



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Lakefield, MN - LCMS

April 6, 2025



AS WE GATHER

Something New in This Old World

There's a hymn that refers to the Gospel as an "old, old story" (*"I Love to Tell the Story"* by A. K. Hankey). God's plan of salvation began thousands of years ago, and though the Bible is a record of ancient history, it doesn't mean that old means irrelevant. God says, "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old" (*Isaiah 43:18*). But before throwing away your Bible, catechism, or old hymnal, listen up! "Behold, I am doing a new thing; . . . do you not perceive it?" (v. 19). The "new thing" that God is doing today is freeing you from the slavery of sin, death, boredom, worry, fear, and then re-creating you "that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness"—renewing your life in the forgiveness of sins, in the sure and certain hope of a new body in exchange for your old one in the new creation that awaits us, as that same hymn concludes: "And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

HYMN....Baptized into Your Name Most Holy...Page 590



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence - forth Your
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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HOLY BAPTISM.....Page 268



Dean Jason Schmid



Cooper Kevin Schmid

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P As the Lord God delivered His chosen people from Egyptian slavery through the sea yet on dry ground, and as He delivered His chosen people from their captivity in Babylon of old, so has He now delivered His chosen people to this day from slavery to sin and death through the cross and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Remembering that your Holy Baptism is still a present reality today, let us return to the Lord our God in true repentance and faith.

C **Lord God, we confess that we have sinned against You and have fallen back into our old ways of neglecting You and our love for our neighbor. Create a new heart and spirit within us and make us to be Your new creation by faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live under Him and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness both today and forever.**

P But now thus says the Lord, He who created you and formed you, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

INTROIT.....Psalm 3:3-6; antiphon: v. 8

P Salvation belongs to the Lord;

C **Your blessing be on Your people!**

P But You, O Lord, are a shield about me,

C my glory, and the lifter of my head.

P I cried aloud to the Lord,

C and He answered me from His holy hill.

P I lay down and slept;

C I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

P I will not be afraid of many thousands of people

C who have set themselves against me all around.

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.

P Salvation belongs to the Lord;

C Your blessing be on Your people!

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

SALUTATION & PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have delivered Your chosen people of old from all manner of captivity of body

and soul. According to Your promise, make us to be Your chosen people today, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for Your own possession, that we may proclaim Your praises to one another and to the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE.....Philippians 3:(4b-7) 8-14

⁴If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that

which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Immanuel Ringers.....In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory,

Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.

All the light of sacred story

Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,

Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,

Never shall the cross forsake me;

Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

VERSE.....Luke 20:17b

P The stone that the builders rejected

C **has become the cornerstone.**

HOLY GOSPEL.....Luke 20:9-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

⁹And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the

fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?” ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY...

...My Song Is Love Unknown...Page 430



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?

Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

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NICENE CREED.....(inside back cover of hymnal)

**☐ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came
down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

**and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. O God, our Creator and Redeemer, we give thanks to You for Your whole world of nature and that You continue to sustain it in summer and winter, in seedtime and harvest, through times of trouble and in times of peace. We pray for peace continually that we may attend to Your Word and worship and proclaim Your majesty. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give You thanks especially for our redemption from sin and everlasting death. Though even as You count us as Your redeemed people, still we struggle to be faithful. In Your mercy, You remain true to

Your promises and continue to provide the everlasting invitation, salvation, and healing through the forgiveness of sins for the sake of Christ. Bless and empower Your whole church on earth with steadfast faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for all those in the authority of government, that they may be guided in the way of truth and justice, providing for the peace and safety of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray also for all who are ill, the hungry, those in bondage, and all who travel. Grant that the prayers of all who turn to You in their need graciously come before You, so that they may receive Your help, provision, and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

(Other intercessions added)

P Almighty and eternal God, we adore You as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus, and with the whole church on earth and all the hosts of heaven we ascribe to You honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise. For all Your works of mercy of old, we praise You. For Your gifts of deliverance, renewal of life and hope, and the promise of eternal life through the cross and resurrection of Your Son, we praise You. Hear us for His sake, living and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY.....2 Timothy 2:8, 11-13

C **Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David. If we have died with Him, we**

will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful— for He cannot deny Himself.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (Page 160)

PREFACE & PROPER PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal Feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS





comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for

the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- P** We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have made us Your own people, a new creation in Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His body and blood You have strengthened our faith, thus enabling us to tell forth Your praises. Enlighten our paths and guide our steps that we may live according to Your gracious will in faithfulness to You and love for one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

- P** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C** Amen.

HYMN.....Christ, the Life of All the Living.....Page 420



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
 shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'ings,
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
 All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
 That from pain I might be free;
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
 Thence I gain security;
 Comfortless Thy soul did languish
 Me to comfort in my anguish.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
 And hast borne it patiently,

Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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Preacher Rev. Noel Herr

Elder Luke Henning & Joel Poppe

Organist Lori Kruger

Acolyte Jada Milbrath & Gander Grein

Usher Phil Kruger

We Remember in our Prayers

*Dean Jason Schmid, son of Dakotah and Ashley Schmid,
baptized today*

*Cooper Kevin Schmid, son of Dakotah and Ashley Schmid,
baptized today*

Ines Henning in Hospice

*Susanna Hedstrom, infant granddaughter of Pastor Dale and
Mary Hedstrom, hospitalized*

Immanuel in the Call process for a Pastor

*Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden
Horizons in Worthington, Accura HealthCare in
Milford, Koronis in Paynesville*

*Rose Parrington, Dave Bass, Jackie Ward, Dwaine Milbrath,
Jonah Dage, Keith Kolander, Merlyn Rossow, Bev Hall,
dealing with health issues*

*Diane Hansen, wife of Pastor McDonald; Alan Salzwedel; Sue
Booger, mother of Jeremy Booger; Miles Ramsey,
toddler cousin of Amy Altman; Zach Williamson, friend
of Pastor McDonald; Pastor Dennis Brech; Joyce
Urmie, sister-in-law of Vickie Baumann; Stacey Dunker,
mother of ILS student Janessa Dunker; Pastor Ben
Rucker; Mitch Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Marcus Lere,
grandson of Joyce Bretzman; Denny Daberkow; Jim
Salentiny, uncle of Mark Freking; dealing with cancer*

*Peter Schulz, newborn son of Pastor Schulz (one of our recent
Call candidates); Rich Polz, friend of Bruce and Jan
Bakalyar; Mary Holt, aunt of Debbi Gettler; Jeff Meyer,
friend of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; Curt Gates, brother-
in-law of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health*

issues

Our Missionaries in the Field
Our Country and Our Military

COMMUNION: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with Pastor.

BAPTIZED TODAY are Dean Jason Schmid and Cooper Kevin Schmid, twin sons of Dakotah and Ashley Schmid. Dean and Cooper's sponsor/witnesses are Derek & Alyssa Gors, Isaiah Schmid, and Chrissy Hermeling. We pray that the Lord would continue to watch over Dean & Cooper and their family.

WE WELCOME all of our guests and visitors today. We invite you to visit us again. If you have no church home and would like to make Immanuel your church home, please speak to Pastor or one of the Elders at the end of the service.

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING TO CALL A PASTOR is tomorrow, Monday, April 7th, at 7:00 p.m.

VOTERS MEETING for the second quarter will be on Sunday, April 13th right after the 9:00 a.m. worship service around 10:00 a.m.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY: Sunday School meets in the school classrooms. Youth Group Podcast Bible Study (grades 6-12) meets in the mother's room in the basement. Everyone is welcome.

**THERE IS NO ADULT BIBLE CLASS THIS SUNDAY 4/6
OR ON PALM SUNDAY 4/13 AND EASTER 4/20.
IT WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY 4/27.**



Easter Breakfast

April 20 ~ 7:30-8:45 a.m.

*Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes,
Ham, and Fruit will be served.*

Proceeds will go to our Youth Group

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER for April through June are available on the welcome center in the narthex in both regular and large print. Please help yourself to a copy.

JOIN US FOR LAST LENTEN SUPPER on Wednesday, April 9th. The Board of Elders will be serving BBQs from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for a freewill donation. The freewill donations from our Lenten suppers this year will go to:

- ILS Freshwater Fifties Chapel Offering – \$150
- Sunday School Mission – \$100
- Youth Group for New Orleans Youth Group Gathering – remaining funds

Church Cleanup



On **Friday, April 11th** a Spring Clean-Up of the church will be held. The plan is to start at 2:00 and clean until it is done.

— — —
We will be cleaning the Chancel area, pews, floors, walls, working sacristy, and Narthex

— — —
We need your help — all you need to bring is a bucket and some cloths for cleaning. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

IMMANUEL LWML meets on Wednesday, April 9th at 5:30 p.m. All ladies are welcome to join them! Please come early to enjoy the Lenten Supper served by the Board of Elders in the church basement.

2024 ANNUAL REPORTS are now ready. Please help yourself to a copy. They can be found on the table behind the welcome center in the narthex.

LAKEFIELD LIONS PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be served from 9:00-12:30 on Sunday, April 13th at the Lakefield American Legion. A freewill donation will be taken to support Lions sponsored events. Lakefield American Legion is located at 413 Main Street.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- Registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year.
- **NO SCHOOL – EASTER BREAK – 4/17 through 4/21**
- Region IV Spelling Bee is at St. Paul's Truman on Saturday 4/26
- All School Choir sings at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jackson on Sunday 4/27 at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS OF IMMANUEL:

Our current rate of giving and tuition has continued to fall short of current expenses. The church's operating reserves have been continually depleted due to short falls in the budget and are running out. At our current rate of income to expenses we will need to borrow from the bank an estimated \$75,000 beginning in June of 2025. From the year 2022-2023 when we raised dollars for the new church organ our total income was \$137,563 higher than our current projections. From that year to our current giving and tuition, weekly giving is down \$2,645 per week which has been shown in our bulletin each month. Our rate of giving has not increased with the rate of increasing costs to operate the church and school. During our Pastoral Vacancy we have also seen our attendance drop from 147 average attendance in 2023 to 131 in 2024. We must remember to keep the mission of our church and school at the forefront.

There will be additional details on how these budget issues will be further addressed at the 4/13 voters meeting.

-Board of Finance

CONFIRMATION will be held on Sunday, May 11th during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. We have 4 confirmands this year:

- Kadence Daberkow: daughter of Tim and Sonya Daberkow
- Zadi Farmer: daughter of Justin and Tami Farmer
- Linkon Phillips: son of Amery Rossow and Shane Philips
- Kaelyn Swanson-Voight: daughter of Ashley Farley, Nick Voight, and Lee & Rhonda Swanson

BINGO is at St. Joseph Catholic Church's Prokes Hall today, Sunday, April 6th at 1:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded with proceeds benefitting youth and family organizations. The church is located at 410 Broadway Avenue in Lakefield.

GIVING STATEMENTS for 2024 are ready. Please write your name on the sign-up sheet on the window in the narthex if you would like one or give Amy in the church office a call at 507-662-5718. Statements can then be picked up from the welcome center in the narthex or mailed out.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available. This year's devotions are titled "Servant of the Lord". Both regular and large print copies can be found on the welcome center in the narthex. Please help yourself to a copy.

FUNDRAISER MEAL FOR FORT BELMONT is at the Jackson American Legion today, Sunday, April 6th from 11:00-1:30. Pork loin, beans, chips, bars and a beverage will be served for a freewill donation. Proceeds will go to church and sod house renovations at Fort Belmont. Jackson American Legion is located at 411 1st Street.

WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATE:

**AFTER EASTER 4/20,
WE WILL NO LONGER
HAVE OUR WEDNESDAY
EVENING SERVICES.
SUNDAY MORNING
SERVICES WILL CONTINUE
TO BE AT 9:00.
ANY QUESTIONS CHECK
WITH THE ELDERS.**



LWML Spring Rally

ST. PAUL ROST

LUTHERAN CHURCH

38886 800TH ST., LAKEFIELD

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

9:30 a.m. with a 9:00 registration

Cost is \$5

- Speaker Linda Medus, Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch
- Gifts from the Heart collected for the Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch:

Dry Shampoo (regular size), Shampoo/Conditioner (regular size), Bodywash (regular size), Deodorant/Antiperspirant (regular size), Tampons/Pads, Mouthwash, Socks/Undergarments, Sweatpants (all sizes), Lotion (regular size), Facewash, Acne Cream, Brush/Combs, Floss Picks, Toothpaste (regular size), Non-perishable Food Items

A collection box, with further info,
will be located in the narthex.

- Get-Together held in the church, coffee and lunch served in the basement which is handicap accessible with an elevator.
- Closing with Lunch

**“For I know the plans I have for you,”
declares the Lord.**

**Plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you a hope and a future.”
~ Jeremiah 29:11**



“SET APART TO SERVE” SYNOD SURVEY: Where do we get pastors who preach and care for us with God’s Word? Where do we get teachers who teach our children about Jesus in our Lutheran schools? Where do we get our directors of Christian education, deaconesses and directors of parish music? Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is partnering with our seminaries, Concordia universities, districts and others to build a Synodwide culture of church work formation and recruitment. Will you please take a brief online survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey and let us know how we can make SAS more beneficial to your congregation? We want to hear what you have to say. Deadline to submit is April 12th.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE you may contact Pastor McDonald directly (507-993-1113 or mcdonald.david66@yahoo.com), Amy in the church office (507-662-5718 or immanuel@immanuellakefield.com), or speak to one of the elders. This includes visits, prayer requests, communion for home bound members, among others. Pastor McDonald is our administrative vacancy pastor.

**EASTER AND CONFIRMATION CARDS
ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BOOKSTORE**

Wondering where you can watch this service?

1. Facebook: “Immanuel Lutheran Church” on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or any time after.
2. YouTube: “Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Lakefield” on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or any time after.

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POINTS OF INFORMATION March 30, 2025

<i>Current Fund received this past week</i>	\$6,753
<i>Needed each week</i>	\$18,504
<i>Non-budget giving</i>	
<i>Tuition Assistance Program</i>	\$1,300
<i>Lent Supper 3/26</i>	\$242
<i>Easter Lilies</i>	\$380
<i>CPH Book Order</i>	\$250
<i>Building</i>	\$22
<i>Memorials given in memory of</i>	
<i>Melvin Grein to Immanuel School</i>	\$230
<i>Linda Wagner to Immanuel School</i>	\$60
<i>Current Fund needed for March</i>	\$74,016
<i>Offering Received in March</i>	\$47,960
+ <i>Tuition Received in March</i>	\$9,588
= <i>Current Fund Total March</i>	\$57,548
<i>Year to date Offerings/Tuition minus Expenses:</i>	- \$37,898
	<i>as of 3/19/2025</i>

If you have any questions, please call Jesse Ackermann

Worshipping on Sunday, 3/30: 87

Worshipping on Midweek Lent, Wednesday 4/2: 185

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...

Sunday, April 6

Lent V

9:00 AM Worship with Communion

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Youth Group Podcast Bible Study

Monday, April 7

7:00 PM Special Voters Meeting to Call a Pastor

Tuesday, April 8

6:10 PM Immanuel Ringers

7:10 PM Choir

Wednesday, April 9

8:30 AM Lent Worship

2:10 PM Confirmation

5:00-6:30 *Lent Supper: BBQs served by Board of Elders*

5:15 PM *LWML Meeting*

7:00 PM *Lent Worship*

Friday, April 11

2:00 PM *Spring Church Clean-Up*

Sunday, April 13 *Palm Sunday*

9:00 AM *Worship with Communion*

10:00 AM *Voters Meeting*

10:15 AM *Sunday School*

10:15 AM *Youth Group Podcast Bible Study*

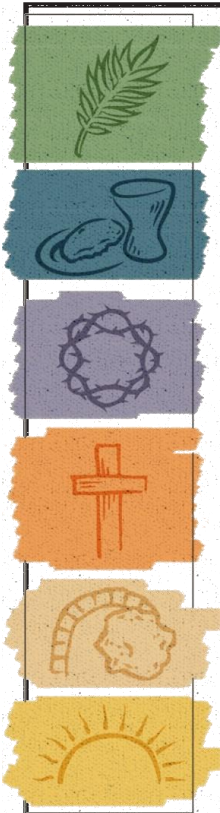
Monday, April 14

5:15 PM *Board of Congregational Services Meeting*

Tuesday, April 15

6:10 PM *Immanuel Ringers*

7:10 PM *Choir*



Lent and Holy Week Worship Services

Lent

Wednesday 4/9

8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 4/17

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

Friday 4/18

7:00 p.m.

Easter

Sunday 4/20

6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.