

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

CHOIR ANTHEM God So Loved the World WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir

(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

Lift High the Cross

#660

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.**

KYRIE



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

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim

that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

³gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷Some were fools and took rebellious paths;

through their sins they were afflicted.

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

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¹⁹Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD

and you delivered them from their distress. ²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them

and rescued them from the grave.

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness. they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:1 9) ²¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

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



GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

The holy gospel according to... Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:]¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by arace throuah faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage guoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross. 3

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

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

There Is A Redeemer

W&P 140

There Is A Redeemer, Jesus, God's Own Son, Precious Lamb Of God, Messiah, Holy One,

Thank You Oh My Father, For Giving Us Your Son, And Sending Your Spirit, 'Til The Work On Earth Is Done.

Jesus My Redeemer, Name Above All Names, Precious Lamb Of God, Messiah, Oh, For Sinners Slain.

Thank You Oh My Father, For Giving Us Your Son, And Sending Your Spirit, 'Til The Work On Earth Is Done.

When I Stand In Glory, I Will See His Face, And There I'll Serve My King Forever, In That Holy Place.

Thank You Oh My Father, For Giving Us Your Son, And Sending Your Spirit, 'Til The Work On Earth Is Done.

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, 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.

Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and war especially in Myanmar, the Middle East, Russia, Ukraine, Sudan, Columbia and Mexico. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans and rivers and local lakes: Teal Lake and Lake Superior. Make us good stewards of the earth. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love (*especially Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, renewers of society, whom we commemorate today*). Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain. **Hear us, O God.**

Your mercy is great.

Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. 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.)



OFFERING

MEAL

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



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.

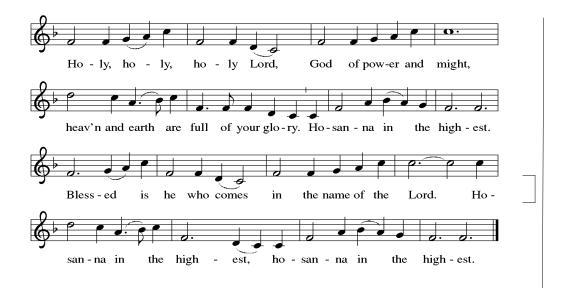
THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

COMMUNION HYMNS:	Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound	#779
	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	#803

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

SENDING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(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

ANNOUNCMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 10—March 17, 2024

*<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> to Virginia Paulson who received the Helen Longyear Paul award. She was recognized for having over 30 years of service with the Negaunee Historical Society. Her work with the society has helped cultivate and preserve Negaunee's rich history and heritage.

*<u>FELLOWSHIP HOUR</u>: Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations that are needed are bakery items, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! <u>Your Fellowship Hour committee for</u> <u>March is Choir</u>. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for <u>Coffee Hour</u> or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact <u>Connie Lindblom or Connie Scanlon</u> with your date and any item you wish to bring. <u>THANK YOU ALL FOR VOLUNTEER-ING</u>!

*<u>TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY</u> All are welcome to come to our study on **TUESDAYS** from 7:30pm-9:00pm at <u>Pasquali's</u> 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 Bible Study is canceled.** Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! If you have questions, call or text 540-435-4915.

*<u>CHURCH CLOSING PROCEDURES</u> 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.

*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 were 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.

*<u>WELCOME CHILDREN & FAMILIES</u>...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.

*<u>NEW ORLEANS YOUTH TRIP</u> 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!

*<u>SOUP SUPPERS</u> 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.

*<u>BARBARA LEHTONEN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP</u>This scholarship will be available to Immanuel graduating seniors again this year. If you are interested in applying, please fill out an application in the high school office.

*<u>EASTER EGG HUNT</u>We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt and Egg Dying Party on Saturday, March 30 from 10:00am—11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to fill and hide eggs, help out during the party or make a special treat to share, please speak with Pastor Bre or call the church office.

*<u>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</u> will be held at Immanuel from June 10-14, 2024 with classes for children Age 2 through Grade 5. **Registration forms are now available on the church website**. The success of our VBS program lies in having enough staff so the children can have a safe, fun learning experience. Our exact number of classroom staff will depend on our enrollment. We have several teachers, but need more. We need teacher assistants. Snack center has some volunteers, but need more- come for the whole week- or for one day. Our BIG need is for Playground helpers! Responsibilities will be to set up equipment. Play with the kids. Take down the equipment. This will take about an hour and a half mid-morning. Snacks will be included! **Please text Paulette Patron (906)361-1562- or leave a message with the Office for more details.**

* YOUTH PASTA PARTY & GAMES at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church tonight, Sunday, March 10, from

5:00pm-7:00pm.

*<u>EASTER LILIES</u> It's time to order your Easter lilies. Please fill out the bulletin insert and return it in the offering plate or to the church office by **Wednesday, March 27**.



*<u>LENT/EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE</u>

- 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, 12:00pm—Good Friday Service at Bethany Lutheran
- 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.

*<u>DIAPER DRIVE</u> 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.

*DOOR KEYS If you are in possession of any keys (not pass cards) to the church, please return them to the church office as soon as possible. When they are used, they mess with the electronic locking system. Thank you!

*<u>CPR/AED TRAINING</u> will be held on **May 1, 2024** from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. People from across the ministries of Immanuel are encouraged to attend including those from both Sunday worship services, the quilters, and various Bible Study and committee members, etc. Contact the church office to sign up.

*<u>COMPANION CONGREGATION CELEBRATION</u> Enjoy worship on **April 7, 2024** as we celebrate with our brothers and sisters of Yombo Lutheran in Tanzania, Africa. Drs. Brian and Danielle Anderson will preach. They currently coordinate the synod's dental project in Tanzania. Some Tanzanian traditions will be incorporated into our service with some verses of hymns being sung in Swahili. Tanzanian snacks will be available during coffee hour.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

<u>Pray For</u>: 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, Reuven Romback, Louise Spickerman, Kathy Stambaugh, Molly Taseris, Bob Walker.

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

<u>Members in the Armed Service</u>: Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Tanner Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.



tune Lake Lutheran Camp (FLLC) near Crystal Falls, MI.

Outdoor camping ministry reaches people like none other. We'd like to encourage those connections by providing scholarship funds to our local youth, making it more affordable for them to attend a week of summer camp and other retreats throughout the year. /In this special place, campers disconnect from the world in order to reconnect with God, each other, and themselves. Campers experience the beauty of God's creation, amazing camp staff, other campers, Good News themes, and all the fun that a week can hold.

If you wish to give to Immanuel's Fortune Lake Camp Scholarship Fund, use the *March Monthly Mission envelope* from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: Pastor Bre Kinnunen

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	Mike Frustaglio Larry Marta	6:00pm GREETERS	Katie Ritzenhein
9:30am USHERS	Mike Frustaglio Larry Marta	6:00pm USHERS	Katie Ritzenhein
9:30am LECTOR	Gary Suardini	6:00pm LECTOR	Sheila Meier
9:30am COMM ASST	Heidi Hill Sara Garceau Terry Garceau	6:00pm COMM ASST	Sheila Meier
9:30am Tech Team	Tyler Moore		

Thank you for giving **\$1,050.69** in February to the *Immanuel Quilters.* The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 10—March 17, 2024

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

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday	9:30am 9:30am 10:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Worship Service Sunday School Coffee & Fellowship Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall AA Group Meets (men & women)
Monday	5:30-7:00pm	Lion's Club Meeting
Tuesday	10:00am 6:00-9:00pm 7:00pm	Bible Study PEO Bible Study @ Pasquali's
Wednesday	5:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	Soup Supper Lenten Service Choir
Thursday	10:00am	Quilting
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-	OFFICE CLOSE 10:00am Fifth Sunday i 9:30am 9:30am 10:30am 5:00pm	AA in Lent Worship Service Sunday School Coffee & Fellowship Community Meal

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