

First Sunday in Lent ~ March 1, 2020

THEME: We contrast the perfection of our Savior with the sinfulness of mankind.

HYMN 378: *"All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17; 3:1-7 (EHV)

God gave Adam and Eve the freedom to eat from any tree in the Garden of Eden, except one. To show their love to God and give him glory they were to refrain from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. As Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit we see a sharp contrast between God's perfection and the unfaithfulness of human beings.

2:7 The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. The LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made every kind of tree grow - trees that are pleasant to look at and good for food, including the Tree of Life in the middle of the garden and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

The LORD God took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care of it. The LORD God gave a command to the man. He said, "You may freely eat from every tree in the garden, but you shall not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for on the day that you eat from it, you will certainly die."

3:1 Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, 'You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.'"

The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die. In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 130 (p.114) (sung in unison)

The Church sings to God "out of the depths" and pleads for his mercy.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:12-19 (EHV)

Paul recounts the significance of the fall into sin by means of a contrast. Through one man, Adam, all sinned. But by the life and death of the second Adam, Jesus, all have been justified before God. The contrast clearly shows God's grace as greater than man's sin.

5:12 So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to

one's account if there is no law, and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

But the gracious gift is not like Adam's trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God's grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many! And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification.

Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ!

So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.

CHOIR: *"Be Strong in the Lord"*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11 (EHV) (sermon text) (Please Stand)

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry he is tempted by the devil, who uses the same tricks used on Adam and Eve. However, our Savior is victorious as he answers the tempter with the pure word of God. The victory of our Savior, by faith, becomes ours.

4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. 2 After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The Tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread."

4 But Jesus answered, "It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God."

5 Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and he 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 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

7 Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written: You shall not test the Lord your God."

8 Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

9 He said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

11 Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

HYMN 200: *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

SERMON THEME: It Just Takes the Right Word(s)

1. To recognize the temptations of Satan

2. To resist the plans Satan has for you

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OFFERING HYMN 485 Verses 1 & 2: *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* (Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 202: *"If God Had Not Been on Our Side"*

BENEDICTION

HYMN 541: *"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"*

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serving Us Today ~ March 1, 2020

Organist: Marjean Schroeder-Oaks

Altar Guild: Barb Luft, Ann Gosdeck & Julie Treichel

Ushers: Jim Daubert, Mark Juedes, Mike Juedes & Pam Juedes

Counters: Sandy Briese, Randy Montgomery and Amy Montgomery



Lenten Season: We will begin our Lenten Fellowship with soup suppers at 5:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is located near the bulletin board for those willing to provide soup, bread, cheese, sausage, desserts, etc. and to assist with serving and clean-up. Thank you!

Immanuel In Focus 2020: Have you noticed? There are large calendars on our Fellowship Hall bulletin board. These are for YOU to use! Do you have an event, meeting, occasion, or gathering coming up? PLEASE add it to the calendar! We will have three months posted at all times. Short term and longer term planning and “in focus” for 2020! No event is too small to be listed! “See Jesus with 2020 vision”

GriefShare: Members of Immanuel (and friends) that have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited to attend. They meet on Mondays at 5:00 p.m.

Church Council Members will hold their March meeting on Tuesday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Immanuel Constitution Update Team: Our “current” constitution is dated 2004. Needless to say, it is outdated! If you would be interested in joining a team to review and amend our Constitution, please see the sign-up page located near our bulletin board.

The LWMS Sign-Up Sheet for the Spring Rally is located in our Fellowship Hall for any of our ladies interested in attending on April 18.

Pathways to Christ Retreat will be held March 13-15 at Hawthorn Suites & LaSure’s Hall. More information can be found on our bulletin board for anyone interested in attending.

Jesus Cares Ministry: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Grace on Nebraska. Attendance averages 21 friends! It is amazing to share God’s Word to these amazing people.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL	
Needed per week	\$3,120.00	Office Hours	Tues. Weds & Thurs. 8:00 a.m. -Noon
Budget Received 02-23-20	\$1,912.00		
Budget Need to date	\$24,960.00	Today	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Budget Received to date	\$29,642.50	Today	10:00 a.m. Adult Doctrine Study
		Monday	5:00 p.m. GriefShare
		Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Bible Study
		Wednesday	5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper
		Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Mid-week Lent Service
Ash Wednesday Attendance	53	Wednesday	7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday Bible Class	7	Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Communion Service
GriefShare	8	Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
02-23-2020 Attendance	85	Sunday	

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