



Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church
20882 Walden Ave. Hutchinson, MN 55350
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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 23, 2025

HYMN - 406 “In the Hour of Trial”

We follow Setting Two on page 172.

CONFESSION

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In place of GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST we sing
402:1-3,6 “Glory Be to Jesus”

The Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING – Exodus 3:1-15

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.³ So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

⁴ When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

⁵ “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”⁶ Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.”⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

¹² And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

¹³ Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’”

“This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

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SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ² They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” ⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹ We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION page 179



Refrain



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, king of end-less glo-ry.

Tone



He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to per-ish,



but everyone to come to re-pent-ance.

GOSPEL – Luke 13:1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

⁸ “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

HYMN – 712 “Delay Not! Delay Not”

SERMON – Luke 13:1-9

“Repentance Bears Fruit”

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

HYMN – 836 “I Walk in Danger All the Way”

PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN - 923 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”



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Serving today at Immanuel:

Organist: Jane Vacek **Elder:** Steve Plamann
Video Taping: Mark DeVries **Power Point:** Tyson Fox
Altar Guild: Wendy Hellwig and Sharon Smith
Ushers: Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Steve Wendorff, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann, Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann, Mike Yerks

Living in God's Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
Monday:	6:00	p.m.	Steering Committee via Zoom
	6:30	p.m.	Choir
	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study at ILC
Wednesday:	2:00	p.m.	Worship at Zion
	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
	6:00	p.m.	Supper Served – NOTE TIME
	7:00	p.m.	Worship at Immanuel
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
	7:00	p.m.	Call Meeting

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Monthly Calendar (under Church/calendar)

Weekly Bulletins (under Church/service)

Church Services Broadcasted Mondays at 10:00 am & Sundays at 9 pm
on Nuvera channel 10 or Mediacom channel 107.3



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Services are streamed live on Sundays at 10 a.m.

Immanuel Grace Lutheran School

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In March, we will be collecting for the McLeod County Food Shelf. March is the MN Food Share Campaign. All donations, including monetary, during the campaign are multiplied by the Food Fund. Collection boxes will be in the entryway. Thank you for your help.

Wednesday, March 26

2p Worship at Zion

5:30 to 6:30p Supper Served at ILC

7p Worship at Immanuel

Ladies Group #2 is serving Tacos in a Bag

To be served before church starting at 6:00p

Free will offering



From the initial start, to now,
we are now at **\$690,500** towards our goal!

Thank you! Thank you!



Spring Cleaning!

Everyone's help is needed on **Saturday, April 12th** beginning at 9 a.m. as we give the Lord's house a good "Spring Cleaning". (Upstairs) If you can give one hour or three hours it will be greatly appreciated. The more who come to help the more we can accomplish. Come help us make God's house shine. The check list will be on the table in the entryway if you are able to come **out anytime during the week of April 6th to 12th.**

Thank you.



Door Offerings for LWMS Missions

Sundays – April 6 and April 13

Special Services



Maundy Thursday

April 17, 7:00p
w/Communion

Good Friday

April 18, 9a
at Zion
7:00p at Immanuel

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

April 20, 6:30a at Immanuel

Easter Breakfast

7:30a-9:30a at Immanuel

Easter Service

8:45a at Zion
10:00a at Immanuel



Easter Lilies: Anyone interested in purchasing an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the sheet in the entry way by March 30, 2025. The cost is \$13. Please pay Donna Telecky.

Please see page 6 of the
Martin Luther College InFocus Spring 2025 issue
Mr. Isaiah Loersch is featured.

Mr. Loersch is our teacher at IGLS teaching grades 2-4.

Isaiah Loersch

(St. Paul-Onalaska WI)

2024-25 Emergency Teacher at Immanuel-Hutchinson MN

What he loved: Kiddie Lit was an all-time favorite class for me. Every class period, Dr. Roux started by giving us 10 minutes of personal reading time, which was a welcome mental break before diving into actual class. Allowing us that time also helped reinforce the importance of providing students with silent, sustained reading time during the school day. Also, it's pretty incredible how knowledgeable Dr. Roux is on the subject. If you've read a book, he probably has too, and he'd love to talk to you about it!

What he learned: Dr. Roux uses this class to expose students to a variety of children's literature. We didn't just read *Kneiff Bunny*! One of my biggest takeaways is how you can utilize children's literature in a classroom to teach. I used several picture books at the beginning of the school year in Hutchinson to facilitate discussions about things in my classroom. Talking out of turn, being kind to others, and putting forth our best effort were all conversations that began with reading a picture book.

His favorite project: The final project for the class was a readers' theater performance. We worked with our group to retell a classic fairytale while adding our own twist. We started with many versions of the fairytale, then made a script, assigning each person a character. Our twist was that our fairytale—Cinderella—took place at MLC. Some groups added music, sound effects, and costumes to their performances. In my own classroom in Hutchinson last fall, I did a Thanksgiving readers' theater, which my students loved. They ask me to do another one at least once a week!



How he uses Kiddie Lit every day in his classroom right now: I use the knowledge I learned from Kiddie Lit in my grade 2-4 classroom every day. I read aloud a chapter from our book during snack right before recess (pictured). We're on book #4 already! Seeing how invested students get while listening to the books we read together is incredible. Several have started reading a series because we read the first book together in class. Kiddie Lit was also beneficial as I planned for my first school year as an emergency teacher. I emailed Dr. Roux for advice in early August, and he helped me tremendously. My third and fourth graders read novels as part of language arts class. The guidelines I learned in Kiddie Lit helped me select books that will teach my students literary concepts while also being enjoyable to read. A huge part of the class that I try to instill in my students is a love of reading. Reading is a lifelong skill and shouldn't feel like a chore!

Please keep **Mrs. Rachel Markgraf** and her family in your prayers as she deliberates her call to teach grades 1 and 2 at Immanuel Grace Lutheran School.

She graduated from MLC in 2013 and taught at Prairie Lutheran School in Gibbon for 9 years. She is married to Zachary who works at 3M and their daughter, Willow, was baptized here at Immanuel in February of 2024.

Call Meeting:

Sunday, March 30 at 7 p.m. at the school.

This will be our last try from the field before going to the assignment committee.

This is for the planned 3-5 grade classroom.

Everyone is welcome to attend.