**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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## Sunday, March 05, 2023 Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

## We welcome Pastor Justin Smoot to Immanuel and thank him for doing the service for today.

## Prelude

### Announcements

*Please stand.*

**Gathering Hymn “Wash O God Our Sons And Daughters” # 445**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Gracious God

**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 the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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

**Kyrie pg. 138**

### Prayer of the Day

*Please be seated.*

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

P: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 121

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the Lord. *(Ps. 121:1, 2)*

1I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
  from where is my | help to come?  
 2**My help comes | from the Lord,**  
  **the maker of heav- | en and earth.**  
 3The Lord will not let your | foot be moved  
  nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.  
 4**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**  
  **will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;** R  
 5the Lord watches | over you;  
  the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;  
 6**the sun will not strike | you by day,**  
  **nor the | moon by night.**  
 7The Lord will preserve you | from all evil  
  and will | keep your life.  
 8**The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,**  
  **from this time forth for- | evermore.** R

Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

P: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

P: Let us stand for the Gospel.

C: Return to the Lord pg. 142

**Gospel: John 3:1-17**

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

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

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*.

**Sermon Rev. Justin Smoot**

**Hymn of the Day** **“God Loved The World” # 323**

*Please stand.*

**Apostles’ Creed** *See the yellow sheet in your pew rack*

Prayers of Intercession

R: Merciful God

**C: Receive our Prayer**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

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

*You may be seated*.

Offertory Hymn “We Come To The Hungry Feast” # 479

**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.

*Please stand.*

Great Thanksgiving pg. 144

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy; that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise….we praise your name and join their unending hymn…

Holy, Holy, Holy pg. 144

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

**P:** Behold the Lamb of God

That takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his banquet.

**Lamb Of God** **pg.** **146**

**Communion Hymns “Beautiful Savior” # 838**

**Blessing**

P: Almighty God, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Bless you now and forever.

**Prayer**

P: God our Redeemer,

**All: You have fed us at this table**

**With gifts of grace, truth, and life.**

**As you have gathered us in joy,**

**Send us forth as messengers of your peace.**

**Make us shine with the good news of your glory,**

**Born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please stand for the Benediction.*

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn** **“Lift High The Cross” # 660**

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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| **Worship Assistants – March 05, 2023** | | |
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| **Pianist / Organist** | **Reader** | **Usher** |
| Judy Kort | Al Solomonson | Bruce Knox |
| **Altar Guild**  Holly Westaby & Kathy Knox | | |

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

*On the first Sunday of the month an extra candle is placed on the altar. It reminds us that Immanuel has a special relationship with the Lobatla Lutheran Parish in South Africa. In 2009, Justice Pule, the parish pastor, visited Immanuel, a visit that was coordinated by Claudette and Ben Herring. The Herrings visited South Africa in 2010, bringing a candle to be presented to the Lobatla congregation and informing its members that Immanuel would have an identical candle placed on its altar as a reminder of the special relationship that exists between the two congregations. This is the 13th year of the candle being placed on our altar.*

**March 8, 2023, Midweek Lenten Services** Lunch/Lenten Services, 12:15 p.m.

at St. Stephen Soup Suppers at 5:30 p.m./Worship Services at 6:30 p.m. at Pilgrim

**March 10, 2023, Lenten Meditation Recitals 12:15 -12:45 pm - Dan Larsen** sponsored by the Wisconsin River Chapter of the American Guild of Organists at Grace United Church of Christ, 535 S, 3rd Avenue, Wausau.

**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 visit the homebound and ill.**

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

**Attendance on 02/26/2023 41**

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