

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

**Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16****SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13**

“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is

Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’

<sup>11</sup>and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a  
stone.’”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

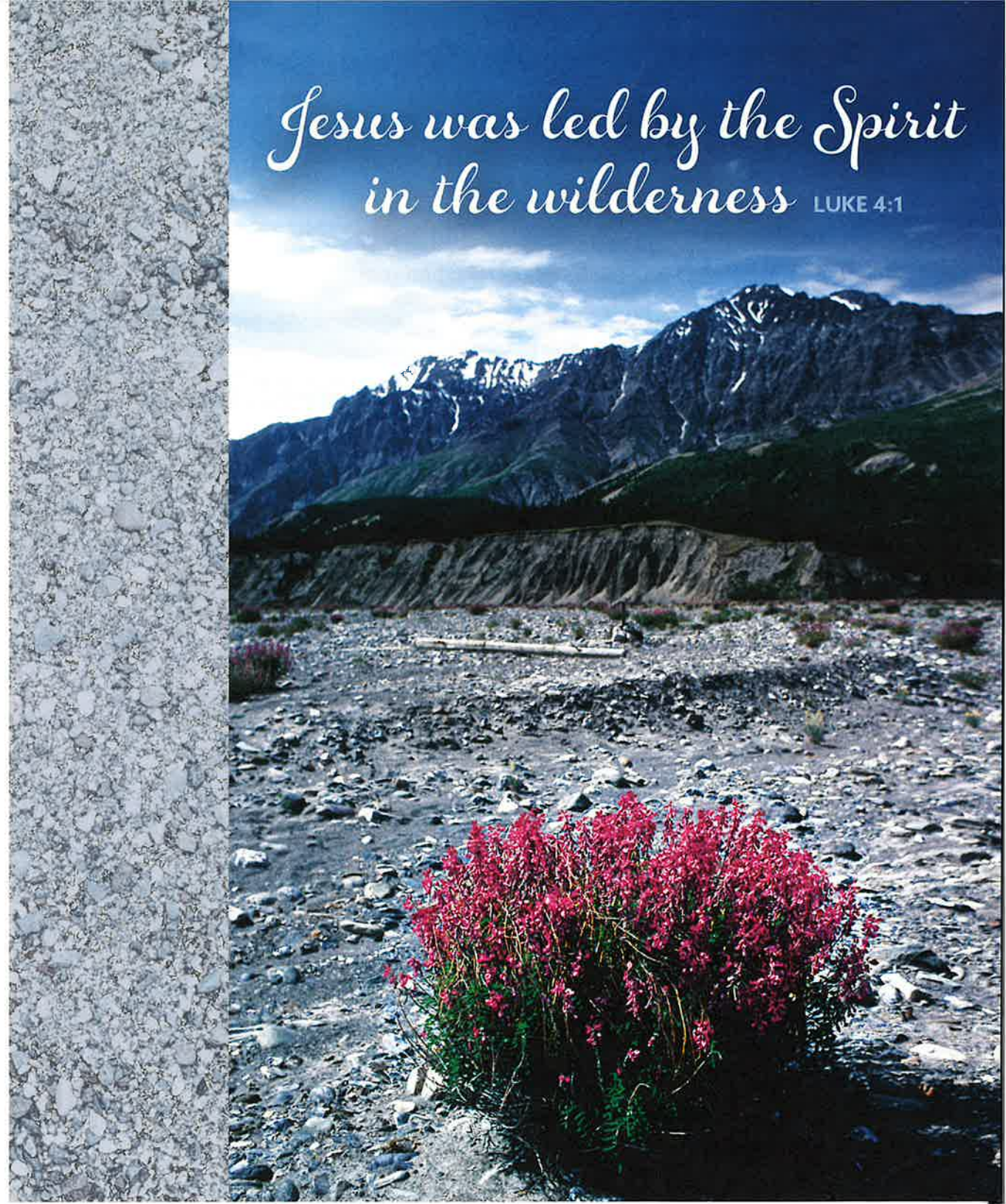
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*Jesus was led by the Spirit  
in the wilderness* LUKE 4:1





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*Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.*

**Welcome to Worship at Immanuel** - May God's grace nurture and strengthen you each day as we journey through our lives, seeking to grow in faith, hope and love.

**Prayer before Worship:** Lord, prepare our hearts for worship. Still our souls. Ground us in your grace. Amen.

**Prayer Requests:** We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

**Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.**

Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

**The Lord's Supper**, (offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. All are welcome to receive Communion at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

**We have Children's Bulletins** for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

Newsletter, bulletin, and member information or changes may be sent to [ckwilson1983@gmail.com](mailto:ckwilson1983@gmail.com) or [immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com](mailto:immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com)

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This Week at Immanuel 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship

## Sunday, March 9, 2025

WORSHIP LEADERS: PASTOR WAYNE SHELKSOHN

Lay Reader: Jerry Kukuck

Greeters: Lois Barker, Sherri Ganske

Ushers/Acolytes: Kasen Casson, Zane Hoffman

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

## Sunday, March 16, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG

Lay Reader: Suzie Kukuck

Greeters: Kent & Rebecca Casson

Ushers/Acolytes: Rylee Kukuck, Acer K.

Communion: Rebecca Casson, Angie Kratochvil

Organist: Cindy Wilson

**Please include the following people in our prayers:**

Virginia Winterland, Gary Kessinger, Lucy McKinley, Cheryl Poppe, Robert Ruff, Jeannie Weber, Tim Dawson, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Bob & Judy Logan, Kevin and Chad Allen (family members of Von Becker), and Daviney Steidinger-Reynolds (a student at Ridgeview)

## *Announcements*

**Today we are grateful for Pastor Wayne Shelksohn to be leading our worship.**

Please share with him a warm Immanuel welcome!

**Join us Wednesday in Lent for a discussion of Five strategic priorities and goals:**

March 12 - CULTIVATING (cultivating healthy leadership, both rostered and lay)

**Soup Suppers will be shared** at 6:00 pm each Wednesday, followed by the Service at 7:00 pm.

There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen window for Wednesday Soup Suppers during Lent. We look forward to this time of fellowship and the wonderful soups and chili our friends provide.

**Sharing the duties of our services –**

During the Annual Meeting, it was decided that serving communion requires a few extra helpers. Starting this week (and including Ash Wednesday) those who are assigned as Ushers are also asked to come forward to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion. We would also ask for a few more volunteers to be included as Communion Assistants and Ushers/Acolytes. There is a sheet on the counter at the kitchen for those who would be willing to help those already on the list. Thank you.

**LWR Quilts** - We will knot quilts on Tuesdays, March 4 and 11th from 1:00-3:30 p.m. (note time change). If you are planning to attend, please let Dee Winterland know so if we need to cancel for whatever reason, you can be contacted. We would love to see some new faces!

# Lent 2025

Please join in worship and learning during the season of Lent.

For the Season of Lent we will look at

***Mission, Vision, and Purpose as we Practice being Communities of Disciples***

Join us each week for a discussion of several topics:

Five strategic priorities and goals:

March 12 - **CULTIVATING**

(cultivating healthy leadership, both rostered and lay)

March 19 - **CONNECTING**

(building and advancing relationship and connections)

Congregations/conferences/clusters/synod

March 26 - **CROSSING**

(renewed engagement of youth and young adults through cross-generational faith formation)

April 2 – **COMMUNICATING**

(strengthen communication)

April 9 – **CELEBRATING**

(celebrating our shared service and mission)

Please invite your friends and neighbors to join you.

Come for some supper and stay for some great discussion.

May God bless you faith journey this Lent Season!

## First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

*These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*

PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Gathering*

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*\*Congregation may remain seated or stand as you are able*

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate One,

**C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

***O Lord, throughout These Forty Days***

ELW 319

\*GREETING *\*Please stand as you are able*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.** *Congregation may be seated.*

READING Deuteronomy 26:1-11 back of bulletin

*The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty -

**You will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust."**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

**No evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

**Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot  
against a stone.**

You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

**I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because  
they know my name.**

They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble;  
I will rescue and honor them.

**With long life will I satisfy them, and who them my salvation.**

READING Romans 10:8b-13 back of bulletin

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW page 142

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.

\*GOSPEL READING Luke 4:1-13 back of bulletin

*The Gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."*

After the reading: P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**  
*Congregation may be seated.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

MESSAGE

Pastor Shelksohn

HYMN OF THE DAY

**Jesus, Still Lead On**

ELW 624

\*APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW page 104

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need. *Each petition will conclude with:*

P: God in your mercy, **C: receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **C: Amen.**

\*LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

WE GATHER OUR OFFERING

\*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able.*

ELW 186

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

\*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Gracious Provider,

**C: you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Sending*

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

BLESSING

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

\*HYMN

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

ELW 505

\*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

What is it? What happens there? Why do Lutherans Practice this in Worship?

How do we take Holy Communion?

All are great questions. Let's get together and talk about this.

If you are new to being a Lutheran or Immanuel or are a seasoned attender and would like a little refresher on this topic, come join me in a three session faith building, discussion, and learning class.

If you are interested, we will meet on Sunday March 23, March 30, and April 6, 2025.

Topics will include What is a Sacrament? What is the Passover?

What is Holy Communion?

We will meet right after worship and allow up to 1 hour per session, unless you have more questions.

Let's learn together!

Pastor Nathan Feig