

An invitation to pray:

Upon Entering the Church

Almighty, ever-living God, grant that I may gladly hear Your Word and that all my worship be acceptable unto You. Amen.

Before Receiving the Sacrament

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.

What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Amen.

During the Distribution of the Sacrament

The Lord was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory; glory as of the only-begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. Amen.

After Receiving the Sacrament

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this gift given to us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation in heaven. Amen

Abide with us, O Lord, that we may abide in You until the end; let not sin and need separate us from You, until we, through the strength of Your Holy Sacrament, enter into heaven, and eternal blessing. Amen.

At the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I might bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in faith toward You and in fervent love toward my fellow man. Amen.

Lent 3 – Oculi



**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rockwell City
Service at 8:45 a.m.**

&

**Trinity Lutheran Church, Knierim
Service at 10:15 a.m.**



Dual Parish Since 2003

***“United Together With Christ in the Likeness
of His Death and His Resurrection.”***

[Romans 6:5]

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March 27, 2011

WELCOME! We are very happy you worshipped with us today. If you are with us for the first time, please sign the guest register, introduce yourself to the Pastor and come again soon!

THE LORD'S SUPPER: As Lutherans, we believe and profess the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament, as well as His true power to grant forgiveness, life, and salvation through these visible means of His Grace. *If you, as a guest in our congregation, do not believe in the Sacrament as we do, or belong to a different denomination holding a different belief other than ours, we ask that you respect our practice of "close or closed" communion by not communing.* Please speak with pastor if you are communing here for the first time.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK AT IMMANUEL & TRINITY

WEDNESDAY: 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study @ Immanuel
5:00 p.m. Midweek @ Trinity
5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper @ Immanuel
6:00 p.m. 5th - 8th Confirm. @Immanuel
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service @ Immanuel

SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m. Evening Service @ Immanuel

NEXT SUNDAY: 8:45 a.m. Worship @ Immanuel
10:00 a.m. Sunday School @ Immanuel
10:15 a.m. Worship @ Trinity

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE: April 2 at Immanuel 5p

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 9am at Immanuel. We are studying the Book of Concord. All are welcome to attend at any time.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE: Wednesday, March 30th at 7 p.m. at Immanuel. Supper at 5:30 p.m.

MENU FOR LENTEN SUPPER: Wednesday, March 30
Scalloped Potatoes and Ham, Salad and Bars

BRIDAL SHOWER: Today for Jessica Weiss. Come and go from 1 to 3 p.m.

WORKING WOMEN' GROUP: Monday, April 4 at Immanuel from 6:30 to 8:30.

CAMP OKOBOJI: There are camps available for 1st graders thru High School, check them out at www.campokoboji.org Let Pastor know if you have someone going and the church can help our with the cost.

RC LENTEN LUNCH: Wednesday 11:45am at Senior Center

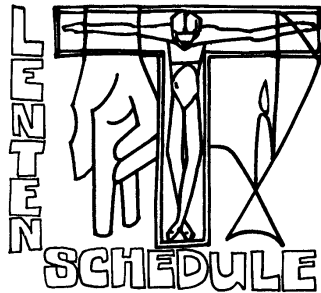
PORTALS OF PRAYER: are on the table in the narthex.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Bringing Christ To The Nations And The Nations To The Church" Listen to it on the radio on the following stations: KAYL 990AM – Sunday at 8:30am; KJYL 100.7FM - Sunday at 6pm; WHO 1040AM– 7:30a.m.KTLB 105.9FM – Sunday at 8am. Or check them out on the web at www.lhm.org

CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday after midweek service.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Adoption service provided by Lutheran Family Service allows children both nationally and internationally to be placed into secure, Christian families. From the very beginning LFS is there for the couple to assist them throughout the entire adoption process—from the initial home study to the final post-placement evaluation—we take the journey with the family! Have you considered adopting? Contact your local LFS office or visit us online at www.LFSiowa.org for more information.

OMELET BREAKFAST: Today from 9a.m.-12:30p.m. at the Community Building on the square to support the Honor Flight for area servicemen.



Palm Sunday/Confirmation Sunday, April 17
Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel
Good Friday 7:00 p.m. at Trinity
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel
Easter Sunrise 7:00 a.m. at Trinity
Breakfast 8:00 a.m. at Trinity
Easter Service 10:15 a.m. at Immanuel

INTERCESSIONS, PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS

Please remember your fellow parishioners and those dear to them in your daily prayers.

Birthdays:

Mike Juhl	Michelle Martin	Ellie Melohn
Brenda Strutzenberg	Samuel Peterson	Charles Carlson
	William Hepp	

Confirmands:

Libbie Lowry, Taylor Reiss, Sadie Swank

Servicemen in Afghanistan:

Brian Lindner Todd Essing Matthew Dietrich Travis Folsom

Lord, looked down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve Thy servants who stand in need of our prayers; Look upon them with the eyes of Thy mercy' Grant them comfort and a sure confidence in Thee; Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Immanuel, Rockwell City and Trinity, Knierim: Our members, all fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, all children and those who rejoice in the blessing of God's Kingdom.

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod: The congregations and pastors of the Humboldt Circuit; President of Synod Matthew Harrison; President of Iowa-District West Paul Sieveking; all pastors, missionaries and congregations; Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO; Seminarians Tim Oetting and Daniel Harders.

The United States of America: We give thanks for all the rights, liberties and freedoms that God gives us. All those in authority over us; all those who service in the armed forces, law enforcement, civil service, medical staff and all our citizens.

Introit:

Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord: **for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.**

Turn Thee unto me and have mercy upon me: **for I am desolate and afflicted.**

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I life up my soul: **O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed.**

The Collect of the Day

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Old Testament reading is from 2 Samuel, the 22nd Chapter.

“Praise for God's Deliverance”

Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. 2 And he said: "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; 3 The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. 4 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. 5 "When the waves of death surrounded me, The floods of ungodliness made me afraid. 6 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. 7 In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry entered His ears.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Tract

Arise, O Lord, let not man prevail: **let the heathen be judged in Thy sight.**

When mine enemies are turned back: **they shall fall and perish at Thy presence.**

Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens: **have mercy up us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Epistle Reading is from Ephesians, the 5th Chapter.

“Walk in Love”

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 11th chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

“A House Divided Cannot Stand”

And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. 15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." 16 Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. 17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. 18 If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. 19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 20 But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. 22 But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. 23 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' 25 And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. 26 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" 28 But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Here ends the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

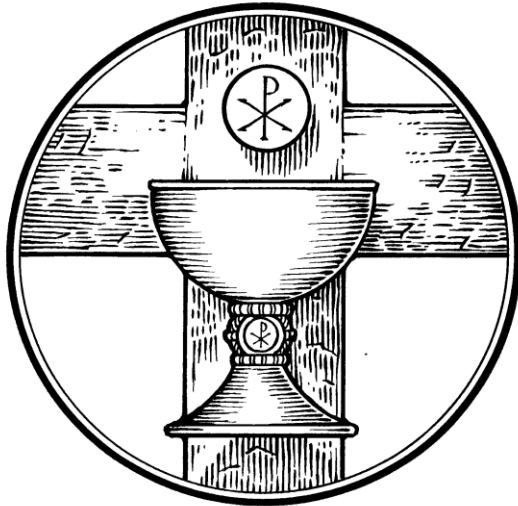
CATECHESIS ON THE GOSPEL LESSON

Jesus' actions and words are a commentary on His promise to give His Spirit to those who ask. The Holy Spirit is the finger of God by which Christ drives out the evil spirits as is done in our baptism. That Spirit comes through the preaching of the Gospel of the stronger man Jesus who has come to overthrow the strong man, Satan or Beelzebub, who holds us captive as his passions. We are the spoils whom Jesus has possessed through the shedding of His own blood. Those who have been cleansed of the evil spirit through Baptism are called to hold fast to the Word that is preached that there may be no room for the evil spirits to return. The Word of God will remove the scales from your eyes and fill your body with the light of Christ.



✠ THE DISTRIBUTION ✠

Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. (John 6:54)



“Come, for all things are now ready.” So said the servant to the invited guests in the Parable of the Great Supper (Luke 14:15-24). Approach the altar mindful of your many sins and your great need for God’s help and strength, remembering also the great sacrifice which our Lord made on the cross to atone for your sins. Put away all thoughts of pressing business which would distract you from fully appreciating the mystery of the Blessed Sacrament that is before you. If you wish, make the sign of the holy cross as the pastor says: “The Body of Christ...The Blood of Christ,” and “Depart in peace,” and respond with a confident “Amen” after each. Return to your seat and offer a silent prayer of thanksgiving, and for your fellow Christians who are communing with you. Your sins are forgiven! Your hunger and thirst for righteousness has been satisfied!

*“A Guide for Christian Meditation Before, During, and After the Divine Service”
by the Rev. Paul L. Beisel, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran, Iowa Falls, Iowa*

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✠ To God Be The Glory ✠

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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 Ghost,

Born of the Virgin Mary;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;

The third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father

Almighty;

From thence He shall come to judge the quick and

the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

The holy Christian Church,

The communion of saints;

The forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body;

And the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.