

Immanuel – St. Paul's



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

(*Laetare*)

March 14th, 2021

A Note to Our Visitors

We welcome you in the name of our living Savior, Jesus Christ, and we pray that your time of worship with us today will be a blessing to you.

Scripture Readings

Exodus 16:2-21

Acts 2:41-47

John 6:1-15

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:2-21

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'"

¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the

face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.'" ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

Second Reading

Acts 2:41–47

⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Holy Gospel

John 6:1–15

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he

had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

 **Church Notes** – March 14, 2021

Thank You from Pastor Smith & Family

The love extended to us in so many ways since Johann broke his leg has been overwhelming in the best of ways. We are deeply grateful for all those who have brought meals, given gifts, spent time with Johann, and contributed to the generous collection for our family for medical expenses. Thank you for your care as the body of Christ to support us in this time and always.

Part-Time Secretary

Our secretary has submitted her intent to retire from this position. As a result, a replacement is needed.

Responsibilities include producing all bulletins and service folders for regular Sunday services and special services (e.g. midweek services and funerals), updating the church calendar(s), responding to emails, maintaining records, and updating the church website. Prior secretarial experience is not needed, but familiarity with Microsoft Word, email, and basic computing skills are preferred.

Work will usually be limited to approximately eight hours per week. The day and time you work is somewhat flexible, but should generally be on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.

Training will be provided until such time as the person is fully trained and comfortable working on their own.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming the new secretary, please contact Dane Patterson or any council members. If you have questions about the position, please contact Lisa Feldmann.

Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting

St. Paul's Ladies Aid/LWML meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18, at 1:00 pm.

Holy Communion

Next Sunday (3/21) we will have Holy Communion at St. Paul's. Please remember to sign-up by 5pm Saturday so we can have an accurate count and have it safely prepared.

LENT MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

March 17 th	6:30 pm	Lent Midweek 5 <i>"Love that Deals Thoroughly with Sin"</i>	Immanuel
March 24 th	6:30 pm	Lent Midweek 6 <i>"Love So Broad"</i>	Immanuel
April 1 st	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday <i>"Deepest, Truest Love at Our Lord's Table"</i>	St. Paul's
April 2 nd	8:00 am	Good Friday (Chief Divine Service) <i>"Jesus's Love and the Meaning of Life"</i>	Immanuel
April 2 nd	6:30 pm	Good Friday (Tenebrae Vespers) <i>"Jesus's Love and the Meaning of Life"</i>	St. Paul's
April 4 th	7:00 am	Easter <i>"Love that Ends Our Fears"</i>	Immanuel
April 4 th	10:00 am	Easter <i>"Love that Ends Our Fears"</i>	St. Paul's

Come, Holy Spirit, and Fill the Hearts of Your Faithful

This Week at Immanuel-St. Paul's

Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Communion @ Immanuel
	10:00 am	Morning Worship @ St. Paul's
	6:30 pm	Jr. Catechesis @ St. Paul's Parish Hall
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Lent Midweek Vespers @ Immanuel
Thursday	1:00 pm	St. Paul's Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting
Saturday		Wedding of Alyssa Landmann & Gage Allhands @ St. Paul's
Sunday	8:00 am	Morning Worship @ Immanuel
	10:00 am	Holy Communion @ St. Paul's
	6:30 pm	Jr. Catechesis @ St. Paul's Parish Hall

Next Sunday Scripture Readings

Genesis 22:1-14

Hebrews 9:11-15

John 8:46-59

Memory Verse for This Week

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins,
the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God,
being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.