



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday & Monday, 9:30 am/6:00 pm, April 3rd & 4th, 2022

COVID Protocol Update: Council has lifted COVID protocols as a result of low county numbers, but encourages awareness of ongoing county numbers and personal health.

5th Sunday in Lent

Welcome to worship! Please complete a Connection Card and place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of + God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, **we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Christ, the Life of All the Living

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, **you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values .

PSALM 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Solberg

SONG

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued. Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Extravagant God, **you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

All baptized Christians who believe this true presence are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion today. Please assist your child(ren) if you wish them communed.



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ☩ bless you this day and always. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 3-April 10, 2022

***SYMPATHY & GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:** The Family of *Mary Joan Parkkonen*, who died on Thursday, March 24th. Also, condolences to her good friends June Jarvi and Jean Manginen.

***ARE YOU WANTING A WAY TO SUPPORT FINANCIAL UKRAINE'S REFUGEES?** We can work through Lutheran World Relief (LWR), donating through Immanuel, noting "LWR" or "Ukraine". Or you can give online directly to LWR's "World of Good Fund," providing families facing crisis with emergency food, clean water, safe shelter, medical supplies & more. Your love will reach neighbors in Ukraine & around the world with the lifesaving care they need.



***WELCOME TO LENT** In cooperation with Yombo Parish and Pastor Michael Locko, we will focus on "fasting" (Matthew 6:16-18) during our Lenten mid-week services. Immanuel's approach will be "Fasting: Disrupting the Ordinary to Gain the Extraordinary" and the last two weeks of Lent include: a) Fasting from Forgetting; and b) Fasting from Being Your Own Savior. Missed Fasting from Worry, Hunger, Hatred, Judgement? They are available online under **WORSHIP AT HOME**.

***LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** On **Wednesday, April 6**, our final *Lenten Soup Supper* will take place. Donations of soups, breads, and desserts, are needed. There is a SIGN-UP sheet posted near the Fellowship Hall door for you to sign up for Wednesday to bring YOUR delicious 'foods'. Thank you for contributing to the Lenten Soup Suppers. Then, come for our soup supper at 5:30 pm, followed by a ½-hour service at 6:15 pm. Any donated monies given for the suppers will go toward Immanuel's Youth Fund.

***MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS** ... on **April 9 and 16, at 8:30 am**, there will be a Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast offered in the Fellowship Hall. The breakfast starts at 8:30 am followed by a discussion of Sunday's readings and any topic that you may want to share, ending at 9:30 am. For more information, please call Walter Scanlon @ 906-235-2294. All of you men are welcome, and Walter hopes to see you there!

*Parents,
We believe
that the true
body and
blood of Je-
sus Christ is
in/with/
under the
bread
and wine.*



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*



40
days
of Lent





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***GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS:** Thank you for continuing to financially support our on-going congregational mission. **NOTE: The GivePlus Mobile App will be phased out by April 30th.** After that date, GivePlus Mobile app will no longer be supported. In its place, you may download the **VANCO Mobile app**. VANCO Mobile is a free app and offers a better user experience with easy giving options, including giving to special funds. Here are the steps to follow: 1) **Search for Our Church** - Enter our church’s name or use the invite code and click SEARCH. Then, select our church. 2) **Select Your Fund and Amount** - Select your fund and donation frequency, then select your payment method. 3) **Enter Payment Method** - Select a payment method and enter your credit card, debit card, or bank account information. You can save this payment method for future donations. 4) **Choose to Cover Processing Fees** - You can choose to cover the donation processing fees by adding a small amount on top of your gift. Click the button to opt in. 5) **Complete Your donation** - Review and complete your gift by clicking SUBMIT. If giving online through Immanuel’s website, there is no change.



***SUMMER VBS IS BACK! JULY 25 - 28, MONDAY - THURSDAY** To help with your family summer plans, we thought we should put this news out now! Currently, we are in the planning stages for our Vacation Bible School (VBS), so more information will be available in the spring. The Fortune Lake VBS Program and staff will be leading the program! Diana Hetrick is the coordinator, should you have questions or need more information ((906) 235-7110). Oh, and, yes, we will have multi-generational volunteer opportunities for all! The Preschool will be the morning program and the School Age will be a full day.

***“SHEEPSKIN SCHOLARSHIP” for NEGAUNEE HS GRADUATE ATTENDING NMU** *The Howard B. Lento “Sheepskin Scholarship”* is a \$4,000.00 scholarship to be granted to a Negaunee High School Graduate who is attending Northern Michigan University in the fields of business, education, or skilled trades. The ideal candidate should be a person who is returning to school after taking time off to work, or who started his or her college studies later than usual for personal, family, or financial reasons. The scholarship will be awarded in two parts: \$2,000 for the Fall 2022 semester and \$2,000 for the Spring 2023 semester. The deadline for applying is May 1st. The application is available through the NMU Financial Aid Office. Pick up your application now!

***FORTUNE LAKE NEWS** Our Annual Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Association Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 24 at 3pm CENTRAL in the chapel at Fortune Lake. Per our bylaws, each congregation is encouraged to have up to three voting members (no more than two lay people, with the third vote coming from the congregation's pastor). Due to caution around COVID-19, no meal will be served this year. Annual meeting packets have been mailed and emailed to congregations and can also be found here: <http://fortunelake.org/2022-annual-meeting/>. We look forward to seeing you! Grace & Peace, Amanda Rasner, Camp Director, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, Crystal Falls, MI, 906.214.2267, www.fortunelake.org

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Palm Sunday/Monday, April 10/11, 9:30 am/6 pm services

Maundy Thursday Service, April 14th, 6:30 pm

Good Friday Services, April 15th, 12 noon - 3:00 pm

12 noon - Immanuel Lutheran Church

1:00 pm - HOPE Methodist Church (formerly Mitchell)

2:00 pm - St. John’s Episcopal Church

(all churches are in Negaunee. And, unless specifically designated, offerings will support St. Vincent de Paul’s Negaunee food pantry)

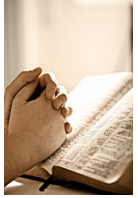
Easter Sunday, April 17th, 8:30 am AND 10:30 am services

(Church Closed Monday, April 18th, NO Services)



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pray For: Nancy Burton, Pat DeWitt, Dan Hendrickson, Pete Hicks, Peggy Jackson, Jim Kallioinen, Billy Jo Kaufman, Betty Kinnunen, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Wendy Niemi, Arianna Paananen, Don & Vera Palomaki, Joyce Peterson, Jessica Roberts, Richard Toyra, and all COVID patients. **Our Shut-ins:** Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Janet Penhale, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Smith, Lynne Tossava. **Members in the Armed Service:** Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Jacque Kurian, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.



VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: Pastor Steve Solberg

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: Connie Scanlon

Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

- 9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS – Kathy Palomaki & Alice Mutkala
- 6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – Cheryl Ulvila & Ron Ulvila
- 9:30 am LECTOR – Alice Mutkala
- 6 pm LECTOR – Kevin Crupi
- 9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – Linda Dillman
- 6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – Kevin Krupi
- 9:30 am Tech Team – Tyler Moore
- 6 pm Tech Team – Need Volunteer(s)



APRIL'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN APRIL, our ELCA World Hunger will be our Monthly Mission Emphases. The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed.

ELCA World Hunger is this church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, at work. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Generating unique solutions to local challenges starts by listening to our neighbors and communities. Then, together, we work and serve to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.



If you wish to give to ELCA World Hunger, use the *April Monthly Mission envelope* from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Thank you for giving \$ 900.25 in March to Fortune Lake Camp Scholarship Fund.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS
April 3, 2022 - April 10, 2022

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...
www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

- Sunday** ***5th Sunday in Lent***
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
- 7:00 pm - Confirmation Class
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)
- 5:30 pm - Soup Supper
- 6:15 pm - Lenten Midweek Service
- 6:45 pm - Choir Practice
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting
- 6:00 pm - *Revelation* Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)
- Friday** **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- Saturday** - 8:30 am - Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast
- Sunday** ***Palm Sunday***
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)