

8:31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 8:32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 8:33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." 8:34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 8:35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 8:36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 8:37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 8:38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Congregation Responds **"Praise to You, O Christ"**
 Hymn **#802 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" (Red)**
 Sermon **"Cross Ways"**

-WE RESPOND TO GOD-

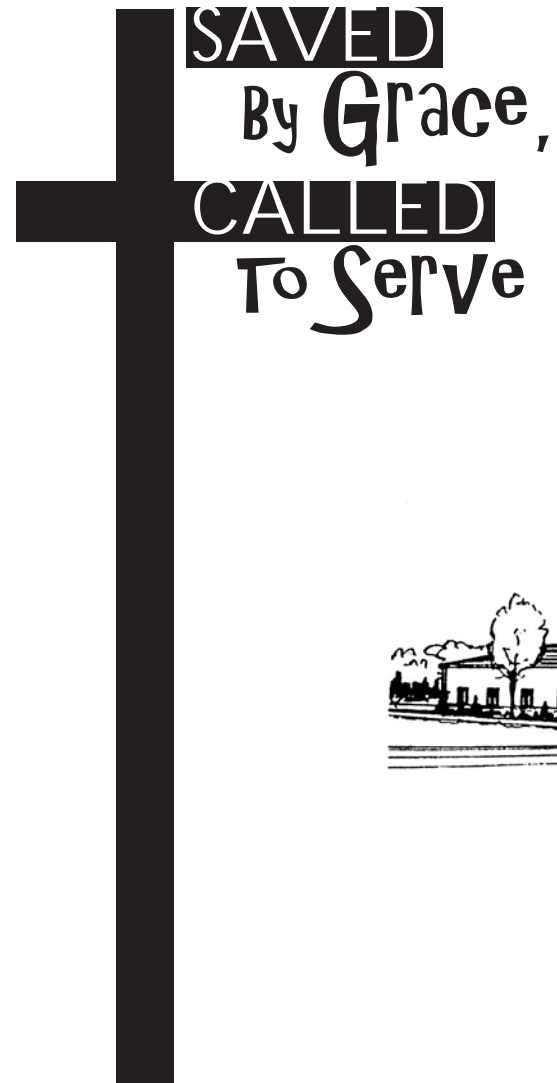
Hymn **#793 "Be Thou My Vision" (Red)**
 Offering
 Offertory **#186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart" (Red)**

Offertory Prayer
 L: Let us pray...Merciful God,
C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers
 The Lord's Prayer

-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-

Announcements
 Benediction
 Sending Hymn **#674 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (Red)**
 Postlude



All Members: Ministers

**2nd Sunday of Lent
 March 8, 2009 - 9:00 a.m.**

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ENABLING OUR MINISTRY	
Ministers	All Members
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Secretary	Janelle Eisenbacher
Sextons	Paul & Rolayne Beerman family
Altar Guild	Tracey & Jayde Kalkbrenner
Lector	Darleen Hovey
Acolyte	Mark Pirsig
Ushers	Larry & Sheryl Stranberg, Glenn Grahn Nick, Dylan, & Jaylen Rossell
Greeters	Paul & Rolayne Beerman
Coffee Servers	Matt & Karin Sorenson
Offering Counter	TBD

ORDER OF SERVICE

*As we enter the Sanctuary, let us speak to God.
As we worship, let God speak to us.
As we leave, let us speak to each other.*

-WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-

Prelude
Welcome & Invocation

Baptismal Hymn **#447 “O Blessed Spring” (Red)**
Sacrament of Holy Baptism **Pg. 227 (Red)**
Baptismal Hymn **#451 “We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus” (Red)**

-WE PRAISE GOD-

Greeting & Kyrie **Pg. 120 (Red)**

Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

-GOD SPEAKS TO US-

First Lesson **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

^{17:1} When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ^{17:2} And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ^{17:3} Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ^{17:4} "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ^{17:5} No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ^{17:6} I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ^{17:7} I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ^{17:15} God said to Abraham, "As for Sarah your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ^{17:16} I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Psalms (Read Responsively) **Psalms 22:23-31**

^{22:23} You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

^{22:24} **For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**
^{22:25} From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
^{22:26} **The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!**
^{22:27} All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
^{22:28} **For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**
^{22:29} To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
^{22:30} **Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,**
^{22:31} and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, **saying that he has done it.**

Second Lesson **Romans 4:13-25**

^{4:13} For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ^{4:14} If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ^{4:15} For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ^{4:16} For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ^{4:17} as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") --in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ^{4:18} Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ^{4:19} He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ^{4:20} No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ^{4:21} being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ^{4:22} Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ^{4:23} Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ^{4:24} but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ^{4:25} who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel Acclamation **Pg. 125 “Let your steadfast love...” (Red)**

Holy Gospel **Mark 8:31-38**

Congregation Responds **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Today-Sunday-March 8- 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Worship
BAPTISM OF AILEY ELTON
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. WELCA Meeting
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
 2:00 p.m. First Communion Instruction (5th Graders & Parents)
 5:00 p.m. Christian Education Team Meets

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Women's Morning Bible Study @ Peaceful Thymes
 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Bethlehem

Thursday 7:30 a.m. Men's Morning Bible Study @ Peaceful Thymes
 3:15 p.m. 1st Communion Instruction (until 5 p.m.)
 6:30 p.m. Ministry Teams Meet
 7:30 p.m. Council Meets

Saturday 10:00 a.m. Open House Baby Shower for Kari (Madsen) Bonfield

Next Sunday-March 8- 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Worship with "On Call"
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School with "On Call"

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offering from Sun., March 1, 2009 - 9:00 a.m.

Attendance94
Regular Offering	\$3030.00
Building Fund	\$120.00
Pony Express	\$10.00
Sunday School	\$15.00
Organ Fund	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$3200.00

March Ministry Goal*	\$11,426.79
Needed (To Date) To Meet Mar. Ministry Goal	\$4528.35

*Our Ministry Goal is the amount we need each month to undertake & accomplish the ministries & mission we have agreed to as God's called and sent people.

***If you are unable to easily stand during worship, please know that it is fine for you to worship while remaining seated.*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

God's grace and peace be with you today. Welcome to our visitors! We invite you to sign our guest book in the entry of the church. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the basement Fellowship Hall following worship. We hope you will worship with us again.

Prayer Concerns

Our church and other area churches; our community; our Synod Bishop, Jon Anderson, and Synod staff, the SW Minnesota and the ELCA Synod; our nation; our companion synod: The South Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa; we remember the people of Palestine and Israel; those serving in the armed services; and that all people on earth may lay down their arms and work for peace and justice for all; our missionaries: James and Carol Sack, serving in Japan; (Please let us know if you have specific prayer requests).

Holy Baptism Celebrated Today

We give thanks that Ailey Evelyn Elton joins our communion of faith through the sacrament of Holy Baptism today. Ailey is the daughter of Kirk & Christina Elton and her sponsors are Braum & Shannon Elton.

Lenten Worship - Services continue this Wednesday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m., at Bethlehem. The theme for this week is "Overheard: Barabbas & Caiaphas." A supper will be served at Bethlehem from 5:30-6:45 p.m.

WELCA Meeting today during coffee hour in the room across from the kitchen.

"On Call" Joins us for Worship & Sunday School Next Sunday

We are excited to be welcoming the musical group "On Call" next Sunday, March 15. The Youth for Christ group will be sharing their music and message during worship next week, as well as leading our Sunday School time. There will be a free-will offering received for "On Call" next Sunday.

St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner & Raffle

You are invited to join the people of St. Patrick in Kandiyohi for their annual St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner & Raffle Sunday, March 15, from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$7/adult, \$3.50/children 6-10, \$1.50/children 2-5. There will be a country store, music by the Pot Luck Band, face painting and a fish pond for children.

Kids Against Hunger Event

Kids Against Hunger will be packaging meals at the Cosmos Legion Sunday, March 15, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Volunteers can come any time during these hours and work as long or as little as they are able. A free lunch will be available to all who participate. Donations can be sent to Kids Against Hunger, c/o Peace Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 66, Cosmos, MN 56228.