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Sunday, February 18, 2024, 9:30am

First Sunday in Lent

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

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us prepare now to enter the desert.

We will walk the road that Jesus walked. We will fast and pray with Jesus on the way.

Let us face those desert places in our lives.

We will not go there alone: Jesus has gone there before us.

Face the desert we must, if we are to reach the cross of Easter.

Face the desert we must, but Jesus has gone there before us.

Let us remember the times we turned away.

We confess the ways in which we've hurt one another and ourselves and turned away from God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Our God is merciful and the Source of our salvation, who desires not that we live in shame or guilt but rather that we turn from what we do to hurt ourselves and others and receive forgiveness. Therefore, may the One who came to restore life bless you and restore you by the Holy Spirit, for the living of new life in Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

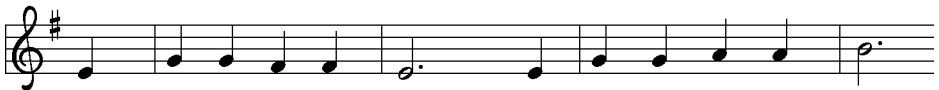
In the name of Jesus Christ, we know that we are forgiven.

OPENING HYMN

Bless Now, Oh God, the Journey

#326

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, heavenly Father, **in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

WORD

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We Are Turning

#205

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Walter Scanlon

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

#325

APOSTLE'S 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,

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

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

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people (*especially that of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate today*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation (*organizations may be named*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please be seated.)

MEAL

OFFERING

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.)

OFFERING SONG

Create in Me a Clean Heart

#188



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

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. **Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Walter Scanlon

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

BLESSING

Go now into the desert places where God calls you to go, and be what God calls you to be. And may the blessing of Almighty God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 18—February 25, 2024

* **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations that are needed are bakery items, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for **February is Fortune Lake/Youth.** If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for **Coffee Hour** or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact **Stacy McEachern at 906-361-9123** with your date and any item you wish to bring. **THANK YOU ALL FOR VOLUNTEERING!**

* **TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** All are welcome to come to our study on **TUESDAYS** from 7:30pm-9:00pm at Pasquali's in Negaunee. We welcome you to drop in as your schedule allows. Each week's discussion will be structured as a stand-alone study. This week's topic is **Genesis 46: 28-31; 47: 27-31; 48-50—The End of Joseph and Jacob's Story.** Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! If you have questions, call or text 540-435-4915.

* **CHURCH CLOSING PROCEDURES** In the event of inclement weather, a closing announcement will be placed on the church phone message, signs will be posted on the church doors, a post will be added to the church webpage and on Facebook and the closure will be listed on TV6 Closures. Sunday School closures will be posted on our Sunday School Facebook page by 7:30am. When you see the cancellation notice, please pass it on to your friends who may not have seen it yet.

* **GUIDING GOOD CHOICES PARENT/CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES** This caregiver education series is being held on 5 consecutive **Wednesdays** from **5:30-7:30pm**. The series takes place at the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum, West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, and will continue for the following 2 more Wednesdays.

Session Dates:

February 21st, Avoiding Trouble: How to Say No, Keep Your Friends, and Still Have Fun

February 28th, Involving Everyone: How to Strengthen Family Bonds

Details:

Supper will be provided at each session

Child supervision available at the Children's Museum for participants' child(ren)

Participants who complete all five sessions will be eligible to win a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card.

* **END OF THE YEAR STATEMENTS** are available on the table just outside the Fellowship Hall. They are in alphabetical order. Please pick up at your convenience. If you are unable to get to the church and would like it mailed, please contact the office.

* **COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY CHOIR CANTATA** Please attend A Choir Cantata: *It Is Finished* on **Friday, March 29 at 6:30pm** at the W.C. Peterson Auditorium at Ishpeming High School. On **Wednesday, February 21**, choir rehearsals will be held for an hour at Bethany in Ishpeming. Six songs will be sung by the choir with a reading of the Passion Story between each song. Three congregational hymns will be included accompanied by a 10-piece orchestra. Offering for the worship will go to Ishpeming High School to refurbish their Grand Piano.

* **KIDS HELPING KIDS EAT** Last Sunday, we learned that Food Pantries are places where extra food is available without cost. Last Sunday, the older class made a field trip to Super One to purchase some of the food. Today during the Children's Sermon, Sunday School students will push the grocery cart up the aisle during the offering to accept food offerings from the congregation to

add to their purchases.

***WELCOME CHILDREN & FAMILIES...** We don't mind the noise. We're glad you're here! The family room across the hall has toys if that would be helpful. Activity bags are also available for the children to use during the service.

***NEW MEMBER MEETING** will be held on **Sunday, March 3 at 5:00pm**. We will get to know one another, hear a little about life at Immanuel, what it means to be a member, answer any questions you may have and enjoy some dinner together. Please RSVP to Julie in the office and also please let her know any dietary needs you may have.

***BEACON DEADLINE** The final day to submit articles for the March/April Beacon is **TOMORROW, February 19**.

***FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP** Registration is open. Scholarships are available for all. If you register by March 1, you will receive a free t-shirt and \$25 off. If you register by April 1, you will receive \$25 off. Please contact Stacy at 361-9123 or email her at stacymc6@gmail.com.

***CHILI COOKOFF** will be held at Immanuel, **Saturday, March 9, 4:00 pm**. Come and enjoy fantastic chili. Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and bragging rights can be enjoyed for a full year. For planning purposes sign-up sheets for chili, food, and attendance are by the Fellowship Hall **OR** call/text Danielle Songer at 906-250-1592 or Linda Sjolund at 517-242-5364. Look who won the last Chili Cook-off !



***NEW ORLEANS YOUTH TRIP** This summer, a group of youth from Immanuel is going to New Orleans for the national youth gathering. At this event, they will expand their faith through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service, and fellowship. It is a unique experience for all those involved. They would really appreciate the continued support from the congregation. The youth are extremely grateful for all the generous donations that they have received. Without the love from you, they would never be able to go! The group is on their way to hitting their goal and could use your help. If you would like to donate, there are envelopes on a white board in the fellowship hall. Please put your donation in one of the envelopes and then put it in the offering plate. Thank you!

***COMMUNITY MEAL** A community meal will be held at Immanuel **TONIGHT, February 18, at 5:30pm**. Taco bar will be served and this meal is open to everyone.

***SOUP SUPPERS** will be held at **5:00pm each Wednesday** in Lent prior to Lenten worship services at 6:00. A sign-up sheet is posted near the door of the Fellowship Hall on which you can sign up to bring a container of soup and/or a pan of bars. Please help with the meals by signing up for one or more Wednesday meals.

***2024 NGLS LENTEN CHALLENGE** The Christ's Kaleidoscope committee of the Northern Great Lakes Synod is once again offering a **40 Day Lenten Challenge**. Christ's Kaleidoscope is a group of NGLS people who are passionate about leading our Synod's efforts to see others through the eyes of Jesus. This year's challenge will unpack and explore the ELCA social statement titled "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity and Culture" along with the ELCA social message on Human Rights. In a world that often feels broken, we can be reminded of Christ's love for humanity.

Participants of the 40 day challenge will access a resource packet and schedule that includes recommended readings, videos, and reflection prompts that correspond with the 40 days of Lent. Cohorts will meet weekly to discuss and process the materials and learn how we can live out our

Lutheran faith through a greater awareness and understanding of our world.

Participants will be able to choose cohort groups based on meeting date and time preferences. Cohort groups will meet weekly via Zoom for approximately an hour each week. The challenge will start Thursday, February 15 and wrap up the week of March 24. Daily activities are estimated to take about 15-20 minutes to complete. If you are looking for a Lenten discipline that will challenge and help you grow in your faith, please consider signing up for this 40 day challenge and invite a friend!

Visit the Synod's website for more information and to register for this year's challenge!

***LENT/EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

- February 21, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- February 28, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- March 6, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- March 13, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- March 20, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- March 28, 6:00pm—Maundy Thursday Service
- March 29, 6:30pm—Good Friday Cantata at W.C. Peterson Auditorium at Ishpeming High School
- March 30, 6:00pm—Easter Vigil
- March 31, 8:30am and 10:30am—Easter Service

We need 2 volunteers to usher during the following services: Maundy Thursday and both Easter Services. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the office at 906-475-9161.

***DIAPER DRIVE** The Care Clinic is having a diaper and baby wipe drive starting Feb 14th until March 14th. They are in particular need of diapers sizes 3-6. Donations can be dropped off in the stewardship area outside the fellowship hall. Thank you so much for your generosity. All donations will supply the Ishpeming Center.

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**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Pray For: Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Karen Couture, Dan Hendrickson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Jessica Luck, Kathryn Madison, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Ezra Newman, Kathy Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Shirley Pizziola, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Marlene Romback, Louise Spickerman, Kathy Stambaugh, Bob & Maxine Sylvester, Molly Taseris, Bob Walker.**

**Our Shut-ins: Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, June Jarvi, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Elsie Suardini, Lynne Tossava.**

**Members in the Armed Service: Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Tanner Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.**  
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IN FEBRUARY, our Mission Emphasis is Immanuel Quilters.

Every year the quilters from Immanuel create over 100 quilts in our church basement. The quilts are sent around the world and are used for warmth and as tents. That is over 100 lives and families impacted by our congregation every year.

One of our parishioners was asked to join the quilters as a new member many years ago. No, she couldn't sew, knew nothing about quilting, but they found her a job to do. One thing she quickly learned was how kind the women were and was amazed by how talented and artistic they were. Taking bits of cloth and creating beautiful blankets. Take a closer look next fall during quilting Sunday.



Financial support is requested to help defray the cost of batting (the guts of the quilt), sewing materials, sewing machine repairs, and shipping. Donations of materials and your time are always welcome. So please give generously during our February monthly mission.

ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Walter Scanlon*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Connie Scanlon*

Worship Services: Sunday @ 9:30am / 6:00pm

Office Hours are 8:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30am GREETERS

*Linda Derocher
Jim Derocher*

6:00pm GREETERS

*Katie Ritzenhein
Carrie Villalobos*

9:30am USHERS

*Linda Derocher
Jim Derocher*

6:00pm USHERS

*Katie Ritzenhein
Carrie Villalobos*

9:30am LECTOR

Linda Derocher

6:00pm LECTOR

Керrie Puckett

9:30am Tech Team

Ben Raymond

Thank you for giving \$1,395.69 in January to the

Tanzanian Connection and Relations.

The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 18—February 25, 2024

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday	9:30am	Worship Service/Shopping Cart Sunday
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship
	5:30pm	Community Meal
	6:00pm	Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
	7:30pm	AA Group Meets (men & women)

Monday BEACON DEADLINE

Tuesday	9:30am	Miriam Circle
	10:00am	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting
	6:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	7:00pm	Bible Study @ Pasquali's

Wednesday	1:30pm	Abigail Circle
	5:00pm	Soup Supper
	6:00pm	Lenten Service
	6:00pm	NO choir practice

Thursday	10:00am	Quilting
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Friday	OFFICE CLOSED	
	10:00am	AA

Saturday	12:00-4:00pm	Fellowship Hall Rental
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Sunday *Second Sunday in Lent*

	9:30am	Worship Service
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship
	1:00-5:00pm	Fellowship Hall Rental
	6:00pm	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
	7:30pm	AA Group Meets (men & women)

(FYI: Pastor Bre can be reached at 507-993-1909 or email: upbre3@gmail.com.)

