

Immanuel – St. Paul's



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



Sexagesima

February 24, 2019

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| 8:00 am | Order of Worship | Hymns |
| | Holy Communion TLH pg. 15ff | 500, 175, 366, 530, 334, 261 |

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| 10:00 am | Order of Worship | Hymns |
| | Morning Worship LSB pg.184 | 823, 425, 655 |

The Sermon

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| Sermon Text | Sermon Title |
| 2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9 | What Really Matters |

Today's Readings

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| <i>First Reading</i> | Isaiah 55:10-13 |
| <i>Epistle Reading</i> | 2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9 |
| <i>Gospel Reading</i> | Luke 8:4-15 |

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.

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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 24, 2019

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel Reading Luke 18:31-43

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.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported St. Paul's Sunday School's Valentine's Day Dinner last week. We raised \$574 to support a seminary student.

Memorials

In memory of Donald Heuer, \$790.00 have been donated to St. Paul's Cemetery Fund. In memory of Vivian Earlenbaugh, \$765.00 has also been donated to St. Paul's Organ Fund.

160th Anniversary Committee

On May 12, 2019, St. Paul's will celebrate its 160th Anniversary. Volunteers are needed to help the congregation recognize this event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Smith or Gary Misselhorn.

Luther's Small Catechism Presentations

Come join us as we explore the Christian Faith this evening at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 4pm. The final topic will be "Holy Communion", presented by Rev. Sean Smith.

Widows Fellowship

St. Paul's next Widows Fellowship meeting will be on Wednesday, February 27, at 10:30 am, in St. Paul's Parish Hall.

Lent Midweek Services

Lent Midweek services will begin next week with the Ash Wednesday service on March 6 at 6:30 pm. The first three Lent Midweek services, including Ash Wednesday, will be held at St. Paul's. The last three services will be held at Immanuel.

Higher Things High School Youth Gathering

The next Higher Things Youth Gathering (LCMS) is coming again this summer. Last year we had the conference nearby at SIU. This year we could feasibly make use of either July 2-5 gathering at Concordia University in Chicago or July 16-19 gathering at Concordia University Wisconsin. 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 January 31) is \$375. There is a 500-word essay competition to subsidize the entire or partial cost of attendance for youth (18 or younger) requiring financial assistance. If you would like more information or to sign-up please contact Pastor Sean. Additional information is also posted at: <https://media.higherthings.org/conferences/concordia2019/>

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School

Fish & More: Join us for our annual Fish & More Dinner Friday, March 1 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.

Sponsor a Thrivent Action Team: If you would like to organize or participate in a Thrivent Action Team to benefit COS, please 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, 2019**, to direct any remaining 2018 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.

Part-Time Secretary

Our secretary, Jessica, will soon be graduating and studying for the bar exam. As a result, a replacement will soon be needed.

Responsibilities include producing all bulletins and service folders for regular Sunday services and special services (e.g. midweek services and funerals), ordering office supplies, updating the church calendar(s), responding to emails, and maintaining records. (Those with additional computer skills may also be responsible for updating the church's website.) Prior secretarial experience is not needed, but familiarity with Microsoft Word, email, and basic computing skills are preferred.

Work will usually be limited to one day per week for an average of 3 to 5 hours per week (hours vary depending on the length of the bulletin and other tasks needed to be done). More time than this may be needed in the event there is a funeral or during the Christmas and Easter seasons when there are more services. The day and time you choose to work is somewhat flexible, but should generally be on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.

Jessica will work closely with the new secretary until such time as he/she is fully trained and comfortable working on his/her own.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming the new secretary, please contact Gary Misselhorn or any council members. However, if you have any questions about the job, please contact Jessica.

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Corinthians 12:9

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

This Week at Immanuel-St. Paul

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| <i>Sunday</i> | 8:00 am | Immanuel – Holy Communion |
| | 8:45 am | St. Paul’s Sunday School |
| | 10:00 am | St. Paul’s – Morning Worship |
| | 4:00 pm | Pastor Sean Teaching “The Six Wonders of Christianity” @ Ruma |
| <i>Monday</i> | 2:00 pm | Pastor Sean Leading Service @ Manor |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | 10:30 am | Widows Fellowship @ St. Paul’s Parish Hall |
| | 6:30 pm | Bible Study – Gospel of Mark @ SP (Last Class before Lent Vespers) |
| <i>Thursday</i> | 1:00 pm | Bulletin Items Deadline |
| <i>Next Sunday</i> | 8:00 am | Immanuel – Morning Worship |
| | 8:45 am | St. Paul’s Sunday School |
| | 10:00 am | St. Paul’s – Holy Communion |

For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55:2