



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
3rd Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026

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Ushers: Willy and Roman

Read Before the Service: Psalm 27 Hymnal pg. 129

Opening Prayer

Dear Father in heaven, you urge us to “Enter into [your] gates with thanksgiving, and into [your] courts with praise.” (Psalm. 100:4) O Lord, come to us and fill us with joyful thanksgiving for all your grace and goodness. Fix our eyes on Jesus, our great Saviour from sin and death, that we may glorify your name with thanksgiving and praise and truly serve you with joy all our life. In our Saviour’s name we ask it. Amen.

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



A - men.

Opening Hymn: 748 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear; now to his temple draw near,

Joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning;

And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining!

Have you not seen all that is needful has been

Sent by his gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously made you,

Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.

What need or grief ever has failed of relief?

Wings of His mercy did shade you.

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;

Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

As with his love he befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the Amen sound from his people again;

Gladly forever adore him.

Confession of Sins: P: Jesus invites us saying, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

C: We come to you Lord, with the heavy burden of our sins. We know that You bore our sins in Your own body on the cross. Therefore we are confident to confess our sins trusting in You for forgiveness.

C & P: Almighty and most merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner by my very nature, I was born in the sin of Adam. Because of my corrupt nature, I sin against you daily in my thoughts, in my words and actions. I have done the things you forbid, and I fail to do the things you command. Lord, I know I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. Yet, I come before you in repentance, because you are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.

P: God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. By His unfailing word of promise, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.



Response of Praise: Hymn 244

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-19

5 Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper. 2 And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. 3 Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the

prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy.” 4 And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, “Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel.” 5 Then the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. 6 Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, “Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy.” 7 And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me.”

8 So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.”

9 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha’s house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean.” 11 But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, “Indeed, I said to myself, ‘He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.’ 12 Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” 14 So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, “Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift

from your servant.” 16 But he said, “As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing.” And he urged him to take it, but he refused.

17 So Naaman said, “Then, if not, please let your servant be given two mule-loads of earth; for your servant will no longer offer either burnt offering or sacrifice to other gods, but to the Lord. 18 Yet in this thing may the Lord pardon your servant: when my master goes into the temple of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow down in the temple of Rimmon—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the Lord please pardon your servant in this thing.” 19 Then he said to him, “Go in peace.” So he departed from him a short distance.

Response of Praise:

P: Be my strong Rock:

C: For an house of defence to save me.

P: You are my Rock and my Fortress:

C: Therefore for Your name's sake lead me and guide me.

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed:

C: Deliver me in Your righteousness.

P: You are the God who does wonders:

C: You have declared Your strength among the people.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

55 “O Death, where is your sting?

O Hades, where is your victory?”

56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: 760 Oh, Love, How Deep

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2 He sent no angel to our race,
of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
and to this world himself he came.

3 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp he knew,
for us the tempter overthrew.

4 For us, by wicked men betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign;
For us he sent his Spirit here to guide,
to strengthen, and to cheer.

Sermon Text: Luke 17:11-19

“11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 Then as He entered a certain

*village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.
13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy
on us!"*

*14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the
priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. 15 And one
of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud
voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him
thanks. And he was a Samaritan. 17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were
there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 Were there not any
found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And
He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."*

Theme:

OH GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD!

Hymn: 36 Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven:
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore!
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Offerings for Christ's Church:

Sing - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2
We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers of the Church:

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.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Prayer:

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn and truly understand them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 644 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

1. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



Scripture Treasure to Remember

Psalm 104:4-5

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Bible Class at 11:20.

Tuesday - **Lenten Service** at 6:30 at Orchard Valley.

“It is Finished!” Following the prophecies of Zechariah this week we see the joy and peace we find in Christ being both our High Priest and our King.

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study with Kenneth Nyman at 9:30.

Midweek Bible Study at Orchard Valley at 2:00.

Thursday - Pastoral Study Club 2:00

Friday - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30

Catechism Class at 4:00.

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00

Bible Study at 11:20

Praying for our Friends

We pray for Helena's daughter, Lorinda, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. We pray that God will give her comfort and peace to know that all things are in His hands, that God will grant her successful treatment, and that He will use this to strengthen her faith and draw her closer to His side.

We also pray for God's protection for Melanie and Cole from the attacks on Abu Dhabi.

CLC Call News

Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN, has **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sister Lakes, MI, has **returned** the call to Living Hope in Appleton, WI.

Teacher Katie Naumann of Immanuel School in Winter Haven, FL, has **returned** the call to Redeemer School in Cheyenne, WY.

Dr. Daniel Sullivan has received the call to serve as a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College, in Eau Claire, WI.

Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck has called for another two-year term as the President of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary.

ILHS Visitors Day.

Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI will host their annual High School Visitors Day on Friday, May 1, 2026 for students grades 7 and up. An invitation letter, schedule of events, and online registration can be found at www.ilc.edu. Please register students and chaperones by Friday, April 24. A theater performance of The Lion, the Witch, and the

Wardrobe will take place on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm. The Immanuel Band will perform before the play on Friday at 7:00 pm, and student talent performances will take place Saturday at 7:00 pm.

Performances are free and open to the public. For more information regarding ILHS Visitors Day, please contact Prof. Matt Thurow (matt.thurow@ilc.edu 612-516-1177) For general questions regarding the high school program, please contact the high school principal, Prof. Joel Gullerud (joel.gullerud@ilc.edu 715-544-8446).

Can anyone be joyful with the state the world is in today?

Jesus: “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33