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The Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2013

We Prepare to Meet God

The Prelude

The Opening Hymn

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

No. 309

The Prayer

The Time for Greeting

The Announcements

We Confess Our Sin and Receive God’s Forgiveness

We Confess Our Sin (together)

Lord, we confess our lack of faith. We see a glimpse of what we ought to be and we know we fall short of the goal. We desire faith that is solid and unchanging, yet we crumble under trials and temptations. We want to be strong, but we know our weakness. Our sinful condition strips us of any spiritual gain that we humanly devise. Lord, forgive us. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task, yet gifted for Your purposes. Grant us Your gift of Faith.

We Hear the Good News (Pastor)

Our God is a great God. He knows our needs for all areas of life. He knows our weakness and our unbelieving hearts. Yet, He loved us enough to die on a cross to provide forgiveness of our sin. Now the focus is not on the faith that we can muster, but on the great gifts He gives daily as we trust Him. God has given us the gift of faith – faith for the moment... faith for every trial... faith for every temptation... faith for every difficult situation. Praise God for His gift of faith.

We Hear God’s Word

The Scripture – Genesis 22:1-14a

¹ Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

² Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham

looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide.

We Confess Our Faith

The Nicene Creed on screen

We Respond to God's Blessings

The Offering
The Offertory "We Are An Offering" on screen

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed in Song and Word

The Anthem
"God Hath Provided the Lamb" Almond
Susan Amensen, Director
The Sermon
From Death to Life Pastor Anenson
The Hymn
"Lamb of God" No. 302

We Receive God's Grace in the Sacrament

The Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer
The Distribution

We Receive God's Promise to Go with us into Daily Life

The Blessing
The Benediction
The Closing Hymn "Amazing Grace" (vs.1,2,5) No. 343
The Ministry of Prayer
The Postlude

Organist: Emily Anderson
Candlelighter: Krista Mehl
Communion Preparers: Jeff & Charlotte Loots
Greeters: Bob, Gayle & Sierra Tate
Ushers: Steve McCoy, Rachel McCoy, Don Olson, Scott Nibe, John Johnson
Reader: Steve Skartvedt
Communion Assistants: Steve Skartvedt, Kent Meier
Communion Helpers: Lily Rathmacher, Cole Matheason
Nursery: Krista Mehl, Monica Mehl
Sound Engineer: Jim Oberender

Welcome to Visitors! Thank you for filling out the white information card in front of you. You may put it in the offering plate or give it to an usher as you come forward for communion.

Holy Communion. Today, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In prayerful preparation for the Table, please read and fill out the Information Card in front of you and give to an usher as you are directed forward. We welcome to this family meal all who have been baptized into the Christian faith, and who believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine offering forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Children who have not been prepared to receive the Sacrament are invited to come with their family for a blessing. If you are unable to come to the front to receive the sacrament, let an usher know and the elements will be brought to you.

If you have a prayer need this morning, you may use the back of the white card in the pew rack and place the request in the Prayer Box in the narthex by the coat rack.

Today we will have a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Social Hall following the worship service. Everyone is invited.

Attendance: Last Sunday – 247; Last Wednesday – 104

Today is Food Pantry Sunday. Place your items for the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in the grocery cart in the narthex. Cash donations are also always welcome. Checks can be made out to Immanuel with a notation for the Food Pantry and placed in the offering plate.

Next Sunday will be our monthly Improvement Fund offering. This fund is used for capital expenditures to maintain and improve our church buildings. Right now we are in need of extra funds for the electrical upgrade of our sanctuary and social hall wiring. This project will be completed in a few weeks, so we need additional funds for this project. Please make a notation to indicate Electrical Update if you would like your funds to go to this project.

RightNow Media: Everyone in our congregation now can have free access to thousands of video Bible studies on any Internet connected device! Check your email (even your spam folder) to see if you got emails from RightNow Media and the church about this; see the newsletter for more info. Contact the church office if you didn't get it and want to sign up.

Upcoming Events

- **Personal Growth Opportunities during the Sunday School hour for Adults.**
 - “The Art of Marriage” continues to meet each Sunday in the cornerstone room.
 - Next Sunday representatives from the Good News for Israel organization will be with us to share about their important ministry to the Jewish people. We will meet in the Social Hall.
- **Story City & Roland Communities Blood Drive** will be held Thursday, March 7 from 4-7 P.M. at the Roland Community Center Bloodmobile, 208 North Main in Roland. To make an appointment, contact LifeServe Blood Center at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org or 800.287.4903.

Reminders

- **Nursery facilities** are available across from the restrooms on the main floor of the educational wing. ***The nursery is staffed each Sunday.***
- **The “Our Daily Bread”** devotional books for the spring quarter are available on the shelf in the narthex. Large print devotionals are also available.



Upcoming Lenten Activities

Wednesday Evening Services

Theme: Seek and Ye Shall Find

Each Wednesday in Lent we are seeing a drama presentation of ordinary Biblical people who tell how Jesus touched their lives. Please join us each Wednesday at 7 P.M. Each service includes a children's message and special music. Light suppers are held each Wednesday evening at 6 P.M. There is a free will donation basket.

Community Midweek Lenten Services

Each Wednesday, Roland and Story City churches will host an informal worship service at 12:15 P.M., with a light lunch to follow at 12:45 P.M. The freewill offering will go to the Roland-Story Ministerial Association to be used for their ministries. The schedule including the host church and speaker can be found in your March newsletter. This Wednesday, Grace United Methodist Church will be the host church, with Pastor Matt Soderstrum from Harvest E-Free Church sharing the message. Take time over your lunch hour to join with your neighbors to worship our Lord during this Holy season. This is sponsored by the Roland-Story Ministerial Association.



Pray & Praise Corner

As a congregation, let's be in prayer for:

- Those who are ill from our congregation including Pat McKim at Mercy and Arlene Toft at Mary Greeley.

We praise God for:

- His gifts of forgiveness and power that we can receive in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Youth Activities

Mime Youth

- Mime practice schedule
 - Wednesday, March 6 during Youth Group (Narrators/Cast)
 - Saturday, March 10, 1-3 P.M. (Cast)
 - Wednesday, March 13 during Youth Group (Narrators/Cast)
 - Sunday, March 24, 12 noon - 3 P.M.
 - Wed., March 27 during Youth Group (Narrators/Music/Cast)
 - Saturday, March 30 - 10-12 Set up and decorating; 12-2 Mime Practice with everyone!

High School Youth Group

- **Regular weekly activities**
 - Sunday School - Sunday mornings at 8:30 A.M. Come read through The Story with us!
 - Community Time - Wednesdays at 7:45 P.M. for 10th - 12th graders not in confirmation
 - Confirmation - Wednesday nights at 7:45 P.M. (following worship)
 - Youth Group/Mime Practice - This Wed., March 6 (8:30 P.M.)
- **Looking ahead -Youth Group during spring break!!!!** Wednesday, March 20, 8-9:30 P.M. Capture the flag and Ice Cream (bring \$5.00)

Middle School Youth Group

- **Regular weekly activities**
 - Sunday School - Sunday mornings at 8:30 A.M.
 - Trinity & Confirmation - Wednesdays, 7:45 P.M. following worship (Lenten schedule)
- **Youth Group today** from 3:30-5 P.M. at the church. We will be making blankets for Project Linus, cooking a snack together, and playing some awesome games.
- **Mime / Easter Service help.** We need your help with the Easter Sunrise Service. Come at 6:20 on March 31 for instructions. Meet in the sanctuary. We need help with facepainting, ushering, and cleaning up. Bring a friend, bring your sister! It's going to be great.

March 3 – March 10, 2013

Worship & Study Opportunities at Immanuel

Sunday, March 3 – Communion Sunday

8:00 A.M.	Radio Broadcast on KASI (1430 AM)
8:30 A.M.	Sunday School Classes
9:00 A.M.	Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)
9:30 A.M.	Worship
10:30 A.M.	Coffee Fellowship
3:30 P.M.	JH Youth Group

Monday, March 4

9:00 A.M.	Library Board
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Tuesday, March 5

9:30 A.M.	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, March 6

8:30 A.M.	Women's Bible Study on 1 & 2 Peter
12:15 P.M.	Community Lenten Service & Lunch at Grace
5:00 P.M.	Youth Board
6:00 P.M.	Lenten Supper served by Sunday School
7:00 P.M.	Lenten Service
7:15 P.M.	Junior Choir
7:45 P.M.	Trinity & Confirmation Classes
7:45 P.M.	HS Community Time (10 th -12 th Grades)
7:45 P.M.	Senior Choir
8:30 P.M.	HS Youth Group / Mime Practice

Thursday, March 7

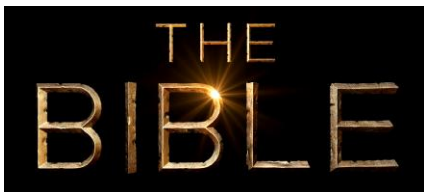
Friday, March 8

Saturday, March 9

8:00 A.M.	Men of Immanuel
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Sunday, March 10 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

8:00 A.M.	Radio Broadcast on KASI (1430 AM)
8:30 A.M.	Sunday School Classes
9:00 A.M.	Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)
9:30 A.M.	Worship
10:30 A.M.	Coffee Fellowship
1:00 P.M.	Mime Practice
3:30 P.M.	JH Youth Group



**GET READY FOR *THE BIBLE* MINISERIES
COMING MARCH 3RD**

The Bible from Genesis to Revelation is coming to life in an epic 5-week TV Miniseries on The History Channel (with reruns on Monday nights on Lifetime and Wednesday nights on The History Channel). This is an incredible opportunity to experience the Bible in a whole new way and to reach your friends and family. If you don't get the History Channel and would like to view the series please let the pastors know. Several families have opened up their homes for viewing guests.

Please reserve for me the following:

___ *Bible Viewing Party Kits* with invitations, host guide and *The Bible 30-Day Experience Guidebook/Study Guide*. I would like to host a Bible Viewing Party in my home for five Sunday, Monday or Wednesday evenings starting March 3rd. The church will provide these kits for free! (more info at www.bibleparties.org)

___ DVD-based study kits with clips from the miniseries and *The Bible 30-Day Experience Guidebook/Study Guide*. I am interested in hosting a five week small group discussion on the Bible in my home or would like to do the study personally or with my family. These also make great gifts. The discounted price of the DVD-based study kit is \$20.

___ *The Bible 30-Day Experience Guidebook/Study Guide*. I would like to use the daily devotionals, prayers and applications as a way to help me, family members and friends experience *The Bible* miniseries in a deeper way. These make great gifts and are needed for each participant in the DVD-based study. The discounted price of the guidebook is \$10.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please complete and place in the offering or take
to the church office or info table in the narthex.



The Bible 30-Day Church Experience

The Bible – it's the greatest book ever written, and this March it will come to life with *The Bible 30 Day Church Experience*, based on the epic TV miniseries, *The Bible*. This miniseries will be broadcast each Sunday evening in March at 7 P.M. on the History Channel. It will bring to life the stories and characters from throughout the Bible, Genesis through Revelation.

The Bible 30-Day Church Experience uses a combination of sermons and stunning video clips from this new miniseries to show the scarlet thread of God's redemption through Jesus in an inspiring and thought provoking way. You won't want to miss it!

This series is the perfect opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join us at Immanuel, so begin praying for the people you will invite! Join us each Sunday in March at the 9:30 worship service for *The Bible 30-Day Church Experience*.



A display of Easter Lilies is planned again this year! If you would like to share a plant for Easter Sunday, please fill out the form below, enclose \$10.00 and return to the church office. A limited number have been reserved, so order yours early.

Given by

I would like to order _____ at \$10.00 each.

_____ In Honor of _____

_____ In Memory of _____

The lilies should be picked up following the Festival Worship Service on Easter Sunday.

The deadline for ordering is Wednesday, March 20.