

SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2019
IMMANUEL
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CHURCH
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Sunday
9:00 AM
Worship Service

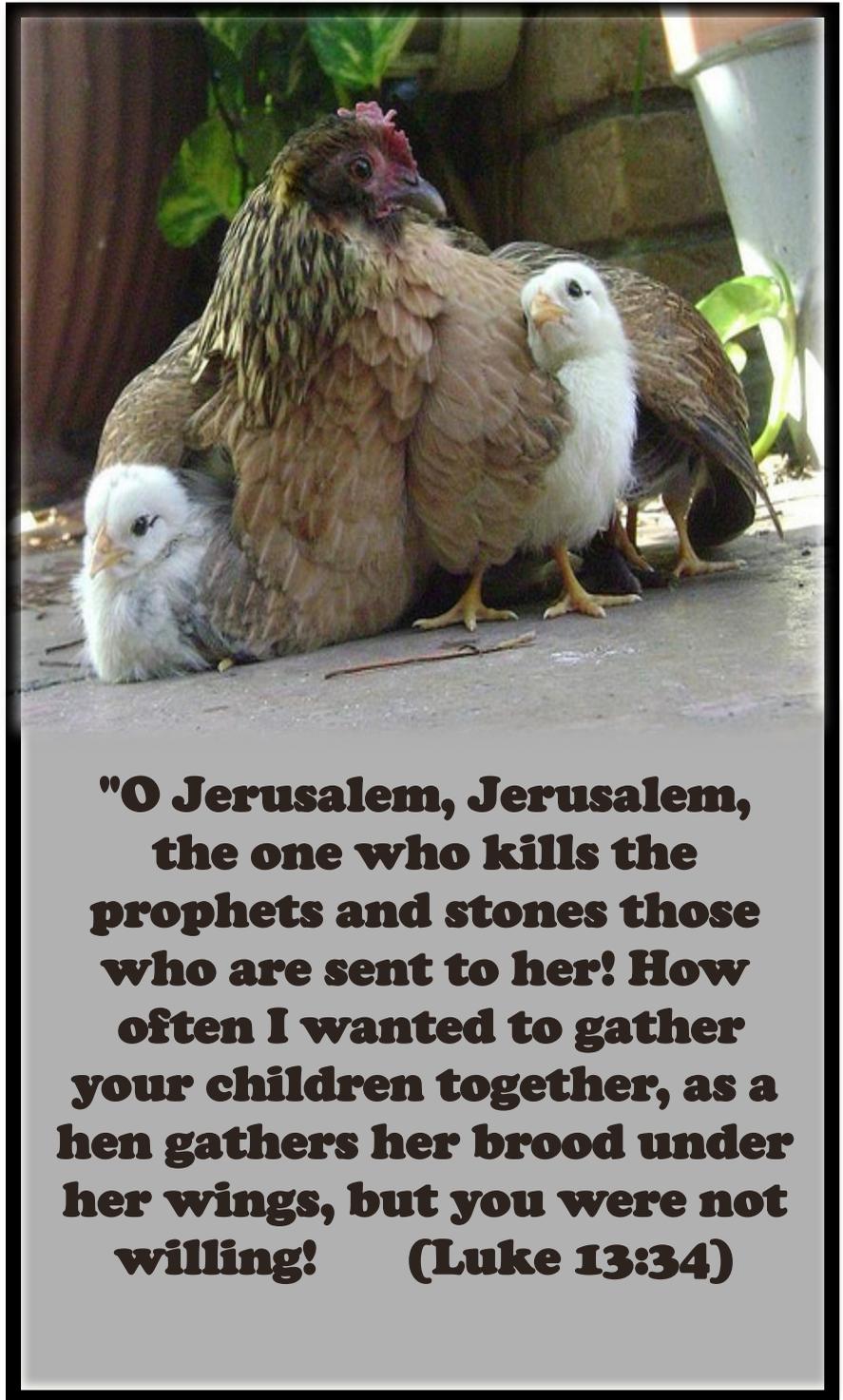
10:30 am
Adult Bible Class
Sunday School

Holy Communion:
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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8:00 am to 12:00 pm
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**"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
the one who kills the
prophets and stones those
who are sent to her! How
often I wanted to gather
your children together, as a
hen gathers her brood under
her wings, but you were not
willing! (Luke 13:34)**

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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 the 3x5 white cards located in the pew racks in front of you.

This 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 - O God, You know that of myself I have no strength to see You and believe. By the mighty power of Him who comes to me in the name of the Lord, draw me to saving faith in my Savior, defending me 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, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Jesus weeps. His heart is broken. He longs to gather God's children together. Like the prophets of old, He laments over the unbelief He sees in the place where saving faith should be most evident: Jerusalem. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem. . . How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!" (Luke 13:34). Both back in the day and in our own day, many people refuse to be gathered to Jesus, even as He willingly and mercifully offers His life for all. This reality breaks Jesus' heart, and it should break ours also. Nevertheless, there is good news: the rejection of the multitudes never deters the faithfulness of our Savior. He is relentless in His pursuit of sinners, longing to see them in the place where He gathers us in grace and fills us with forgiveness. That place is right here! Right here and now, Jesus invites you to come to Him. So we gather together as the children of God under the wings of our living and loving Savior!

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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OPENING HYMN

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435

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 Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C **Amen.**

INTROIT *Psalm 74:1-3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9*

P For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

C **O God, why do You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?**

P Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt.

C **Direct Your steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!**

ALL **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 For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

KYRIE



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength to come to You. By Your mighty power and glorious grace, gather us into Your presence and shield 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 26:8-15*

(The prophet calls God's people to mend their ways and obey the voice of the Lord.)

8 Now it happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, "You will surely die! 9 Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without an inhabitant?'" And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. 10 When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the Lord's house. 11 And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, "This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears." 12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying: "The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words that you have heard. 13 Now therefore, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; then the Lord will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you. 14 As for me, here I am, in your hand; do with me as seems good and proper to you. 15 But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the Lord has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM *Psalm 4*

P Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

C **You have given me relief when I was in distress.**

P Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

C **O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?**

P How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

C **But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for Himself;**

P the LORD hears when I call to Him.

C **Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

P Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

C **There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD!”**

P You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

C **In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

ALL 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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:17–4:1

(Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it, we await a Savior.)

17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. 18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. 1 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31–35

(Jesus longs to gather the Lord’s children together.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

31 On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, “Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You.” 32 And He said to them, “Go, tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.’ 33 Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem. 34 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing! 35 See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Love, How Deep

LSB 544

SERMON *“Jesus' Unrelenting Love for All Sinners! How Deep, How Broad, How High! ”*
(Luke 13:34)

OFFERTORY

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

LSB 671

OFFERING

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Father in heaven, we thank You for the mercy You show us in the cross of Him who comes in Your name to save us: Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that our journey through this season of Lent refresh our souls and draw us close to You as You gather us together in Your eternal presence. And so we say:

C Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P Merciful Savior, You offer Your life as a sacrifice to take the sins of the world away. Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus. You came from heaven to earth for us all. Send us forth from our place of worship that we take Your name into the world You died to save. And so we say:

C Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P O Holy Spirit, You fill all Your baptized people with the sure and certain hope of eternal life, confirming in us that our citizenship is in heaven, and we await a Savior from

there. He came once to die and to rise again. Now He reigns at the Father's right hand. Soon He will come again, and we will all be gathered before Him. Keep Your Church faithful to Your Word that we may be defended from all attacks of the evil one and strengthened in our journey of faith toward You and love toward one another. And so we say:

C Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P Great Physician, work mightily for the mending of the broken, the renewal of the sorrowful, and the healing of the sick that we now name before You. [Petitions from the local congregation may be offered here.] And so we say:

C Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P Author and giver of life, we thank and praise You for giving us the gifts to sustain and defend Your creation. Open our eyes to see Your hand at work through the vocations into which You have placed us. Especially bless all those whose work is difficult and dangerous, all those in positions of leadership and authority over us, and all those who feel weary in their daily labors. Grant that all Your children come to You in faith and be renewed for the important tasks by which they give You honor and praise. And so we say:

C Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P Triune God, You work together for the building up of Your people and for the eternal Glory of Your name. Hear these prayers of our lips, along with the unspoken prayers of our hearts, that we place our confidence in Your eternal care and Your promise to always answer prayer. And so we say:

C Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We pray in the name of Him who gathers us together and saves us by His grace—Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, so that we be renewed as Your sons and daughters. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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

C 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

What Is This Bread

LSB 629

NUNC DIMITTIS



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh to gather Your wandering children together, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

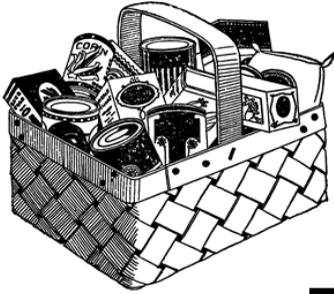
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

O Savior, Precious Savior

LSB 527

Save the Dates



Basketsfull Pantry

The annual Basketsfull Walk-A-Thon will take place on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Civic Center.

Let us try to have the most walkers.

RODEO BIBLE CAMP

April 6, 2019

Livestock Show Fairgrounds

Mercedes, TX

Payne Auto Group Arena

3rd Grade-High School

2 PM-7 PM

FREE



LWML Spring Rally

Sunday, April 7, 2019 St. John Lutheran, San Benito, TX

All ladies invited (Pastors Welcome Too!)

Come See What LWML is All About!

Spaghetti Supper to be Served

2:30 Registration in the Church

3 PM Event Begins

Guest Speaker

TX District LWML President, Debbie Curry



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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 22nd	Game Night	5:00 p.m.
April 18th	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 p.m.
April 19th	Good Friday Service	7:00 p.m.
April 21st	Easter Sunrise Devotion	7:00 a.m.
April 21st	Easter Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
April 21st	Easter Service	9:00 a.m.
April 26th	Game Night	5:00 p.m.



From Pastor's Desk

Sundays in Lent Themes

March 10, 2019

"God's Unconditional, Unswerving Love and Truth Defeat the Devil's Conditional Lies" (Luke 4:6).

March 17, 2019

"Jesus' Unrelenting Love for All Sinners! How Deep, How Broad, How High! " (Luke 13:34)

March 24, 2019

"Jesus' Unwavering Love to the Loveless so That None Would Perish" (Luke 13:5)

March 31, 2019

"God's Unbridled, Prodigal Love for the Lost Sinner" (Luke 15:20)

April 7, 2019

"The Father's Unsparing Love for All Mankind" (Luke 20:13)

April 14, 2019

"Jesus' Uncomplaining Love in Betrayal O Wondrous Love What Have You Done! " (Luke 22:27)

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	<i>March Sunday Servants:</i>
Elder:	Dan Wehling
Altar Guild:	Donna Jackson & Lorri Marchant
Music:	Bonny Winston
This Week	Second Sunday in Lent
Usher:	Don Vogel
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am
Next Week	Third Sunday in Lent
Usher:	Dan Wehling
Sunday:	Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am

Wednesdays, starting at 5 p.m. with a Soup Supper followed by
Lenten Worship Service at 6:00 p.m.

2019 Lenten Service Series: A LENT TO REMEMBER

LENTEN MIDWEEK 1 March 6th **ASH WEDNESDAY**
A Lent to Remember: **Remember Dust**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 2 March 13th
A Lent to Remember: **Remember Wondrous Works**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 3 March 20th
A Lent to Remember: **Remember Jesus' Words**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 4 March 27th
A Lent to Remember: **Remember the Covenant**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 5 April 3rd
A Lent to Remember: **Remember Sins No More**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 6 April 10th
A Lent to Remember: **Remember Steadfast Love**

Maundy Thursday April 18th **Holy Communion**
Remembrance of Me

Good Friday April 19th
Remember Me

RioMac Stockshow Booth

*A very heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all who volunteered your
time to serve the Lord for the expansion of His kingdom.
PRAISE GOD!*

Jesus Rescues Us from Death and Brings Us into Heaven

The prophet Jeremiah faithfully preached “all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people” (Jer. 26:8). He called the people to repentance, lest the Lord’s judgment come upon them. The violence that Jeremiah suffered for this preaching foreshadowed the cross and Passion of Christ Jesus, who suffered the judgment of God for the redemption of all people. For Jesus “comes in the name of the Lord” (Luke 13:35) in order to lay down His life for the sins of the world. Earthly Jerusalem was blind to His gracious visitation, and it put Him to death like the prophets before Him. Yet, His sacrifice upon the cross became the cornerstone of the new Jerusalem, His Church. He visits us today in mercy with His preaching of forgiveness, to gather us to Himself within that holy city, “as a hen gathers her brood under her wings” (Luke 13:34), for “our citizenship is in heaven” (Phil. 3:20).

3/10/2019

Sunday Worship

63

Plate: \$.00

Envelopes: \$ 00

Donation:

Memorial:

\$.00

Available Next Week

Bible Class: **26** \$ 30.00

Third Sunday in Lent *Readings:*

Ezekiel 33:7-20

Psalm 85

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

3/6/2019

Ash Wednesday Worship: 60

Plate: \$ 148.00

Envelopes: \$ 128.00

Total: \$ 276.00

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

Don't forget:
Soup Supper Sign up Sheet
is posted on the church door