

Immanuel – St. Paul's



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



First Sunday in Lent (Invocabit)

February 18, 2018

Immanuel

8:00 am

Order of Worship

Morning Worship
TLH pg. 5ff

Hymns

247, 444, 53

St. Paul's

10:00 am

Order of Worship

Holy Communion
LSB pg. 184

Hymns

505, 668, 561, 716, 418, 919

The Sermon

Sermon Text:

Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon Title

Be gone, Satan!

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

The Lutheran Church-
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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 18, 2018

Prayer for the Day

O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come. Amen.

Next Sunday's

Scripture

Readings Are:

[Genesis 32:22-32](#)

[1 Thessalonians 4:1-7](#)

[Matthew 15:21-28](#)

The Meaning of "Invocabit"

The first Sunday in Lent is traditionally known as Invocavit, which is the first Latin word of the Historic Introit assigned to this Sunday from the ninetieth psalm, wherein we are urged to confidence in God, who willingly hears the prayer of the penitent.

Valentine's Day Dinner

Due to last week's weather, St. Paul's Valentine's Day Dinner has been rescheduled for 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.

Men's Pinochle

Men's Pinochle will meet next at Peace Lutheran Church in Steeleville on Monday, February 19, starting at 6:30 pm.

St. Paul's Ladies Aid

St. Paul's next Ladies Aid meeting will be Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 at St. Paul's

Lent Midweek Service

The next Lent Midweek Service will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 21, at St. Paul's. We will continue our study of the Lord's Prayer.

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>.

Jesus Does Battle in Our Place

In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1–21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Mt. 4:1–11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40–51). Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1–10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Heb 4:14–16).

Difficulty in hearing the service?

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17) Have you been missing any parts of the service, or maybe not even attending services due to the inability to fully hear or understand The Word? We want you to be able to hear the Word of God that creates and sustains your faith. St. Paul’s has hearing assistance devices available for use. So please ask an Elder or Trustee for one so that you can hear and benefit from the saving Word of Christ!

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.

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

Sponsor a Thrivent Action Team: If you would like to organize or participate in a Thrivent Action Team to benefit COS, please call us to let us know what you would like to do. We can help you fill out the application. Each project team is given up to \$250 along with organizational material and t-shirts to help make their project successful.

For more information, see: <https://www.thrivent.com/actionteam/>.

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.

Send forth Your light and Your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to Your holy mountain to the place where You dwell.

Psalms 43:3

Note on Changes to the Immanuel-St. Paul's Prayer List

It was recently requested at the St. Paul's voters' meeting that we do a reset on the dual parish prayer list. It was discussed that the current list has been accumulating names for many years now and there are many names who we have no idea who they are or what we are praying for. (Yet, we naturally recognize that God still knows the need.)

However, as the list continues to grow quite lengthy and names are not removed for many years, we lose the intentionality of praying for specific needs at specific times. We also seem to leave names on for so long that we lose the importance of praying in praise and thanksgiving to God when he has granted relief and answer to prayer.

As we reset the prayer list, all names will be taken off the current prayer list under the section of "Those Afflicted." No names will be added automatically to the new list. It is requested that you submit any prayer requests anew to Pastor, that we may also know how we may pray for them and who is requesting the prayers.

However, we are a dual-parish community that recognizes the power and importance of prayer because of the promise God graciously attaches to it; to hear and answer us. Thus, as a community we rightly treasure and have a high value for the importance of having a prayer list where we include those whom we ask for God's Blessings and to intercede according to His Will. So, we want to be careful in not creating offense by moving to hastily in just clearing the prayer list and starting over. Thus, this will not take place until Sunday, February 25th.

Pastor announced the upcoming restart of the prayer list this past Sunday. However, due to the icy conditions there were, understandably, not many who were able to attend and so we wanted to allow another week, and have the intended changes announced again and published in the bulletin so people may be made aware and not offended by the suddenly empty prayer list.

As part of the changes, we will also be reorganizing how the prayers are listed. We will retain the sections listing those in nursing homes, assisted living, or at home. We will also retain our listing of those serving in the armed forces. However, under "those afflicted" we will have a section for "Health and Healing in Mind, Body, or Spirit" which

we will include in our public prayers for 2 weeks. Then we will have a section for "Ongoing Concerns" which will include a list of those whose need is longer-term. Of course, we recognize that everyone could use prayer at all times. We do live in a sinful and broken world and nothing will ever be 100% for any of us. However, it will be the intent of this section that it include those whose specific needs are persistent (ie. Receiving cancer treatments, etc.) Those under this section will be included occasionally in our public prayers of the Church, but you are encouraged to pray for all in your personal devotions as a family throughout the week, even as Pastor does in his office each day.

Finally, we will also have a section specifically for Praise and Thanksgiving where we would be more intentional of thanking God for the relief he does grant in answer to the prayers we have offered. Again, recognizing that the perfect relief will never be fully realized in this life until we are with Christ. Yet for the mercies and relief he does grant, we should thank and praise Him.

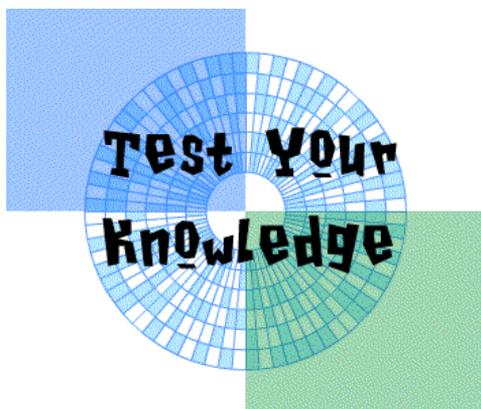
To reaffirm, our desire is not to offend anyone or in any way convey that we do not care about those who have been included on the prayer list for many years. So please share any concerns you may have with Pastor Sean. Yet, as we begin the prayer list anew please also, and especially, share your prayer requests with Pastor Sean using the prayer cards located at the entrance to both sanctuaries, or by contacting Pastor at revseansmith@icloud.com or 314-640-8002, that he may include these prayers. Thank you for your understanding, and your prayers offered for all those in need.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. —

Lamentations 3:22-25

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 - Morning Worship
	8:45 am	St. Paul's Sunday School
	9:15 am	Immanuel Sunday School
	10:00 am	St. Paul's – Holy Communion
	11:00 am	Valentine's Day Dinner
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class

<i>Monday</i>	6:30 pm	Men's Pinochle @ Peace Steepleville
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<i>Tuesday</i>	7:00 pm	St. Paul's Ladies Aid Meeting
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<i>Wednesday</i>	7:00 pm	Lenten Midweek Vespers @ SP
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<i>Thursday</i>	1:00 pm	Bulletin Items Deadline
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