

Today's Message

"This is a Test"

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New Here... Welcome!

If you are new to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, we would love to meet you! Be sure to stop by our "Connection Center" where a **welcome gift** is waiting for you, and thanks for sharing worship with us today!

What's Happening:

You can always keep in touch with what's happening by checking in at our website: www.immanuelcl.org

Connecting

A Connection card helps us to get to know you! We like to send a thank you for visiting us, and to help you find classes or connections that might best fit what you are looking for.

I'd like to Know More

We would love to answer your questions! Call the church office or email: stieman@immanuelcl.org

Service Times: Saturday Evenings, 6:00pm Historic Church • Sunday Mornings 8:00 - 9:30 - 11:00 Pathway Court *

SERMON NOTES

***"Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am,' he replied." Then God said, 'Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.'"* (Genesis 22:1-2)**

I. THE PROMISE

- A. The promise was given to A_____ and S_____.
1. They would be given a c_____.
 2. Their descendants would be as numerous as the s_____.
 3. And they would be given a l_____.
- B. They are to l_____ everything behind and trust God.
- C. This is our s_____, as well.
1. Life is supposed to be g_____.
 2. The f_____ of that promise comes from God.

II. THE TEST

- A. Do you really b_____ that your life is in God's hands?
1. The Lord g_____ and the Lord t_____ away. Job 1:21

"Fool, tonight your soul is required of you." Luke 12:20

2. W_____ teaches that God is God and we are not! (Psalm 90)

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." (vv. 1-2)

"You sweep men away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers." (vv. 5-6)

B. Do you t_____ Him?

1. Let g_____ and k_____ go,
2. Your m_____ life also! (Martin Luther, "A Mighty Fortress")

C. The Lord will p_____!

III. THE BLESSING

- A. Because you have done this...I will surely bless you! (vv. 16-17)
1. There is the realization that we belong to a larger p_____.
 2. We are r_____ for what we do, but not for the outcomes.
 3. That belongs to a greater p_____!
- B. Learn to trust the G_____ of the gift of life and not the gift itself!
- C. The g_____ blessing comes when we trust, that no matter what....
- ...The Lord will provide! (John 3:16)

MY NEXT STEPS . . .

- ✚ Reflect on the sacrifice Abraham was willing to make for God.
- ✚ Then reflect on the sacrifice God was willing to make for you.
- ✚ Return next Sunday to hear more about God's love for you!

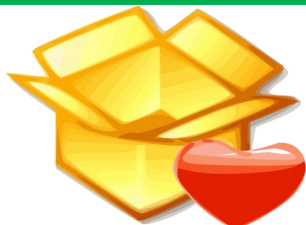
Coming Up at >>



Immanuel

>> Sunday, February 18, 2018 - First Sunday in Lent

Touching Hearts and Transforming Lives with the Light of Jesus Christ...



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES were blessed at the 8 am service today! Immanuel continues to support and pray for our college students. Packages were put together by the Kids of the Kingdom and 4th grade students last week. If you would like to mail one of the packages, please take one home today! Each one will cost approximately \$7 to mail.



CHOIR CANTATA HOAGIE THANKS!

Thank you to everyone that supported our First Annual Hoagie Sale. We made 550 sandwiches! 111 hoagies were donated to PADS, Turning Point, and CL Police and Firefighters. All of us in chancel choir appreciate your generous support for our Christmas Cantata. We look forward to singing many more future cantatas. Blessings! Robert Blazek



THE JOURNEY TO EASTER!! Text @ ilchurchcl to 81010 to sign up to receive a daily text message to participate in our count up to Easter!



VBS 2018 – REGISTRATION OPEN: Come sail away with us this summer and learn about Jesus through a “Shipwrecked” theme. Vacation Bible School will be June 18 – 22, 2018 with a worship service and celebration on Sunday, June 24. For more information and to find the Registration and Volunteer Forms, go to Immanuel’s website at www.immanuelcl.org/family/vacation-bible-school or contact Laura at lgilleland@immanuelcl.org for questions.

February 18—March 25, 2018

Sunday at 9:30 am

Tot Time (1 & 2 Year Olds w/Parents)	Gym
Sunday School (Age 3—5th Grade)	Classroom (Sign in by computer Lab)
Verge (6th Grade)	Room 203
Confirmation (7th - 9th Grades)	Multi-Purpose Room
High School (10-12 Grades)	Youth Room
First Communion (Marty & Norma Viets)	Library
God Connects	Art Room
Intentional Parenting (Missy Berg)	Room 201
Passover, the Lord's Supper & The Jewish Seder (Dave Eskoff & Don Kearley)	Music Room

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Quality Christian Programming: RightNow Media is a free, Netflix like Christian resource for adults and kids alike. This free resource is open to *anyone*, for a free subscription to the RightNow Media Library, visit our website at <http://immanuelcl.org/resources/rightnow-media-library>. Any questions, contact Laura at lgilleland@immanuelcl.org or in the church office.

Get the latest weekly Announcements, event postings, and information at: www.immanuelcl.org

* **Families with Young Children:** Changing tables are found in the washrooms down the hall on the left of the worship area. Nursing Mom's room is located behind the desk in the Library (doors on the back wall of worship area).