

Second Sunday in Lent ~ March 8, 2020

THEME: The righteous are those who grasp their promised Savior by faith.

HYMN 106: "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 12:1-8 (EHV)

Abram did not deserve God's promises, but undeserved love sought him out. By grace, Abram's faith led him to leave his homeland and cling to God's promise. Wherever he wandered, Abram's faith led him to continually worship his God.

12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Get out of your country and away from your relatives and from your father's house and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse anyone who dishonors you. All of the families of the earth will be blessed in you."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot his brother's son, and all the possessions they had accumulated and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to travel to the land of Canaan. Eventually they arrived in the land of Canaan. Abram passed through the land until he came to the Oak of Moreh at the place called Shechem. The Canaanites were in the land at that time. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants." Abram built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent there, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 121 (p.112) (sung in unison)

The Church sings to the God of grace from whom she receives all need, help and blessing.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (EHV) (sermon text)

Paul again provides commentary on the first lesson. As the history of Abraham shows, a man is justified by faith, not by works. Abraham's faith charts the way for believers; indeed, by faith, we become his children and heirs to the wonderful promise God made to Abraham.

4:1 What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered according to the flesh? 2 If indeed Abraham had been justified by works, he would have had a reason to boast—but not before God. 3 For what does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness."

4 Now to a person who works, his pay is not counted as a gift but as something owed. 5 But to the person who does not work but believes in the God who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited to him as righteousness.

4:13 Indeed, the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not given to Abraham or his descendants through the law, but through the righteousness that is by faith. 14 To be sure, if people are heirs by the law, faith is empty and the promise is nullified. 15 For law brings wrath. (Where there is no law, there is no transgression.) 16 For this reason, the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace and may be guaranteed to all of Abraham's descendants—not only to the one who is a descendant by law, but also to the one who has the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations."

LADIES' CHOIR: "This Is"

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 4:5-26 (EHV) (Please Stand)

Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well near Sychar. He reveals himself to her as the promised Messiah. Through him the spiritually thirsty receive drink that becomes in them "a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

4:5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone into town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." "Sir," she said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water? You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals."

Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life."

"Sir, give me this water," the woman said to him, "so I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."

"I have no husband," the woman answered. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say, 'I have no husband.' In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

"Sir," the woman replied, "I see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (the one called Christ). "When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Jesus said to her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."

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HYMN 384: "By Grace I'm Saved"

SERMON THEME: Now Here's a Guarantee You Can Trust - Completely

1. Wrath comes through the Law
2. Salvation comes by grace through faith

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART – Page 20

OFFERING HYMN 485 Verses 1 & 2: "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER - Page 20

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION – Page 21

COMMUNION HYMN 379: "Amazing Grace-How Sweet the Sound"

SONG OF SIMEON – Page 24 (Please Stand) & **BENEDICTION**

HYMN 338: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serving Us Today ~ March 8, 2020

Organist: Marge Schroeder

Altar Guild: Dave & Judy Zarter & Jan Zellmer

Ushers: Karl Luft, Dave Leatherman & Timothy Krause

Counters: Doug & Jan Zellmer

Communion Assistant: Jim Daubert

During Our Worship Service this morning we will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper. Non-members are asked to speak with Pastor Seelman before the service prior to communing.

The Son of God Goes Forth to War: Our Lenten journey continues on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Also, we continue our Lenten Fellowship with soup suppers at 5:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is located near the bulletin board for those willing to provide soup, bread, cheese, sausage, desserts, etc. and to assist with serving and clean-up. Thank you!

Church Council Members will hold their March meeting on Tuesday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Immanuel In Focus 2020 Have you noticed? There are large calendars on our Fellowship Hall bulletin board. These are for YOU to use! Do you have an event, meeting, occasion, or gathering coming up? PLEASE add it to the calendar! We will have three months posted at all times. Short term and longer term planning and “in focus” for 2020! No event is too small to be listed! *“See Jesus with 2020 vision”*

Immanuel Constitution Update Team: Our “current” constitution is dated 2004. Needless to say, it is outdated! If you would be interested in joining a team to review and amend our Constitution, please see the sign-up page located near our bulletin board.

The LWMS Sign-Up Sheet for the Spring Rally is located in our Fellowship Hall for any of our ladies interested in attending on April 18.

Easter Flowers: Sign-up sheets are below our bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. We are trying a different supplier this year. Available plants to sponsor are Lilies (\$12), Chrysanthemums (\$10), Daffodils (\$10) and Hyacinth (\$10).

Immanuel Military Members: All active or retired personnel please provide your service information to the church office or email to pastorseelman@hotmail.com. Provide name, branch, rank and dates of service. We would like to publish a complete listing for our Memorial Day Service. Thank you!

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		Office Hours this week:	
Budgeted Need per week	\$3,120.00	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon	
Budgeted Rec’d 03-01 & 03-04	\$4,223.00	Today	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Budgeted Need to date	\$28,080.00	Today	10:00 a.m. Doctrine Study Hour
Budgeted Rec’d to date	\$33,865.50	Monday	5:00 p.m. GriefShare
		Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Bible Class
Worship Attendance 03-01-20	70	Tuesday	5:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
Sunday School	7	Wednesday	5:30 p.m. Soup Supper
Sunday Doctrine Class	10	Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Lent Service #3
GriefShare	5	Wednesday	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday Bible Class	7	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Soup Supper	32	Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Mid-Week Lenten Service	46	Sunday	10:00 a.m. Doctrine Study Hour

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