

Immanuel – St. Paul's



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



Quinquagesima

February 11, 2018

Immanuel

8:00 am

Order of Worship

Holy Communion
TLH pg. 5ff

Hymns

145, 6, 353, 421, 409, 334

St. Paul's

10:00 am

Order of Worship

Morning Worship
LSB pg. 184

Hymns

423 (with Sunday School),
942, 689

The Sermon

Sermon Text:

Luke 18:31-43

Sermon Title

Blind Beggars

Today's Readings

First Reading

[1 Samuel 16:1-13](#)

Epistle Reading

[1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#)

Gospel Reading

[Luke 18:31-43](#)

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.

Immanuel-St. Paul Lutheran Parish

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My sheep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand. John 10:27-28



Church Notes

February 11, 2018

Prayer for the Day

Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Lord of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the scriptures proclaim. Amen

***Next Sunday's
Scripture
Readings Are:***

[Genesis 3:1-21](#)
[2 Corinthians 6:1-10](#)
[Matthew 4:1-11](#)

Valentine's Day Dinner

St. Paul's Valentine's Day Dinner is today following the service. The menu will include drinks, salad, pasta, garlic bread, and dessert. The dinner is a servant event for St. Paul's Sunday School children, who will be collecting a free-will offering. Please come, grab your drinks, sit down, and let the children serve you.

Mite Boxes

Today, the second Sunday of the month, St. Paul's will gather the mite offering boxes. The mite boxes are for Lutheran women in missions. Thank you for your gift and prayers for the missions

Lent Midweek Services

The season of Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 14. This year we will focus on the Lord's Prayer. Please consider joining us for worship at Immanuel and St. Paul's. The first three Lent Midweek services will be at St. Paul's starting at 7:00 pm and the last three services will be at Immanuel.



“Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God.

Higher Things High School Youth Gathering

The next Higher Things Youth Gathering is at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL from Tuesday, July 10th through Friday the 13th. The conference is open to any student who will either be entering into high school, in high school, or has just completed high school. The early bird registration cost (before February 1st) is \$355. There is a 500-word essay competition to subsidize the entire or partial cost of attendance for youth (18 or younger) requiring financial assistance. For more information or to sign-up please contact Pastor Sean. Additional information is also posted at:

<http://higherthings.org/conferences/sanctified2018>.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School

Fish & More: Join us for our annual Fish & More Dinner Friday, March 2 from 4:30 to 7. We will be serving fish, chicken, sides and desserts in the COS gym with plenty of room for a crowd. Handicap parking is available behind the gym. If you would enjoy helping with this event, please call.

Volunteers needed: COS is in need of volunteers to help with the Fish & More and the Dinner Auction. If helping with a school event interest you, please call COS for more information.

Don't forget to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars[®]

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2018**, to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Shadow Days: Parents of eighth graders and potential transfer students are encouraged to call and make arrangements for their student to spend a day at *Christ Our Savior* shadowing a COS student and learning more about the COS advantage

*Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things. –
1 Corinthians 13:7*

Cantata for Quinquagesima
BWV 22 Jesus nahm zu sich die Zwölfe

Jesus took to him the twelve then and said: See now, we shall go up to Jerusalem, and there will all be accomplished fully which is written now of the Son of Man. However, they understood nothing and did not grasp what this his saying was.

My Jesus, draw me unto thee, I am prepared, I will from here and to Jerusalem to thine own passion go. Well me, if I the consequence of this the time of death and pain for mine own comfort may completely understand!

My Jesus, draw me on and I shall hasten, for flesh and blood completely fail to see, like thy disciples then, what this thy saying was. Our will is with the world and with the greatest rabble; they would, both of them, when thou transfigured art, indeed a mighty tow'r on Tabor's mountain build thee, but there on Golgotha, which is so full of pain, in thy distress so low with not an eye behold thee.

Ah, crucify in me, in my corrupted breast, before all else this world and its forbidden lust, and I shall for thy words be filled with understanding and to Jerusalem with untold gladness journey.

My treasure of treasures, mine infinite store, amend thou my spirit, transform thou my heart, bring all in subjection which to my denial of flesh is resistant! But when in my spirit I've mortified been, then summon me to thee in peace there above!

Us mortify through kindness, awake us through thy grace; the former man enfeeble, so that the new may live e'en in this earthly dwelling, His will and ev'ry purpose and thought may give to thee.

Lent & the “Gesima” Season

The Liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through 3 periods or steps: The first is the “-gesimas”. These three Sundays before Lent constitute catechesis in the Grace of God in which that grace is examined from three perspectives:

Septuagesima (meaning “about 70 days”)—Grace is undeserved. The Collect for this Sunday implores God to graciously hear us, who are justly punished for our sin, so that we may be delivered by God’s goodness. The goodness of God is emphasized in the parable (Matt 20:1-16), where all the laborers receive the reward because of the goodness of the landowner. So we too, receive the reward of eternal life, because God is good, and Another has borne the heat and burden of the day for us that we might have it.

Sexagesima (meaning “about 60 days”)—Grace is passively received.

In the Collect, we pray to the God who sees that we put not our trust in anything we do, but mercifully defends us by His power. In the parable of the sower, the seed of God’s Word is passively received in good and noble hearts.

Quinquagesima (meaning “about 50 days”)—Grace is not easily understood.

In the Gospel, Jesus predicts His passion and the disciples “understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.” (Luke 18:34).



The three “Gesima” Sundays begin the Lenten Preparation for Easter. They take on the character of Lent, but mildly. The color becomes violet, the color of Lent. The “Alleluias” are dropped. Pictures and Crosses remain unveiled. Flowers may adorn the chancel. In the Gesimas, this provides a gradual progression of liturgical removals as we approach Passiontide.

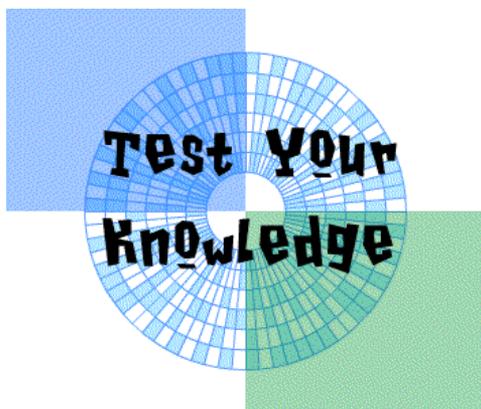
The second step or stage of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This second stage ends when the week of Laetare (the 4th Sunday in Lent) is completed. In addition to the omissions and changes that began in the “Gesimas,” flowers no longer normally adorn the chancel, and the crucifix and crosses are veiled. During these four Sundays, the focus is on temptation and faith, and the Christian’s struggle:

- On **Invocavit Sunday** the Lord is tested in the Wilderness.
- On **Reminiscere Sunday**, the faith of the Canaanite woman is tested.
- On **Oculi Sunday**, the people tempt our Lord to show them a sign from heaven.
- **Laetare Sunday** is “refreshment” Sunday.

The final stage is Passiontide, which begins with **Judica Sunday** (Passion Sunday, the 5th Sunday in Lent), and extends through Holy Week and the Triduum (“three holy days”—which includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday). Now the focus is expressly on our Lord’s passion. The liturgy is spoken on Judica Sunday to emphasize the intense passion which our Lord endured. This intensity builds until we finally arrive at the empty tomb.

St. Mark's Class of 2018 Trivia Night

**Saturday, February 24, 2018
Campbell Hill Community Center
7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)**



\$120.00 per table (8 person maximum per team)

**Reserve your table by calling Heather Richelman at
(618) 559-2700**

Bring your own drinks and snacks

Proceeds to benefit the Class of 2018's Class Trip

***Come, Holy Spirit,
And Fill the Hearts of Your Faithful***

This Week at Immanuel-St. Paul

<i>Sunday</i>	8:00 am	Immanuel - Holy Communion
	8:45 am	St. Paul's Sunday School
	9:15 am	Immanuel Sunday School
	10:00 am	St. Paul's – Morning Worship
	11:00 am	Valentine's Day Dinner
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class
<i>Tuesday</i>	2:00 pm	Pastor Sean on KFUO Radio AM 850 or kfuo.org
<i>Wednesday</i>	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Divine Service @ SP
<i>Thursday</i>	10:20 am	Pastor Sean Leading Chapel @ COSLHS
	1:00 pm	Bulletin Items Deadline
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