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As We Gather ~ Grace Alone

The people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Ex. 17:1–7). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matt. 20:1–16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. "For they were overthrown in the wilderness" (1 Cor. 10:5). But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24–10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

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(As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary, God's people stand and fix our eyes upon it)

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P O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

1All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2Therefore the people guarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" 3But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5And the LORD said to Moses. "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

Arise, O LORD!

Let not man prevail.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5

24Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. 1I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3and all ate the same spiritual food, 4and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. 5Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.
- C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

1"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace. 4and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' 5So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. 6And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' 7They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' 9And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. 10Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. 11And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, 12saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to vou. 15Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' 16So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

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'Dependant Freedom'

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The Immanuel Spirit

Welcome to Immanuel! We extend the hand of Christian fellowship to all who have come to worship. May our prayers and the hearing of God's Word make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged and our souls refreshed. Welcome friends! Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Guests: Please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving.

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Isaiah 66:1–2, Acts 1:15–26 and Matthew 11:25–30.

Stewardship: Matthew 20:9 – "And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius." That's not what they were expecting! The generosity of God is surprising because we are often so tight-fisted. But the Lord gives out of His grace better than we could deserve or even hope. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God, and, surely, one of the foundations of God's being is His surprising generosity. How is the Lord calling you to generous living in His image?

Communion Statement: As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine and understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, and confessed by the Pastor and congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail and please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar and Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine and practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23ff, 18:15-35. 26:26-39: Mark 14:22-24: Luke 22:19-20 and 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

A sign-up sheet for mid-week Lenten meals is on the entryway table.

Sunday School: Today in Sunday School, the lesson is "The "Presentation of Jesus" in the temple. Already in His infancy, Jesus was fulfilling the Law for us and for our salvation. Ask your children, "What happened and who was in the temple waiting to see the promised Savior? What does this text tell us about who we find in God's house?

Building Healthy Families for Feb. 17th: 45% of teens now say they are online on a near-constant basis. If you need assistance navigating the world of technology and raising a teen to make good choices, contact Lutheran Family Service. Workshops are available to help families stay safe in a technological world. One parent who attended this workshop recently shared, "It opened up the door for us to talk about our use of social media." Lutheran Family Service of lowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900.

Life Quote for Feb. 17th: "Life is a gift not to be discarded. It can indeed make us weary when we do our work to proclaim life as valuable, and the world continues to abort babies and write prescriptions for people to commit suicide and minimize the value of life in so many ways. Yet, it is encouraging to know we have the gift of prayer to use to strengthen us, knowing the God of life is always in front of us guiding our way, always behind us holding us up, and always beside us keeping us focused and on the right course." Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life regional director of Minnesota ~ A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Feb. 24th: Hear "Not by Bread Alone" based on John 6:1-29 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. There is a spiritual hunger beyond food that is expressed in food. Jesus provides for both. ~ Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.

Life Thought in the Church Year for Feb. 17th: God our Father can draw water from rock (Exodus 17:6), reward the unworthy (Matthew 20:9), and make the last first (Matthew 20:16). Surely He will overhaul our hopeless circumstances and lost causes, even when human pains and mistakes have brought them about (1 Corinthians 10:1-5). Indeed, we not only witness it but participate in it as well (Exodus 17:5). Keeper of our souls, work faith in us and those we serve to await great transformation at Your hand. Amen.

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 2/17--2/23 is Christinson. Household(s) responsible for the week of 2/24--3/2 is Cloyed. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. The substitute is Amber Carnine (641-990-5985). Please contact Amber no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

A special Voters' Meeting will be held TODAY after the service to discuss new siding for the church.

March calendars are on the entryway table.

New Portals of Prayer books are in your boxes.

Confirmation Memory Work for February 24th

5th/6th Grades
Lord's Prayer: Introduction & Meaning

7th/8th Grades
3rd Article & Meaning

Arrangements for Doug Kruse

September 15, 1944 - February 11, 2019

A funeral service with military honors is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 18th, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grinnell. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will be held from12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Kruse family present from 2:00 to 5:00 Sunday afternoon to greet family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be designated to the Doug Kruse Memorial Fund where all donations will be distributed among several places in the Grinnell Community.

Lord God, heavenly Father, receive our humble thanks for all Your mercies granted to our brother Doug during his earthly life, especially for calling him by the Gospel and sustaining him in the true faith until his departure. Comfort those who mourn his death with the hope of the glorious resurrection and a happy reunion in heaven. Help us to remember that we are mortal, that we may ever prepare ourselves to fall asleep in faith and finally receive the glory promised to all who trust in Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Bringing Servant of God: Sermons Series for the Season of Lent Rev. Dr. Joel G. Koepp

This year, we will be spend our Lenten Mid-week services reflecting on the Servant Songs in Isaiah (Isaiah 42:1-9; 49:1-13; 50:4-11; 52:13-15). We will also read through the Pastoral Epistle 1 Timothy. It is beautiful letter written by Paul to Timothy. What we will ponder in our hearts is the reality of the "The Bringing Servant of God." Each week, we will look closely at one aspect prophesied by Isaiah about the coming Messiah in three main ways: (1) What the messiah is proclaimed to bring; (2) How that prophecy was fulfilled in the Passion and life of Christ; (3) the full significance and realization of what Christ has brought both now and in the time to come. While there is a common thread that runs throughout each of the texts, each one proclaims the truth of the ultimate grace and mercy of God as shown in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for you. As we spend this season in Christ's Passion, I encourage you to prayerfully consider The Suffering Servant FOR YOU!

It is common practice for many to fast during this time, usually done by "giving something up for Lent." It is not a mandated practice, but it can be a helpful one, if done properly. The idea behind "giving something up," is to restore priority to our days in the Word of God. If you choose to fast from something, whatever time you have normally spent in that activity, you instead are to fill that time with Reading the Scriptures and prayer. This year, I encourage you to read through Isaiah in the mornings taking a chapter or two at a time, and the Letter's of 1 & 2 Timothy, and Titus in the evenings.

May the Lord bless your Lent Season, and bring us to the joyful celebration of Easter!



TODAY

Organist	Pam Haase
	Darlo Kelting
Greeter	Cloyed
Ushers	Kevin Schultz & Randy Carnine
Servers	Sue Ford & Sherry Baker
Acolyte/Crucifier	Sophia Louden & Alex Eichenberger

NEXT SUNDAY

Organist	Pam Haase
	Steve Haase
Greeter	Crosby
Ushers	Ben Louden & Troy Johnson
Servers	Diane Schultz & Kathy Stanek
Acolyte/Crucifier	Ellie Mintle & Joey Koepp

Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel) February 10, 2019

Attendance	46
Holy Communion	31
General Fund	\$1561.81
Missions	N/A
Building Fund	N/A

Week Ahead

TODAY

Septuagesima
Funeral for Doug Kruse
THURSDAY Bible Study11:00 a.m. Pastor in Michigan Friday—Sunday
NEXT SUNDAY St. Matthias, Apostle





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Get access to weekly bulletins, sermons, calendars, upcoming events, pictures and more!

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The Divine Service Introduction Our Lutheran Heritage of Worship

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<u>Liturgical Colors (Part VI)</u> The Season of Lent: Violet

The season of Lent utilizes violet as a sign of royalty and penitence. Violet evokes these qualities through historical associations with the rich ruling class and the process of making this color. In ancient times, it was very costly to dye cloth violet because it required the limited resource of the blood of snails. One Biblical example of a merchant of violet-dyed goods was Lydia, who was baptized by St. Paul. (*Acts 16:14, 15*) Violet became the color of contrition because it required a sacrifice of life and money.

Violet is an appropriate color to use for Lent since Jesus, King of the Jews, rode into Jerusalem to rule His people from His cruciform throne. He was crowned with twisted thorns, wrapped in a violet cloak, given a reed scepter, and was paid a mocking homage. (Matt. 27:27-31) Nevertheless, He is the Lord of all, whose kingdom is not of this world. (John 18:36) He is worthy of such royal violet because He has defeated the forces of hell that had staked their claim on this world of sin and death through His victory on Golgotha. He has brought back His kingdom once and for all from the tyrannical foe through the precious riches through his noble blood. Through his self-sacrifice, He has soaked His creation with the dye of His own blood to make His Church part of the royal bloodline. It cost His very life to wash His kingdom with this costly dye. Through His death we are made a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession. (1Peter 2:9) We are dressed in regal garments dyed with His blood at the font, and He hosts us with a feast fit for a king through His very body and blood he sacrificed, to make us co-heirs of a heavenly inheritance with Him. (Rev. 7:14, Gal. 3:29) Violet reminds us that though we bow before our Heavenly King in humble repentance, He has shown us mercy in the cross of His passion. He even grants us gracious gifts of lordship with Him through His Word and Sacraments by transforming us to be as He is, kings with Him.

Ash Wednesday

March 6 5:15 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. Service

Mid Week Lenten Services

March 13 5:15 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Service

March 20 5:15 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Service

March 27 5:15 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Service

April 3 5:15 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Service

April 10 5:15 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Service

Holy Week Services

April 15 Daily Prayer

Noon

April 16 Daily Prayer Noon

April 17 Daily Prayer Noon

April 18 Holy Thursday Service 6:30 p.m.

April 19 Good Friday Service 6:30 p.m.

April 20 Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil 6:30 p.m.

April 21
The Resurrection of Our Lord
6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

9:00 a.m. Easter Day Service

OPEN HOUSE

Central Iowa Christian School Thursday, February 21, 2019 5:30-6:30 p.m.



Please join us for an informal information session about Central Iowa Christian School.

The open house is open to all families with students entering kindergarten through 8th grade.

Teachers (and parents!) will be available to answer questions you may have about:

- Our approach to Christian Education
- Options for Kindergarten (half-day and full-day)
- Small class sizes
- One-on-one & small group instruction
- Flexible, ability-grouped classes
- Project-based learning
- Tuition assistance
- ·and more!

Did we mention there will be cookies, too?

RSVP by Friday, February 15 cics@centraliowachristianschool.org

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Registration Forms are on the entryway table

Our Mission

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is a year-round outdoor recreational and camping environment affiliated with the Iowa District East of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. One of the primary ways we carry out our mission is by offering a summer camp program for youth.

Each day at summer camp, campers begin and end each day with the Word of God and prayer, learn about Jesus Christ through Bible study and devotions, and make lasting friendships. We value the use of God's natural creation as a catalyst for sharing and teaching God's Word to young people and their families.

Summer Camp Theme

We spend time every day at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca studying God's Word. Each year, our Bible study is centered around a theme from Scripture. Though every camper learns the same theme, each program's Bible study is modified to fit the age group of the program. Campers also participate in multiple devotions each day that fit our Biblical theme and teaches them about Christ.

Activities

Our campers have no shortage of things to do while at camp. Being that our programs accommodate campers in kindergarten up to high school seniors, our summer camp program features activities suitable for elementary campers as well as advanced activities for older campers.