**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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## Sunday, February 26, 2023 First Sunday of Lent, Year A

## Prelude

### Announcements

*Please stand*.

**Gathering Hymn “Praise and Thanks And Adoration” # 783**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Gracious God

**All: Have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you**

**and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**in your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**known and unknown, things we have done**

**and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your spirit**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

**in Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Greeting**

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **and also,** **with you.**

**Kyrie pg. 139**

### Prayer of the Day

*Please be seated*.

First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm : Psalm 32

**P**: 1Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
  and whose sin is | put away!  
 2**Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no guilt,**  
  **and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**  
 3While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,  
  because of my groaning | all day long.  
 4**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;**  
  **my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.** R  
 5Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.  
  I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.  
 6**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;**  
  **when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**  
 7You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
  you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.  
 8**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;**  
  **I will guide you | with my eye.** R  
 9Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;  
  who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you.”  
 10**Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;**  
  **but mercy embraces those who trust | in the Lord.**  
 11Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;  
  shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. R

Second Lesson: : Romans 5:12-19

**Hymn “Jesus Still Lead On” # 624**

Gospel Acclamation: Return to the Lord pg.141

*Please stand.*

**Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon Rev. Gary Froseth**

**Hymn of the Day “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days” # 319**

*Please stand.*

**Nicene Creed** *See the yellow sheet in your pew rack.*

Offertory Hymn “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” # 592

*Usher will bring up the offering plate.*

**Offering Prayer**

**P:** **:** Liberating God,

**All: you break the bonds of injustice**

**and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving.**

**for all your works of merciful power,**

**and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” # 618**

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

**Attendance on 2/19/2023: 31**

**Prayer Concerns: Joanne Diestelhorst, Joan Bonstead, Judi McGill, Tom McDonell, Phyllis Hustedt’s family, Thelma Bursik, Esther Osterby, Brent Harring, Jackie Loos’ family** (contact ILC office to update)

**March 1, 2023, Midweek Lenten Services.**

* St. Stephen Lunch Lenten Service @ 12:15
* Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Soup Supper @ 5:30, Worship @ 6:30.

**March 3, 2023,** **Lenten Meditation Recitals 12:15 – 12:45 pm. - George Felty** sponsored by the Wisconsin River Chapter of the American Guild of Organists at Grace United Church of Christ 535 S. 3rd Avenue Wausau.

**The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin** provides Meals on Wheels in the Wausau community. We serve 300 older adults that are homebound every week and currently **need volunteers** to deliver Meals on Wheels. New volunteers will assure that we continue delivery to existing customers, and do not need to start a waiting list for new customers. For questions, please contact Peggy Kurth 715-261-6084.

**Men’s Discussion Group** meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

**Volunteers needed for Office Coverage**

**Volunteers needed for Profile Committee**

As we begin our search for a new pastor, we must develop a Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Committee. This team of 6-9 persons compiles a document that describes the ministry of the congregation. Members of this team should be a cross-section of the congregation’s different demographics: young and old, new and long-time members, people involved with different aspects of ministry, etc. The MSP will be presented to potential candidates as they discern God’s calling for the next chapter in ministry. If you are interested and able to be part of this important committee, please contact Adam Doede or any member of the Church Council.

**Volunteers needed to call and or visit the homebound and ill.**

**Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours.** There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

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| **Worship Assistants – February 26, 2023** | | |
| **Worship Leader: Rev. Gary Froseth** | | |
| **Pianist / Organist** | **Reader** | **Usher** |
| Karen Zuidema | Holly Westaby | Dan Westaby |
| **Altar Guild**  Holly Westaby & Kathy Knox | | |

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