

**FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12**

The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup>While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

**Psalm 32****SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus]. <sup>3</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable:

<sup>11b</sup>“There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled

to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

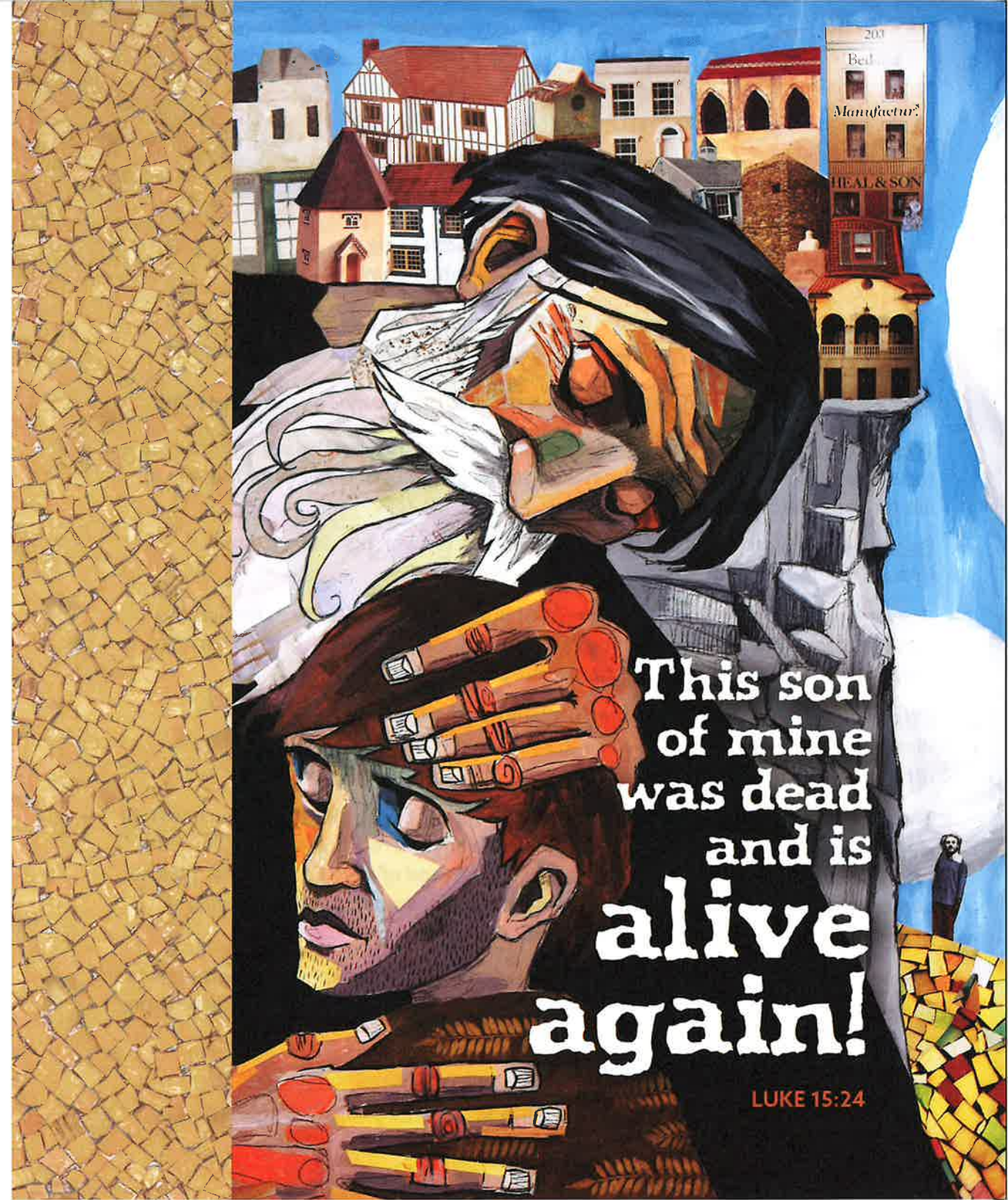
**Next Sunday’s Readings:** Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8.

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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** - God makes paths through the sea and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:16, 19). Whatever obstacle you face, God will open the way of life for you. Welcome to worship.

**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. *If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of needing a blessing today. All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

**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 30, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG  
Lay Reader: Tiffany Myers  
Greeters: Dan & Tracy Harms  
Ushers/Acolytes: Eli & Katelyn Petersen  
Communion: na  
Organist: Cindy Wilson

## Sunday, April 6, 2025

WORSHIP LEADERS: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG  
Lay Reader: Mike Petersen  
Greeters: Ron & Deb Jaskowiak  
Ushers/Acolytes: Elton & Spring Mau  
Communion: Erin Ifft, Eli Petersen  
Organist: Kimberly Petersen

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

Lois Barker, 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*

### 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 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

**Join us Wednesdays in Lent for a discussion of Five strategic priorities and goals.**

Soup Suppers will be shared at 6 pm each Wednesday, followed by the Service at 7pm. Thank you to those who have provided the wonderful soups and sides so far.

**Sharing the duties of our services** – 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, April 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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!

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

*The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!*

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

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

ELW 807

**\*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. God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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**                      Joshua 5:9-12                      back of bulletin

*By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.*

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

**PSALM**                      Psalm 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

**Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**READING**                      2 Corinthians 5:16-21                      back of bulletin

*One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

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 15:1-3, 11b-32                      back of bulletin

*The Gospel is announced:*

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

*Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.*

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON / NOISY OFFERING

MESSAGE

Pastor Nathan Feig

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lamb of God*

ELW 336

\*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.*

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***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

***I Want Jesus to Walk with Me***

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\*DISMISSAL

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE