

**SECOND SUNDAY  
IN LENT**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**Missouri Synod**



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***Sunday***

**9:00 A.M.**

**Worship Service**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Adult Bible Class &  
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

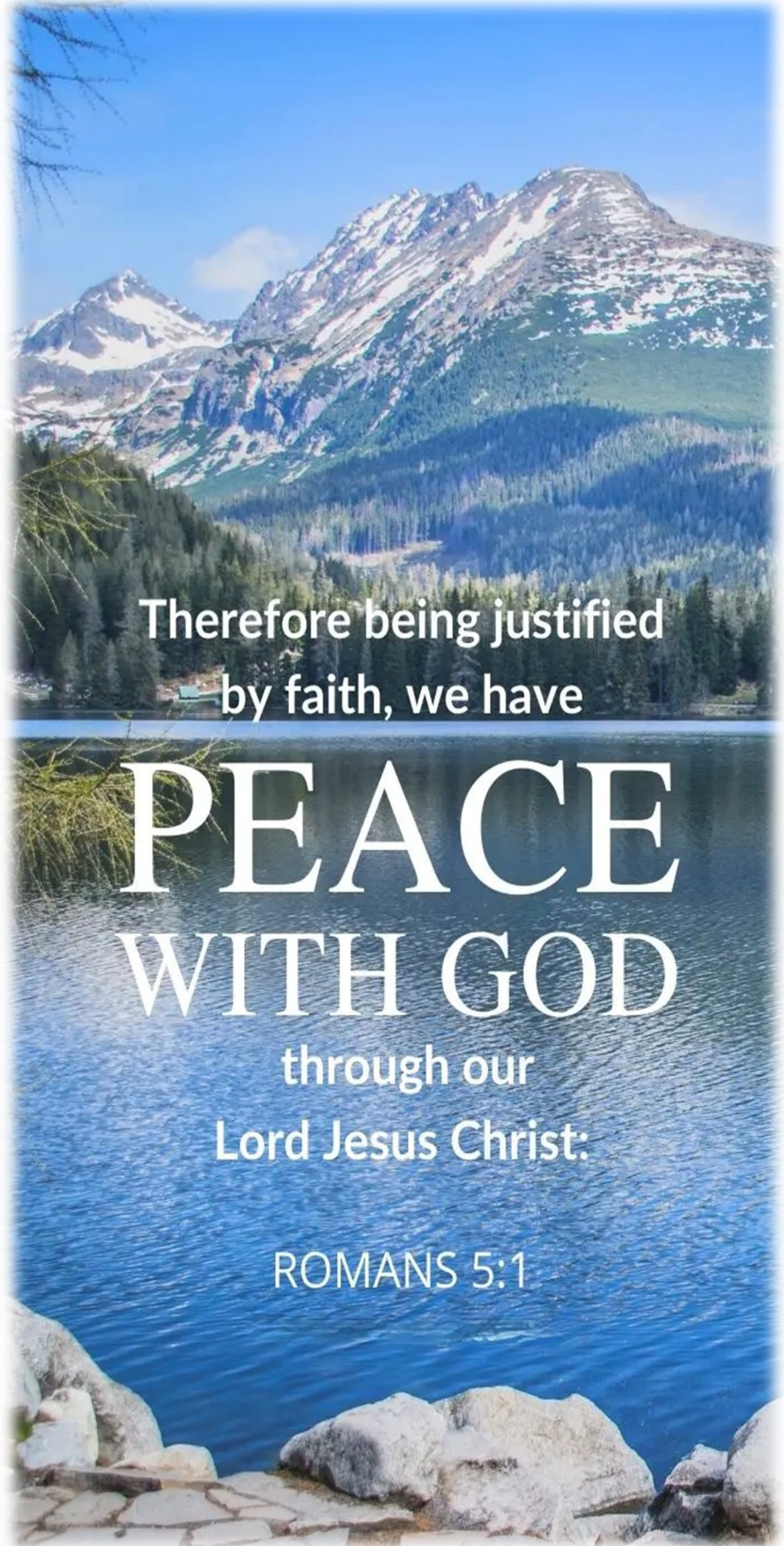
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**8 am to 12 pm**

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Therefore being justified  
by faith, we have

**PEACE  
WITH GOD**

through our  
Lord Jesus Christ:

ROMANS 5:1

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**WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - Lord Jesus Christ, in Your perfect timing, You died for me who am weak and ungodly. Be present with me as I endure the sufferings of this world, so that I may learn how suffering leads to endurance, character, and a hope that never puts me to shame; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - Today we hear the apostle Paul proclaim something rather odd: that we can rejoice in our sufferings. Paul says this because—as he tells us—suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame because our hope is in Jesus who died and is risen for us and our reconciliation and peace. That is something to rejoice in!

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**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)*

# OPENING HYMN

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

LSB 427



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the**

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**holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6*

**P** Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving-kindnesses, for they are from of old.

**C You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield.**

**P** The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.

**C He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great.**

**P** But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving-kindnesses, for they are from of old.

**KYRIE**



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And with your spirit.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**     *Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16*

(God renames Abram as Abraham.)

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. 2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.” 3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: 4 “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

15 Then God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM**     *Psalm 22:23–31; antiphon: v. 22*

**P** I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

**C You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you descendants of**

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**Jacob, glorify Him, and fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!**

P For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; nor has He hidden His face from Him; but when He cried to Him, He heard.

**C My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.**

P The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him will praise the Lord. Let your heart live forever!

**C All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.**

P For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations.

**C All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship; all those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive.**

P A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,

**C They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has done this.**

P I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

**EPISTLE**      *Romans 5:1-11*

(Christ died for the ungodly.)

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God



demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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**HOLY GOSPEL**            *Mark 8:27-38*

(Jesus is the Christ who must suffer, die, and rise again.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You , O Lord.**

27 Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?"

28 So they answered, "John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets."

29 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ."

30 Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him.

31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 33 But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

34 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 35 For whoever desires to save his

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life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? 37 Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Please sit*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake*

LSB 688



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the





way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,  
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,  
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

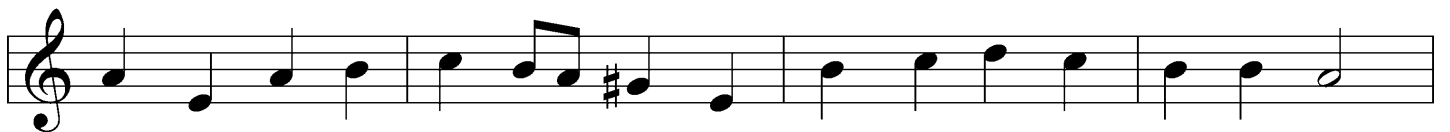
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**SERMON**      *"The bare necessities of life"*      (Mark 8:34-37)

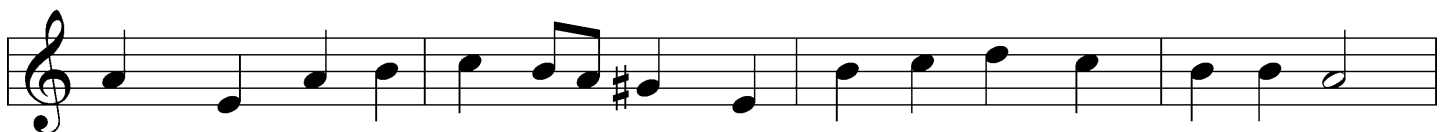
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**OFFERTORY**      *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*      **LSB 422**



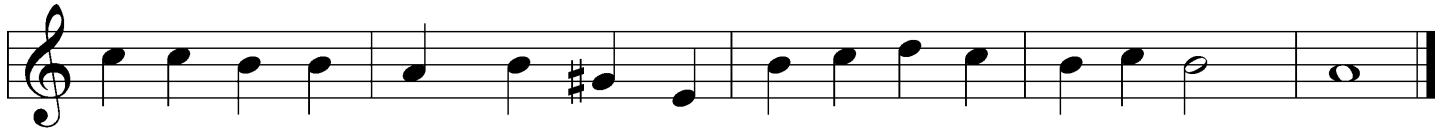
On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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**SHARING OF THE PEACE**      *"Peace be with you"*      (John 20:21)  
[using American Sign Language]

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**C and I will praise Thee without end.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, be mercifully present among all those who suffer, leading them to the hope that is only in You.

Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**C and I will praise Thee without end.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, soften our hearts to all those we would proclaim as our enemies. Remind us that we are weak and ungodly. Bring to our remembrance that You have died for all people. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**C and I will praise Thee without end.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, on the cross You took on our pain and punishment and death. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [especially ...]. Comfort them with the profound reality that You not only died but rose from death and will raise us from the dead on the Last Day to eternal life. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**C and I will praise Thee without end.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, bring Your strength and hope to all those who struggle with mental illness. Help them find the

support they need. Remove the stigma around mental illness from our churches and communities. To all those in deepest need, bring Your peace and joy. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**C and I will praise Thee without end.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, grant that the nations and peoples of the world might live in peace. Put an end to all violence and war. Lead us to be the first to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**C and I will praise Thee without end.**

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them and lead them out of their suffering to hope. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**C and I will praise Thee without end.**

P Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**      *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**All      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.**

# BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

# BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

*Please sit*

# SENDING HYMN

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

**LSB 783**



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

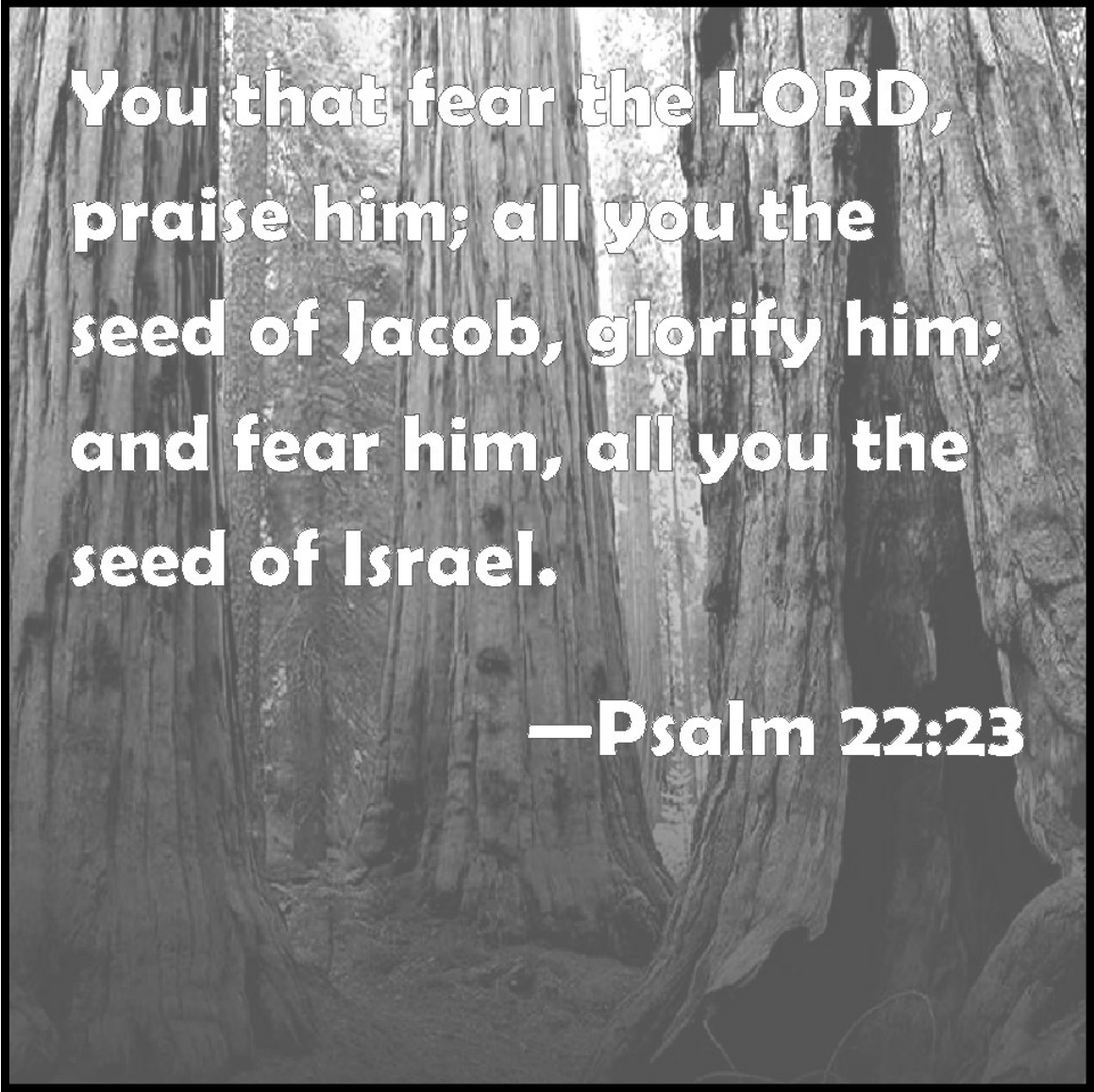
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## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**



**You that fear the LORD,  
praise him; all you the  
seed of Jacob, glorify him;  
and fear him, all you the  
seed of Israel.**

**—Psalm 22:23**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Portals of Prayer-January to March 2024 are available in the Narthex or office.*

*Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Weber will be leading the class.*

### February Activities

*Youth Confirmation Class  
Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in Social Hall*

*Mid-week 3 Lent Service  
Wednesday, February 28th  
5:00 p.m. Soup Supper  
6:00 p.m. Service*

## **Bunk Bed Fundraiser**

**\$5,9500.00**  
*(Raised to Date)*





# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## Why do we celebrate Lent for 40 days?

Don't forget what Lent is all about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!



We celebrate Lent for six weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness in the Gospel of Matthew. There **Jesus was without food** for 40 days.



We remember the temptation of **the Israelites in the desert** after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.



Finally, we can remember the story of **Noah and his family**. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!



**Parents:** Continue to encourage your children in their Lenten preparation. During worship, point out the places where our Lord comes to us (i.e. God's Word, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Absolution). Remember, being their example and companion on this Lenten journey makes a difference!



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## MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

**This week's memory verse: *Psalm 27:1***

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**2/11/2024**

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>76</b>
Plate:	\$ 471.00
Envelopes:	\$ 2,308.00
Online Offering:	\$ 500.00
Donation: <b>Cemetery</b>	\$ 95.00
<b>Bunk beds</b>	\$120.00
<b>Social Hall Rental</b>	\$ 150.00
Memorial: <b>Mrs. L Eilers</b>	\$ 150.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,794.00</b>
<b>Bible Class: 27</b>	<b>\$ 32.00</b>

**2/14/2024**

<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>	<b>46</b>
Plate:	\$ 272.00
Envelopes:	\$ 83.00
Memorial:	.
Donation:	.
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 355.00</b>

**2/18/2024**

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>74</b>
Plate:	\$ 599.00
Envelopes:	\$ 1,293.00
Donation:	.
Memorial: <b>Loretta Eilers</b>	\$ 1,110.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,002.00</b>
<b>Bible Class: 20</b>	<b>\$ 27.00</b>

### ***THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT READINGS:***

Exodus 20:1-17  
 Psalm 19  
 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
 John 2:13-22 (23-25)

## By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus, We Inherit Life Everlasting with God

In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him “the father of a multitude of nations.” It is “an everlasting covenant” in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed “throughout their generations” (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds “on the things of God,” and not “on the things of man” (Mark 8:33). “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been “reconciled to God by the death of his Son,” much more “shall we be saved by his life” (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, “we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,” and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).

<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>		
	<b>February Sunday Servants</b>	<b>March Sunday Servants</b>
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	Dan Wehling
Altar Guild:	S. Wehling/R. Cisneros/M. Perez	February’s Group
Music:	Doris Pickering	
<b>This Week</b>	Second Sunday in Lent	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	Third Sunday in Lent	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am