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***February 22, 2026***

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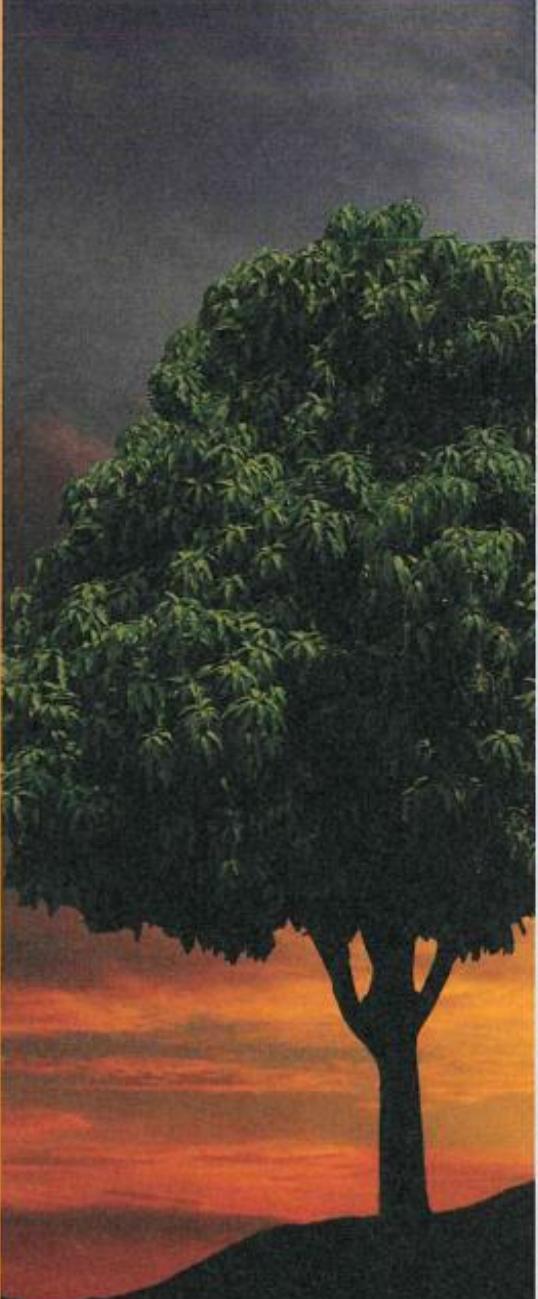
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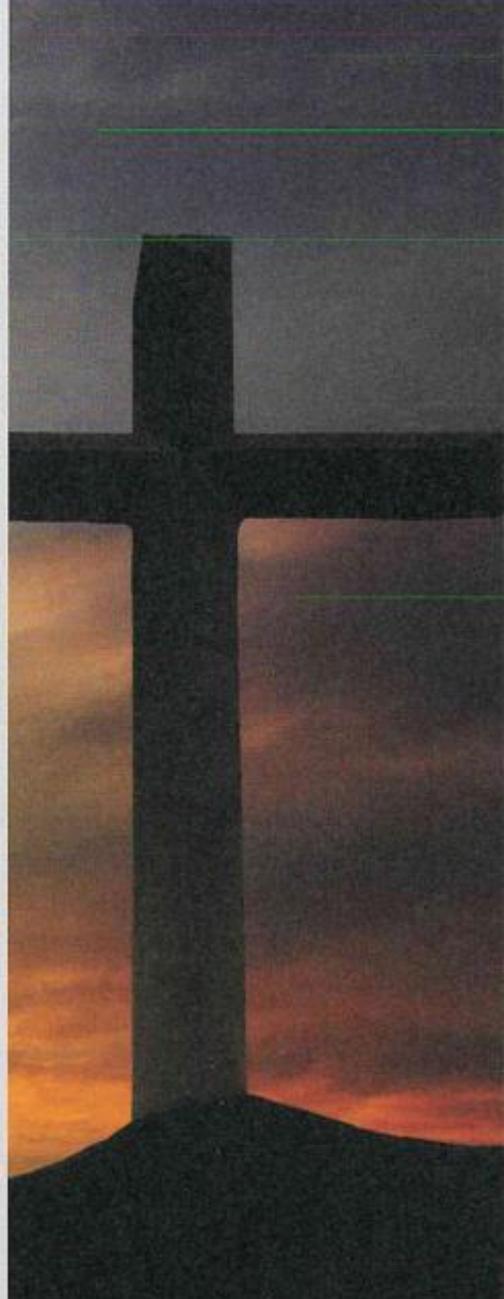
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**About The Cover:**

In eating the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Adam disobeyed God and brought sin into God's good creation. Christ, however, followed the will of His Father all the way to death upon a tree, taking the curse of sin to bring the renewed creation. Now, the cross has become a life-giving tree for all who believe in Christ Jesus.



By the one man's  
disobedience,



by the one man's  
obedience

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

**Theme for worship:** As we begin Lent this morning, we are going to explore its purpose in calling us to a special time of repentance in preparation for Good Friday and Easter. We'll see how all three of our scripture lessons walk us through the history of sin in the world, and God's answer to it.

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### ♪ Pre-Service Music

The Ringing of The Bells

Welcome

### ♪ Opening Hymn: "The Tree of Life"

---LSB #561

- 1 The tree of life with ev'ry good  
In Eden's holy orchard stood,  
And of its fruit so pure and sweet  
God let the man and woman eat.  
Yet in this garden also grew  
Another tree, of which they knew;  
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned  
Against whose eating God had warned.
- 2 The stillness of that sacred grove  
Was broken, as the serpent strove  
With tempting voice Eve to beguile  
And Adam too by sin defile.  
O day of sadness when the breath  
Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,  
Its awful poison first displayed  
Within the world so newly made.

- 3 What mercy God showed to our race,  
A plan of rescue by His grace:  
In sending One from woman's seed,  
The One to fill our greatest need—  
For on a tree uplifted high  
His only Son for sin would die,  
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread  
To crush the ancient serpent's head!
- 4 Now from that tree of Jesus' shame  
Flows life eternal in His name;  
For all who trust and will believe,  
Salvation's living fruit receive.  
And of this fruit so pure and sweet  
The Lord invites the world to eat,  
To find within this cross of wood  
The tree of life with ev'ry good.

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### The Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence For Reflection On God's Word and For Self-examination*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**Introit**

*Psalm 91:9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16*

**P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

**C** **I will rescue him and honor him.**

**P** With long life I will satisfy him

**C** **and show him my salvation.**

**P** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

**C** **the Most High, who is my refuge—**

**P** no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

**C** **no plague come near your tent.**

**P** For he will command his angels concerning you

**C** **to guard you in all your ways.**

**P** On their hands they will bear you up,

**C** **lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

**P** You will tread on the lion and the adder;

**C** **the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

**P** & **C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

**C** **I will rescue him and honor him.**

**P** With long life I will satisfy him

**C** **and show him my salvation.**

**♪ Kyrie**

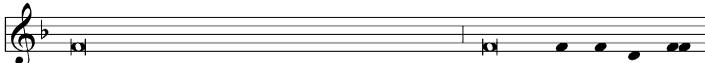
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men.

## Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray

**G** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## Service of The Word

### The Old Testament Lesson

*Genesis 3:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”  
<sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”  
<sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”  
<sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.  
<sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.  
<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.  
<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”  
<sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”  
<sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”  
<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”  
<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?”  
The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”  
<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.  
<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”  
<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring

forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”<sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”<sup>20</sup> The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### The Epistle Lesson

*Romans 5:12–19*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Children’s Message

*Pastor Marty*

♪ “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

*Adult Choir*

♪ Alleluia and Verse (Lent)

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### The Holy Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 4:1–11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.** (*Sung*)

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written, ““Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ““He will command his angels

concerning you,’ and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C** Praise to you O Christ (*sung*)

**♪ Sermon Hymn: “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”**

---LSB #418

**1 O Lord, throughout these forty days  
You prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sin,  
And free us from our past.**

**2 You strove with Satan, and You won;  
Your faithfulness endured;  
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust  
In God’s eternal Word.**

**3 Though parched and hungry,  
yet You prayed  
And fixed Your mind above;  
So teach us to deny ourselves,  
Since we have known God’s love.**

**4 Be with us through this season, Lord,  
And all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns,  
We join in heaven’s praise.**

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**Sermon: “The Story of Sin in the World”**

*Rev. Marty Marks*

**Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

**Offering**

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**♪ Offertory**

---LSB #159

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Announcements

### Prayers of the Church

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."*

### 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.**

### ♪ Closing Hymn: "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

---LSB #423

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

### Benediction

### Silent Prayers

### Postlude

PARTICIPANTS February 22, 2026		
Altar Guild: Jackie Hanson		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30a.m
<b>Musicians</b>	C-J Motisi, <i>Pianist &amp; Soloist</i>	Angela Pringnitz, <i>Spiritwind</i>
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Children's Message</b>	Pastor Marty	Pastor Marty
<b>Acolyte</b>	Aaron Martinez	Heather Allen
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Sandy Lancaster	Rita Goodwin
<b>Radio Narrator</b>	Tammy Tiggelaar	---
<b>Videographer/Sound</b>	Mark Misic	Doug Nelson
<b>Slides</b>	Doug Nelson	Mia Yelich
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Boldt, Jackson Harms & Russ Peterson	Jen Allen, Dan Lohmeier & Will Michels

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