

**Welcome to  
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

*A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

**March 14, 2021  
Fourth Sunday in Lent**



*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”  
(John 3:16)*

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Rev. J. Philipp Augustine, Pastor

**Welcome to Immanuel!** We ask all members and guests to please check in with the attendance person as you wait to be seated in the church. We hope you are blessed by God’s grace in the worship service. Members, please inform the church office of needed prayers and visits.

**Liturgy:** Setting Three, page 184

**Sermon:** “Lifted Up” – John 3:14-21

**Hymns:** 744 - Amazing Grace (1–3)  
571 - God Loved the World So That He Gave (1–2, 4–5)  
702 - My Faith Looks Up to Thee (1–2)

**Pianist:** Debra Eggenberger

**Elders/Ushers:** 8:00 am: Robert Lamprecht, Bob Walkes  
10:00 am: Eugene Schnell, Don Luckstein

**Altar Duty February:** Don & Cindy Lien, Tom & Lisa Hoekstra

**Busy Bags:** Will be available once COVID19 concerns are past.

### **Our Mission**

Immanuel Lutheran Church exists to spread the Gospel in its truth and purity through Word and Sacraments in accordance with the Confession of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Immanuel Lutheran School exists to share the Gospel, so children become disciples of Jesus.

### **Holy Communion Statement**

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may proclaim His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

*For our communicants: gluten-free host is available along with grape juice in the center of the individual cups for those who have allergies or sensitivities to those respective elements. Please request it as you approach the pastor or the elder.*

**OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP:**

Sunday, March 7: 108 Souls

**OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS:**

Sunday, March 7: \$ 6,494.90

**OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

**Those known to be hospitalized** – The office is unaware of anyone hospitalized at this time. For any prayer requests wanted on the Congregational Prayer Chain, or in public worship services, call the church office (534-3700) or Barb Larson (251-2138) or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

**God’s richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week:**

*March 14: Mary Timm, Jonette Pierce*  
*March 15: Samantha Jacobs*  
*March 16: Robert Lamprecht*  
*March 17: Richard Radel, Vincent Neumann, Amber Liebenow*  
*March 18: Angie Radel*  
*March 20: Alice Koball, Renee Anderson, Steven Johnson*  
*Douglas Gilbertson, Bryan Evans*

**Life Quote for Sunday, March 14:** “Christ does not refuse our sense of tragedy or awareness of pain. He bears it in love, affirming our condition, carrying our sorrows to the end, all the way to the heart of God.” *Jill Carattini*

**Life Thought in the Church Year for March 14 – Lent IV:** Location, origin, and residency can neither improve a person’s worth nor impair it. The Lord God’s worldwide redemption in Jesus (John 3:16) gathers from east and the west, north and the south (Psalm 107:2-3). How then can the confines of a woman’s womb or the bars of a hospital bed or the walls of a laboratory hold Him back when His great love has redeemed the human lives there as well?

**Lent Door Offerings.** With COVID19 gathering restrictions still upon us, the Elders have decided that Lent meals will not be held. Instead, we will have free will offerings for any Immanuel ministry that normally would have hosted a meal to raise funds. Here is the full door offering schedule in case you missed a ministry you wanted to support:

*February 17 – Board of Elders/Seminarian support for PJ Aarsvold*

*February 24 – ILCW – for seminarian support*

*March 3 – Board of Trustees/Church basement window replacement*

*March 10 – Church Council/POBLO Ministries in Rochester*

*(mission work with Chinese and Arab immigrants)*

**March 17 – Trustees/Landscaping Committee support for refreshing the landscaping around our campus buildings**

March 24 – Stephen Ministry – for materials for continuing education and instruction of a new group of Stephen Ministers this fall

*Reminder: all Lent door offerings will be shared equally at the end of the season. You can designate a gift so that it will just go to the designated ministry.*