



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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**First Sunday in Lent**



**Saturday, February 17, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, February 18, 2024 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**

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“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

## Welcome to Immanuel!

*Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!*

**If you are a guest**, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

**Members**, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

**We celebrate Holy Communion today!** In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

**During the communion service:** If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

## Worship at Immanuel is...

**Christ Centered.** We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

**Trinitarian.** We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Multigenerational.** We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

**Eclectic.** Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

*In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.*

## Divine Service, Setting One

(*Lutheran Service Book*, pg. 151)

### Preservice Music

#### Bells

#### Welcome

#### Opening Hymn, *LSB* 418, “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

*Please stand*

#### Invocation

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

**C** Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

#### Confession and Absolution

(1 John 1:8-9)

**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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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.

## + Service of the Word +

### Introit of the Day

(Psalm 91:9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16)

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

**I will rescue him and honor him.**

With long life I will satisfy him

**and show him my salvation.**

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

**the Most High, who is my refuge—**

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

**no plague come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels concerning you

**to guard you in all your ways.**

On their hands they will bear you up,

**lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder;

**the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

**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.**

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

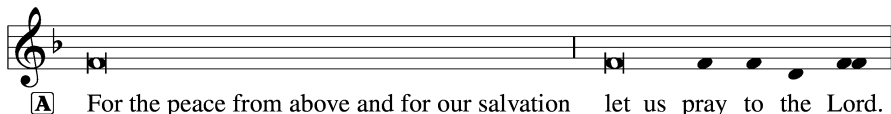
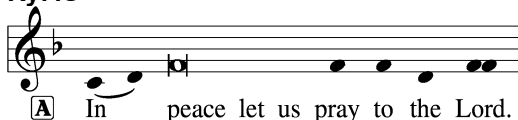
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With long life I will satisfy him

**and show him my salvation.**

### Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)





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



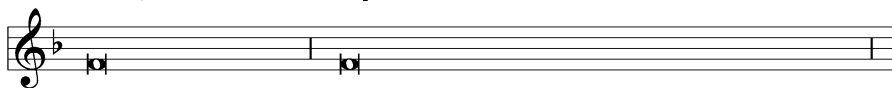
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



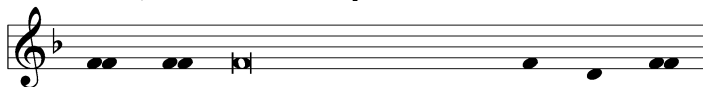
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of

**the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Old Testament Reading, Genesis 22:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. <sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” <sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle, James 1:12-18

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. <sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## Lenten Verse

(Joel 2:13)

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Holy Gospel, Mark 1:9-15

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time

is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

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



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

*Please be seated*

**Children’s Message** (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

**Hymn of the Day**, *LSB* 424, “O Christ, You Walked the Road”

**Sermon**

*Please stand*

**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.

**Prayer of the Church**

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

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

**P** (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

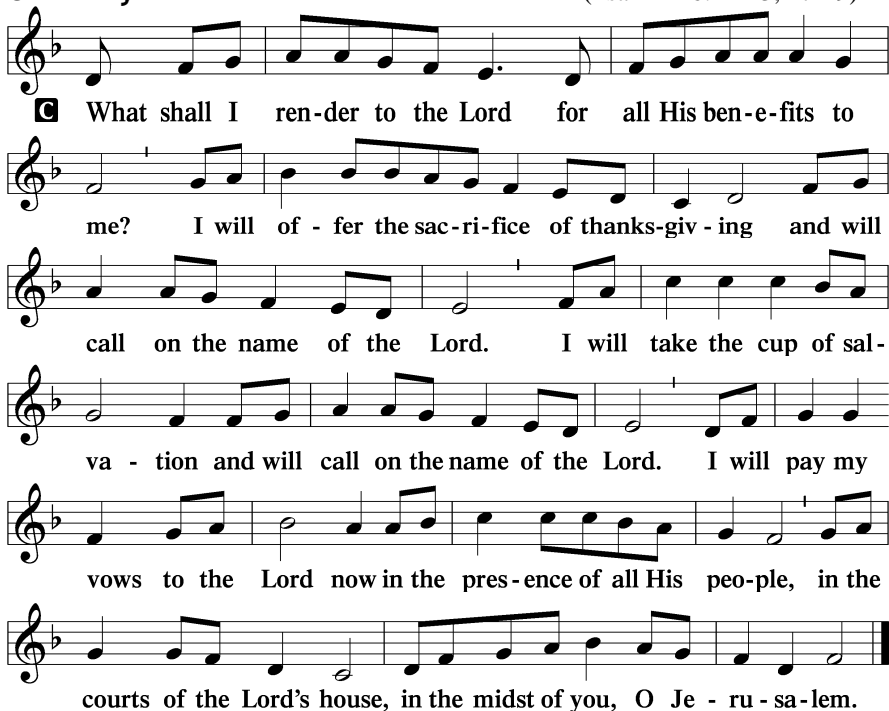
*Please be seated*

**Offering** *(During the Saturday service, please place your offering and attendance card in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.)* [10:15 a.m. – Piano Selection (Ashlyn Whelan), “Minuet in C Major” (Mozart)]

*Please stand*

**Offertory**

(Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠**

*In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.*

**Preface**

- P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

- 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

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
(Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now.")

### The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**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.

**Words of Our Lord** (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

**Pax Domini**

(John 20:19)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

(John 1:29)



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated*

**Distribution**

10:15 a.m. – Piano Selection (Ashlyn Whelan), “Opus 210 #9” (Kohler)

LSB 707, “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

LSB 544, “O Love, How Deep”

*Please stand*

**Dismissal**

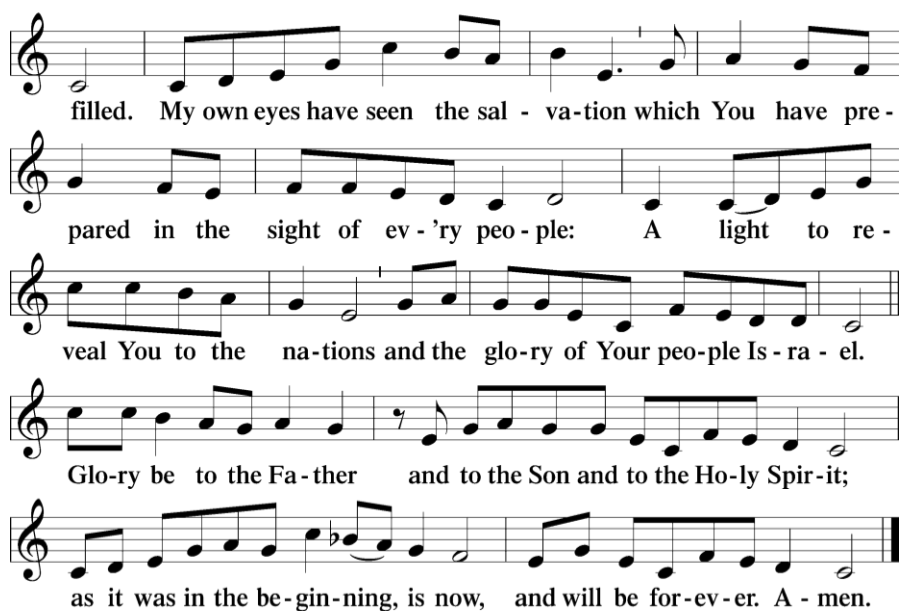
**P** The body and blood... Go in peace.

**C** Amen.

**Nunc Dimittis**



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**

**Amen.**

## 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 look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C**

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**, *LSB* 563, "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

**Bells / Postlude**

*We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: [immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org).*

## Worship Helpers

### **Saturday, February 17, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Ken Sievers  
Server - Rodney Clamors  
Altar Guild - Marilyn Collette

Organist - Joan Ruwald  
Acolyte - Colton Glessner  
Media - Will Hanks

### **Sunday, February 18, 2024 - 7:45 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Ken Sievers  
Server - Paul Broske, Sr.  
Acolytes - Carson Filipiak & Nolan Prather  
Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Maddy Prather  
Media - Don Birrittter

Music Director - Ann Frank  
Lector - Don Birrittter  
Altar Guild - Pam Nagel

### **Sunday, February 18, 2024 - 10:15 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Ken Sievers  
Server - Doug Simms  
Acolytes - Ashlyn Whelan & Nash Bradley

Music Director - Ann Frank  
Media - Cathy Whelan  
Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht

Ushers - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Chase Richey, Jakson Gregory

### **Worship Helpers - Wednesday, February 21, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs  
Acolytes - Logan Kettler & Jakson Gregory

Music Director - Ann Frank  
Media/Facebook Live - Michael Evers

### **Ushers - Sunday, February 25, 2024**

7:45 a.m. - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer  
10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Masson Fink

### **Acolytes - Sunday, February 25, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Avery Collmeyer  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Jacob & Everly Dethrow  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Myla & Henry Eggemeyer

### **Lectors - Sunday, February 25, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Bob Polansky  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors  
**Altar Guild - Sunday, February 25, 2024**  
Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Diana Heins  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barb Altes  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Carol Kassel

### **Servers - Sunday, February 25, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Bob Polansky  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - TBD  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - TBD

### **Media - Sunday, February 25, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Jensyn Collmeyer  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Liam Garner  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Keaton Roberts

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## **LENTEN DINNERS:**

Various groups [Boy Scouts, Mission Team, Youth Group, Girl Scouts, and the Immanuel QTs (Quilters)] will be hosting dinners (5-6:30 p.m.) before each service. All are welcome!

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## **PASTORAL VACANCY UPDATE**

Rev. Brian Downs continues to lead all our Lenten midweek services, and he will officially begin as our vacancy pastor on March 9th. For now, we will continue to offer our three regular weekend services.

Over the next few weekends, we will have several different pastors and a 4th year field worker lead our Saturday & Sunday services.

Saturday, February 24th – communion – Pastor Peter Ill

Sunday, February 25th – no communion – Sem. Caleb Wehling

Saturday, March 2nd – communion – Pastor Brian Downs

Sunday, March 3rd – communion – Sem. Caleb Wehling & Pastor Brian Downs

As we continue through this vacancy, be on the lookout for regular updates from our leadership through the weekly bulletins and emails! Please continue to pray for God's guidance during this process.

**Update from the Pastoral Search Committee:** Please be advised that the pastor search committee has begun the process of accumulating names to submit to district for a biography on each candidate. We currently have 9 names of potential candidates. Southern Illinois District President Scharr wants the congregation to do an assessment of ourselves and our needs that will slow down the process a bit. We are asking you to submit any names you know of for consideration, and we can do the background checks. God bless our task and Immanuel in this process. Those on the pastor search committee are Lee Eggemeyer, Bonnie Unterseh, Doug Simms, Melissa Ziegler, Pam Schrader, and Warren Frank

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN QTS WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OUR 2024 MISSION—AND HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED!

In 2023, we donated over 100 mission quilts to various local organizations. Part of our plan for our mission quilts in 2024 is to partner with Peace Lutheran Church in Lemay, MO. The mission team from Peace will travel to Hooper Bay, Alaska, in June 2024 to provide counselling services and share God's Word through Bible studies and VBS. The residents of this low-income community need many very basic supplies. Just as the team's goal is to wrap the residents of Hooper Bay in the love of Christ, we'd like to add the warmth of wrapping them in a new blanket!

Our goal is to ship 75 mission quilts to be distributed by the team after they arrive. Unfortunately, the shipping cost is very high because the only access to Hooper Bay is via ship or plane. So, here is where YOU can be a part of this mission effort.

You can:

1. Sponsor a Quilt - Donate \$10-\$20 to offset the expense of shipping a mission quilt.
2. Purchase a Quilt - Purchase one of our Mission Quilts for \$50. The proceeds of all sales will be used to cover shipping expenses. In February, there will be quilts on display in the narthex and several of our quilters will be on hand to answer any questions.

Also, mark your calendars! We will be having Mission Quilt Tying Day on Sunday, April 7th. Come join us and help create more of these special mission quilts! Watch for more information in the March Newsletter and in upcoming bulletin announcements.

Feel free to also join us on Tuesdays (1-4 p.m.) and Thursdays (2-7 p.m.) in the Quilters' Room (in the basement of the education building).

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Hoeffken (618-612-9670 or 618-939-8376).

A promotional poster for a Jigsaw Puzzle Contest. The background is a light tan color with a subtle pattern of interlocking puzzle pieces in blue, yellow, and red. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout. At the top, it says 'Sponsored by the Board of Evangelism...' in a small, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the words 'JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST' are written in large, bold, blue, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of the main title, the date 'Sunday, March 10th' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the date, the time '11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. Underneath the time, the text 'Lunch & prizes included!' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the RSVP information 'RSVP by 3/3/24' and the phone number '618-939-6480' are written in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the poster, the text 'Calling all jigsaw puzzle players up to 6/team!' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Sponsored by the Board of Evangelism...

# JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST

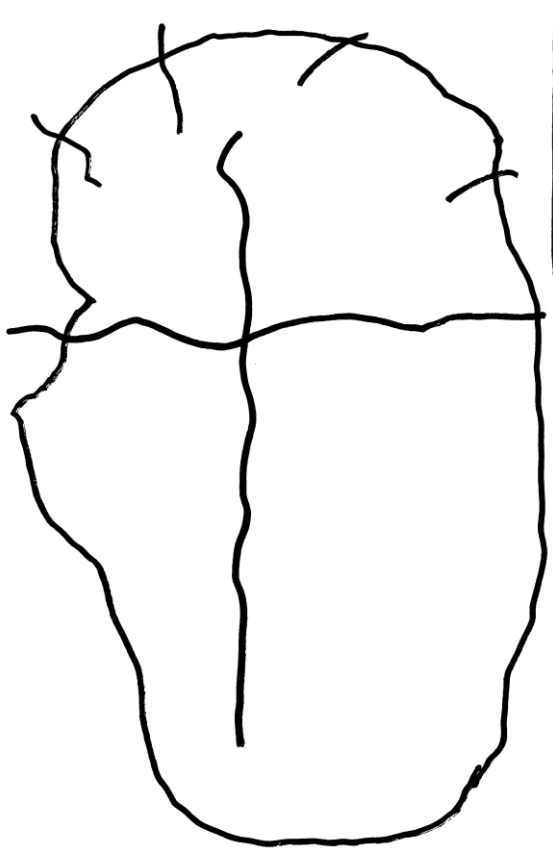
**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**  
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Lunch & prizes included!

RSVP by 3/3/24  
618-939-6480

**Calling all jigsaw puzzle players up to 6/team!**

## **Connected to Christ:**

I am the vine; you are the branches...John 15:5



Tucker Andres