pres - ence, and
 take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
 Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal-va-tion and up-
 hold me with Your free spir -
 it. A - men.

Offering of Thankful Hearts / Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Hymn 421 (1-4) – *Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing*

+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .

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

Closing Hymn 421 (5)

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (3/10)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Sun (3/17)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Upcoming Events

- Wed. Lenten Services: Mar 13,20, 7:00 pm
- Palm Sunday Worship: Mar 24, 9:30 am
- Palm Sunday brunch served by men, 10:45 am
- Maundy Thursday Communion Service: March 28, 7:00 pm
- Good Friday Worship: March 29, 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday Worship: March 31, 9:30 am
- Front Range Mission Festival Service: Sunday, April 21, 10:30 am, hosted by Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne. Guest Speaker: Pastor Paul Nolting

Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule continues this Wednesday with a service at 7:00 pm. This year's overall theme is *The Vocabulary of the Cross*. This week's word: "JUSTIFICATION." Pastor Tim Wheaton of Prince of Peace, Loveland, will conduct the service here. Pastor Schuetze will conduct the service at Redeemer, Cheyenne.



We Ask the Lord for His Continuing Gracious Care for our fellow Christians: Ruth Claeys, Pat Newton, Marty Schmoldt, Georgia Waters, and Julie Ann Zamora (each of whom has been dealing with various health-related issues).

The St. Paul 2024 Directory has been printed. You will find a copy in your church mailbox. Additional copies in the tract rack. Help yourself.

Request for VBS Volunteers: Plans are being made for a potential three-day vacation Bible school session at St. Paul in mid/late July. The dates for the session will likely fall in the two weeks between July 14 and July 27. We are still gauging the viability of such a program, as it will likely depend on the availability of volunteers and potential student enrollment. If you think you would be available during that time and would like to volunteer, please talk to Derek Barthels or reach him at (715) 379-4399 or barthelsderek@gmail.com.

Synod News & Notes

- Professor Mark Kranz has announced his retirement effective at the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the Immanuel Lutheran College Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 17-18. Our custom is to present a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 18). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Kranz Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.
- CLC Youth Camp will be taking place on the Immanuel campus in Eau Claire, June 9-15, 2024. It is a week-long camp of faith, fellowship, and fun. Camp is open to kids going into grades 6-9 and the cost is \$140/camper. There is also a morning pre-camp program available for kids going into grades K-5 with a cost of \$60/camper. Registration will open *Saturday, March 16th at 10 AM CST*. For more information visit youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp, or email the camp directors Amber Casto and Sam Radermacher at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.
- Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN has accepted the call to be a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire WI (to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Professor Kranz).



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 11-16

Mon John 11:47-52 The Sanhedrin leaders are worried because Jesus is doing many miraculous signs, fearing the loss of their temple and nation. Caiaphas unwittingly prophesies that He is going to die for the people.

Tues John 11:53-57 From that day on the leaders plotted to kill Jesus. It is now only a question of when and how. The order goes out that whoever knows where He is should report to them. But God will cause their evil plans to work for good and bring about our salvation.

Wed Hebrews 10:1-10 The Old Testament animal sacrifices could not take away sins, but fore-shadowed (v1) the coming sacrifice of Christ (v7,9). This would be the one sacrifice for all the people.

Thurs Hebrews 10:11-14 The constant repetition of the animal sacrifices showed that they did not accomplish the atonement for our sins, but the once-for-all-time sacrifice of Jesus indicates that our redemption is complete.

Fri Isaiah 42:1-4 God's chosen and beloved Servant, endowed by the Spirit, will bring good news of gentleness and healing to the nations, even to the gentiles and coastlands.

Sat Isaiah 42:5-8 The Creator of all people on earth will make His righteous Servant both the Fulfiller of the covenant with Israel and a Light to the gentiles (v6). To Him be all praise and glory! (V8)