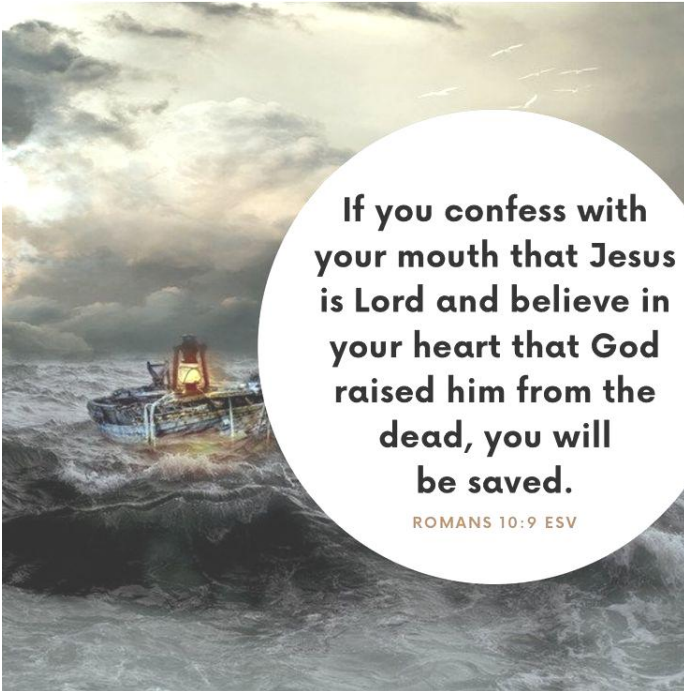




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

First Sunday in Lent



Saturday, March 8, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 9, 2025 – 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 Five

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 213)

Preservice Music

Bells

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, LSB 571, “God Loved the World So That He Gave”

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

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

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. (Heb. 10:22)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (Psalm 32:5)

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

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 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 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;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

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



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

Salutation and 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, Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be

saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual, LSB 978, “Thy Word Is a Lamp”

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Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My

Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.

noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And

Refrain

Please be near me to the end.
I will love You to the end.

Holy Gospel, Luke 4:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a

moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”” ⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,” ¹¹and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”” ¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Creed, LSB 953, “We All Believe in One True God”

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1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
 2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
 3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
 Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
 Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
 By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
 Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, LSB 418, “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

Sermon, “Your WORD is my ...saving GRACE” ---based on Deuteronomy 26:8, Romans 10, and Luke 4

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend *[name(s)]* and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** (Special petitions...) Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us;
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

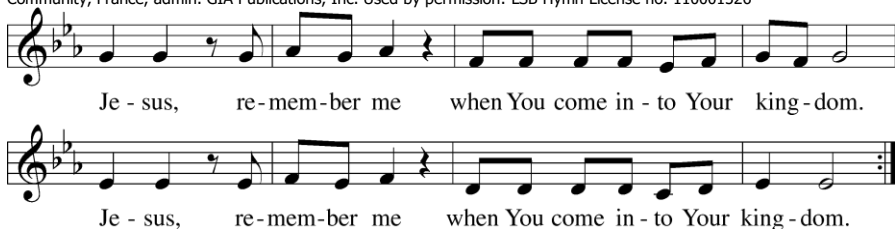
Please be seated

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

Please stand

Offertory, LSB 767, “Jesus, Remember Me”

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Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king-dom.
 Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king-dom.

✠ 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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but

have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.

C

Amen.

The 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.

P

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

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

Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

P

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

C

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

P

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

C

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pax Domini

(John 20:19)

P

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C

Amen.

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated

Distribution

LSB 620, “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

LSB 718, “Jesus, Lead Thou On”

Please stand

Dismissal

P The body and blood... Depart + in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn, LSB 617, “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

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1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor

In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this

they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!

May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that

sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

(Psalm 103:1)

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24-26)
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance on you and + give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn, LSB 889, “Before the Ending of the Day”

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, March 8, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Cally Killian

Organist - Joan Ruwald

Acolyte - Audrey Braun

Media - Clark Deptula

Sunday, March 9, 2025 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Alex Voges

Acolytes - Henry Eggemeyer & Jase Gregory

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

Media - Ayda Eggemeyer

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Don Birrittier

Altar Guild - Debbie Olsson

Sunday, March 9, 2025 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Servers - Dusty Dethrow & Doug Simms

Acolytes - Rosie & Brielle Fink

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

Media/Facebook Live - Will Hanks

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Daniel Niemeyer

Altar Guild - Joyce McDaniel

Worship Helpers - Wednesday, March 12, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

Ushers - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench

Acolytes - Tyler Major & Kennedy Filipiak

Media/Facebook Live - Lorelei Griffin

Ushers - Sunday, March 16, 2025

7:45 a.m. - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan, Cal Neeman

10:15 a.m. - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel

Acolytes - Sunday, March 16, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Lorelei Griffin

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Jase Gregory & AJ Helms

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Olivia Simms & Carolina Bradley

Servers - Sunday, March 16, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Jason Valerius

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Bob Polansky & Doug Simms

Media - Sunday, March 16, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Carson Filipiak

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Olivia Rusteberg

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Nash Bradley

Lectors - Sunday, March 16, 2025

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer

Altar Guild - Sunday, March 16, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Marilyn Collette

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Carol Kassel

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MARCH 5 - APRIL 20, 2025

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3/5: Ash Weds 9 AM & 6:30-- "IAM the Bread of Life...you are filled" --John 6:35

3/12: Midweek-- "IAM the Light of the World...you are my beacons" --John 8:12

3/19: Midweek-- "IAM the Gate...you are saved" --John 10:10

3/26: Midweek-- "IAM the Good Shepherd....you are protected" --John 10:14, 28

4/2: Midweek-- "IAM the Way, the Truth, and the Life...you are Mine" --John 14:6

4/9: Midweek-- "IAM the True Vine....you are My disciples" --John 15:8

Holy Week:

4/13: Palm Sunday-- "IAM the King....you are My heirs"

4/17: Maundy Thursday "IAM the Sacrifice.....you are forgiven"

4/18: Good Friday; Service of Tenebrae--- "IAM Stricken, Smitten and
Afflicted....you are Redeemed"

4/20: Easter Sunday--- IAM the Resurrection and the Life...you are a living
testimony"

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MARCH 16, 2025 - 11:30 A.M.

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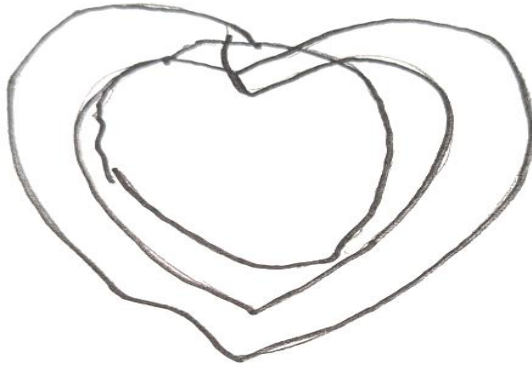
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March 10-14, 2025

Jesus, Founder and Perfecter of our Faith
HIS love endures forever!
Heb. 12:1-3



Elsie Davis

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Jozie Middleton