

# Immanuel – St. Paul's



Lutheran Church  
Missouri Synod



## *Sexagesima*

February 4, 2018

### **Immanuel**

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8:00 am

#### **Order of Worship**

Morning Worship  
TLH pg. 5ff

#### **Hymns**

500, 261, 294

### **St. Paul's**

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10:00 am

#### **Order of Worship**

Holy Communion  
LSB pg. 184

#### **Hymns**

500, 261, 366, 296, 373, 294

### **The Sermon**

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#### **Sermon Text:**

Luke 8:4-15

#### **Sermon Title**

Praise God the Seed is Mighty

### **Today's Readings**

*First Reading*

[Isaiah 55:10-13](#)

*Epistle Reading*

[2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9](#)

*Gospel Reading*

[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**

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### ***Prayer for the Day***

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive. Amen

***Next Sunday's***

***Scripture***

***Readings Are:***

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

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

[Luke 18:31-43](#)

### ***About the Season of Pre-Lent***

The season of Pre-Lent serves to ease the transition for the faithful from the joy of the Epiphany season into the holy, penitential nature of the season of Lent. Pre-Lent starts at about 70 days out from Easter to parallel the 70 years of the Babylonian captivity of the ancient Israelites. This parallel reminds us that we are each called by God and taken on a journey from the exile and captivity of sin to our promised home in the New Jerusalem to come on the Last Day. The Sundays in Pre-Lent are named after the time out from Easter they signify (they do not correspond to the exact times): *Septuagesima* means "seventieth"; *Sexagesima* means "sixtieth"; *Quinquagesima* means "fiftieth."

### ***Voters' Meetings***

Immanuel's next Voters' Meeting is today following the service. St. Paul's next Voters' Meeting is also today following its service.

### ***Annual Fried Chicken Dinner***

On Sunday, February 4, at St. John Lutheran Church in Ruma, serving 11:30 am to 2pm. We will be offering all you care to eat dine in, as well as carryout meals and carryout boxes of chicken. Featuring a Bake Sale with Apple Butter for sale. We look forward to serving you!

### ***Valentine's Day Dinner***

St. Paul's Sunday School will host its annual Valentine's Day Dinner on Sunday, February 11, following the church service.

### ***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.

### ***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***

**Donate Blood:** COS is hosting a Red Cross Blood drive on February 7 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. You can schedule an appointment online by searching for the drive by zip code 62242. If we collect enough units at the drive, one of our seniors will receive a Red Cross scholarship.

**Volunteers needed:** COS is in need of volunteers to help with the Fish & More and the Dinner Auction. The Dinner Auction Committee will meet on February 7 at 5 pm. If helping with a school event interest you, please call COS for more information.

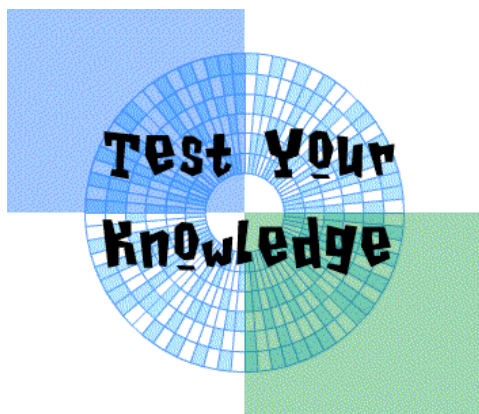
### ***Luther on the Gospel Readings***

"When a man hears the Word, God must put into his heart the conviction that this is surely the Father's Word. And when he hears the word of this Man Christ, he is persuaded that he is hearing the Word of God the Father. When the heart can arrive at the conclusion that God the Father Himself is conversing with us, then the Holy Spirit and light enter, and man is illumined and becomes a joyful master who can now test and judge all doctrines." LW 23:96

*Quotation from Luther's Works, American Edition (56 vols.; St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House and Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1955-1986).*

# **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***

<b><i>Sunday</i></b>	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	St. Paul's Voters' Meeting
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class
<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	2:00 pm	Pastor Sean on KFUD Radio – AM 850 or kfuo.org
	7:00 pm	St. Paul's Elders Meeting
		Bible Study Class - Augsburg
<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	7:00 pm	Confession @ SP (last class before Ash Wednesday)
<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	1:00 pm	<b>Bulletin Items Deadline</b>
<b><i>Thur-Sat</i></b>		Southern IL District LCMS Convention
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