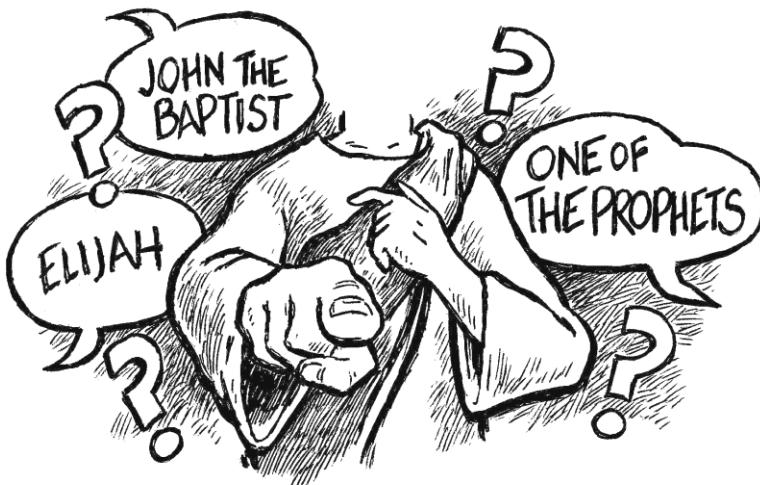




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Second Sunday in Lent



**Saturday, February 24, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 25, 2024 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**

“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 [10:15 a.m. – Agape Ringers, “No Temple Now, No Gift of Price” (Hymnal Supplement ’98)]

Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 935, “Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord”

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 115:11-13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6)

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;
he will bless those who fear the LORD,
both the small and the great.

We will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

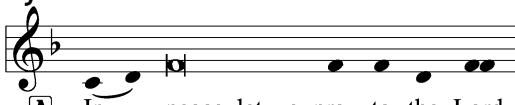
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

Kyrie

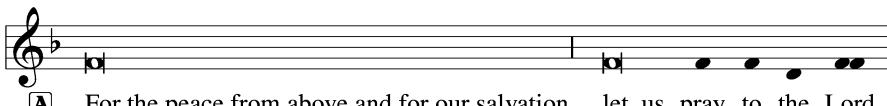
(Mark 10:47)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



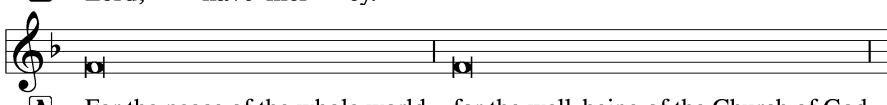
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



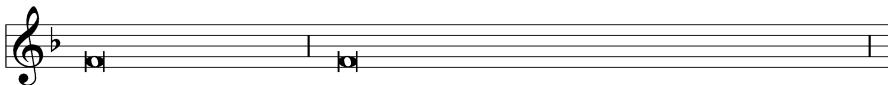
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



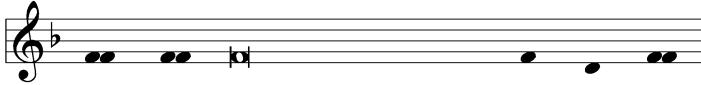
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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 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. Amen.

Please be seated

(10:15 a.m.) **Agape Ringers**, “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,” arr. J. Leavitt

Old Testament Reading, Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . . ¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle, Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

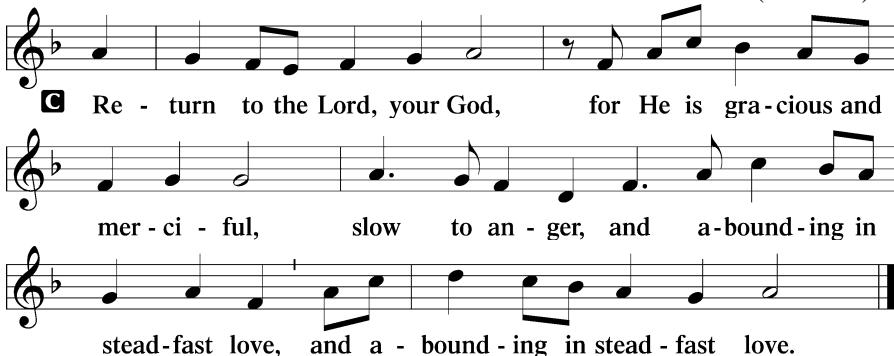
L This is the Word of the Lord.

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
steady - fast love, and a - bound - ing in steady - fast love.

Holy Gospel, Mark 8:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to 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 the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ³⁴ And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also 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.

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, LSB 688, “Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”

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.

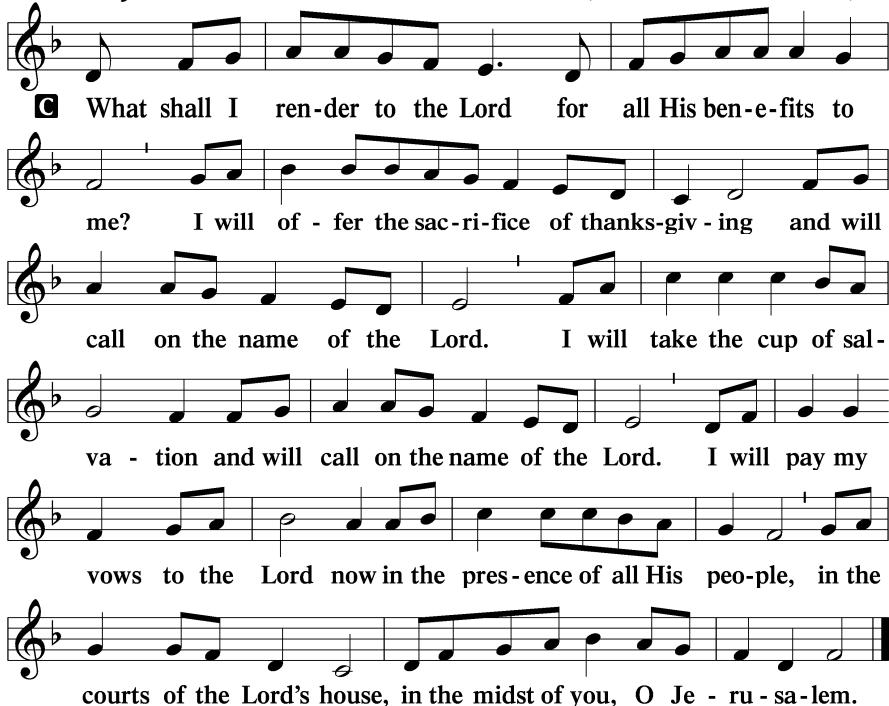
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Offering (During the Saturday service, please place your offering and attendance card in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.)

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.

The 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. services continue on page 12.

¤ 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.

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

LSB 437, "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

LSB 611, "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Please stand

Dismissal

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

C Amen.

Nunc Dimitis

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.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 547, “The Lamb”*

Bells / Postlude

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.**

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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 547, "The Lamb" (10:15 a.m. - accompanied by the Agape Ringers)

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.

Worship Helpers

Saturday, February 24, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Peter III	Pianist - Ron Jones
Server/Lector - Bob Polansky	Acolyte - Avery Collmeyer
Altar Guild - Diana Heins	Media - Jensyn Collmeyer

Sunday, February 25, 2024 - 7:45 a.m.

Preacher/Liturgist - Caleb Wehling	Music Director - Ann Frank
Lector - Daniel Niemeyer	Media - Liam Garner
Acolytes - Jacob & Everly Dethrow	

Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer

Sunday, February 25, 2024 - 10:15 a.m.

Preacher/Liturgist - Caleb Wehling	Music Director - Ann Frank
Lector - Rodney Clamors	Media/Facebook Live - Ayda Eggemeyer
Acolytes - Myla & Henry Eggemeyer	

Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Masson Fink

Ushers - Sunday, March 3, 2024

7:45 a.m. - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench

10:15 a.m. - Jason Valerius, Jeriah Fink, Trinity Drewes, Brielle Fink

Acolytes - Sunday, March 3, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Quinn Menke & Avery Griffin

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Keaton Roberts & Olivia Rusteberg

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Brady Drewes & Liam Garner

Servers - Sunday, March 3, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cal Neeman

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Bob Polansky

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow

Media - Sunday, March 3, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Loralei Griffin

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Lisa Clamors

Lectors - Sunday, March 3, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Bob Polansky

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Sunday, March 3, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cally Killian

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Carol Kassel

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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 III

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 14 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.

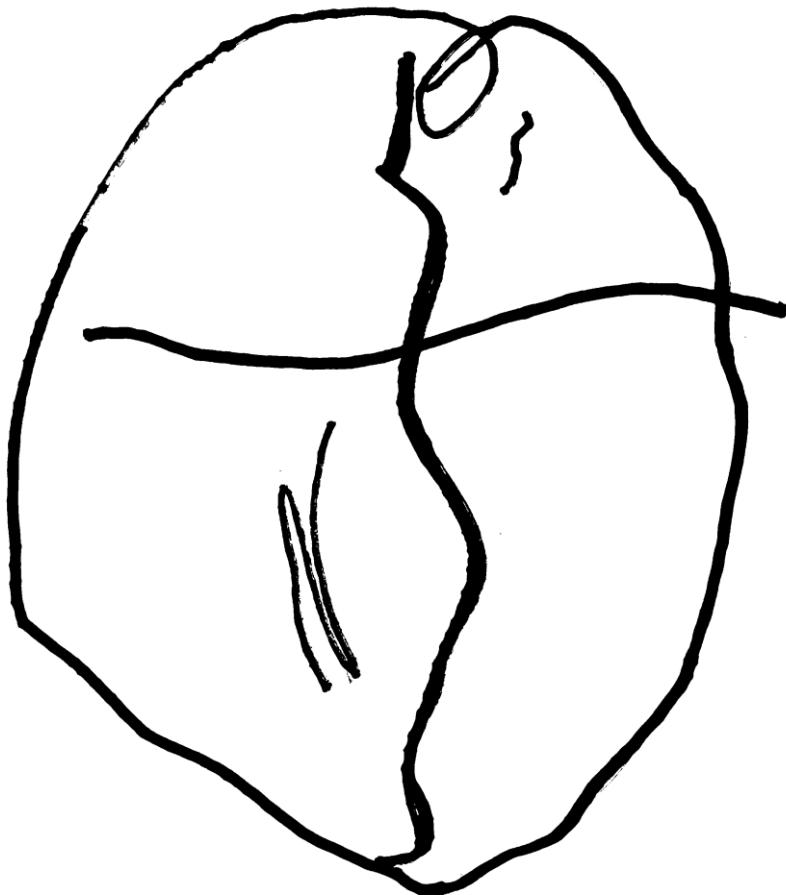
Also, mark your calendars! We will be having Mission Quilt Tying Day on Sunday, April 7th. Come join us and help create more of these special mission quilts! Watch for more information in the March Newsletter and in upcoming bulletin announcements.

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).

Connected to Christ:

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



Shaky Sharp