

Immanuel – St. Paul's



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

(*Judica*)

March 21, 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

Genesis 22:1-14

Hebrews 9:11-15

John 8:46-59

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11–15

¹¹When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Holy Gospel

John 8:46–59

⁴⁶“Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.



Church Notes – March 21st, 2021

Three Springs Lodge Assistance

St. Paul's has been asked to assist some residents at Three Springs Lodge. These residents have limited or no family participation in their lives. The facility provides for their basic care needs but has expressed appreciation for any help we can provide. Bonnie and Wayne are residents who could use our help. The lists of their needs are on the bulletin board as you enter church. If you intend to purchase an item, please cross it off the list. Cash donations for purchase of the items are also acceptable. Children's homemade greeting cards or any cards or notes to Bonnie and/or Wayne would be appreciated. Please keep them in your prayers. If you have questions, please contact Jeanette Vallett at 615-1130.

Easter Egg Hunt

St. Paul's will be hosting an Easter egg hunt for the kids in the congregation on Saturday April 3rd at 10 a.m. We will also hold a short practice for children who would like to participate in carrying in the items to re-dress the altar at the service on Easter morning. If you have any questions please ask Andrea Blaizer, Gina Gladson or Hope Patterson.

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.

Holy Communion

Next Sunday, (3/28 Palm Sunday) 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. Then the following week, as we celebrate Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and then the following Sunday, Easter Sunday, we will have Holy Communion at each of those services. Please remember to register for communion for any of those services you will be attending and receiving Holy Communion.

LENT MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

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

This Week at Immanuel-St. Paul's

Sunday	8:00 am	Morning Worship @ Immanuel
	9:00 am	Immanuel Voters' Meeting
	10:00 am	Holy Communion @ St. Paul's
	6:30 pm	Jr. Catechesis @ St. Paul's Parish Hall

Wednesday 6:30 pm Lent Midweek Vespers @ Immanuel

Sunday

Palm Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion @ Immanuel
10:00 am	Holy Communion @ St. Paul's
6:30 pm	Jr. Catechesis @ St. Paul's Parish Hall

Next Sunday Scripture Readings

Zechariah 9:9-12
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 27:11-54
John 12:12-19

Memory Verse for This Week

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.