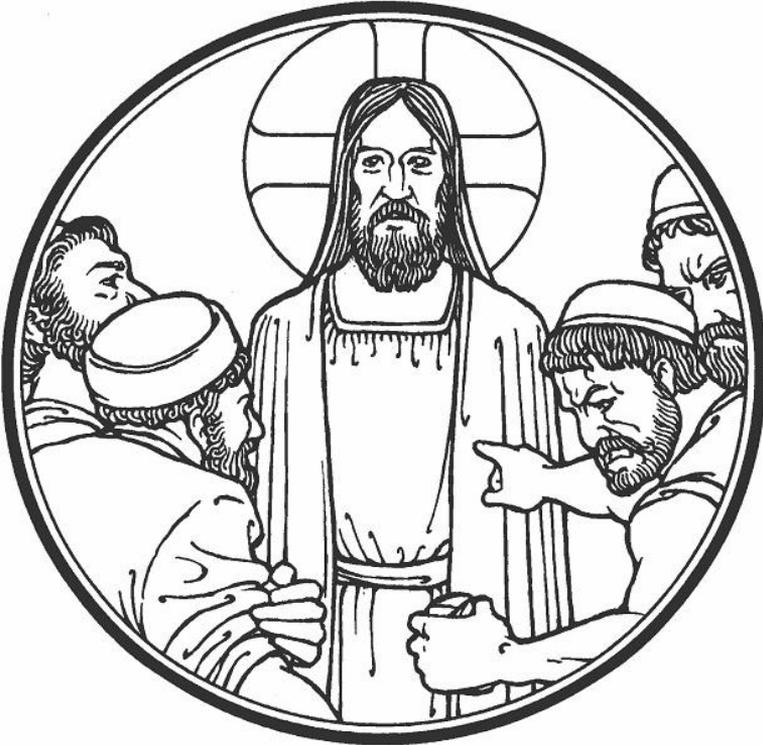




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Judica



Saturday, March 21, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 22, 2026 – 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. – Organ Selections, “In the Cross of Christ I Glory,” arr. J. Behnke and “Glory Be to Jesus,” arr. J. Behnke (Ava Hemmer)]

Bells

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, LSB 438, “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

✠ 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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:8-9

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 43:3-5; antiphon: vv. 1-2a

Vindicate me, O God,

and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,

and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

**Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil
within me?**

**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my
God.**

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.

Vindicate me, O God,

and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

Kyrie

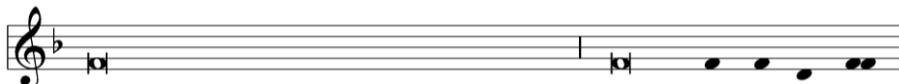
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



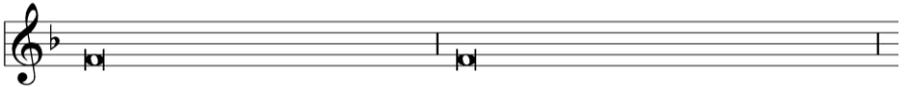
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



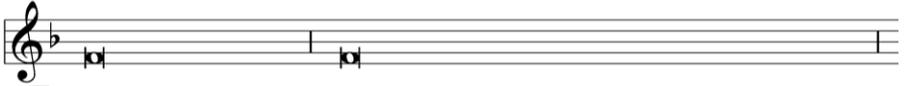
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who

lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²He 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.” ³So 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. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then 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.” ⁶And 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. ⁷And 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?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. ⁹When 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. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He 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.” ¹³And 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. ¹⁴So 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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

[You] delivered me from my enemies;

you rescued me from the man of violence.

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11-15

¹¹When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. ¹⁵Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel

John 8:46-59

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴⁶“Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.” ⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

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* 430, "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Sermon

Please stand

Nicene Creed

C 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 worshipped 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

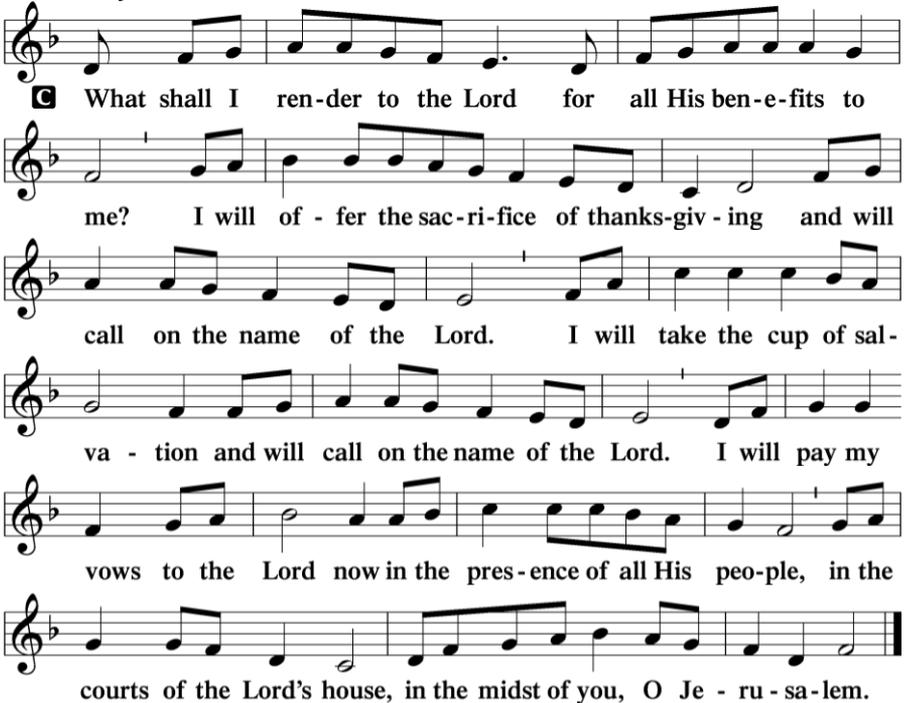
P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Offertory



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.

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, “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” setting J. Webb (Ava Hemmer)]

✠ 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.

Please stand

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136



P The Lord be with you.



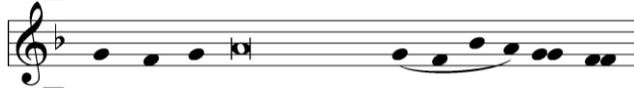
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



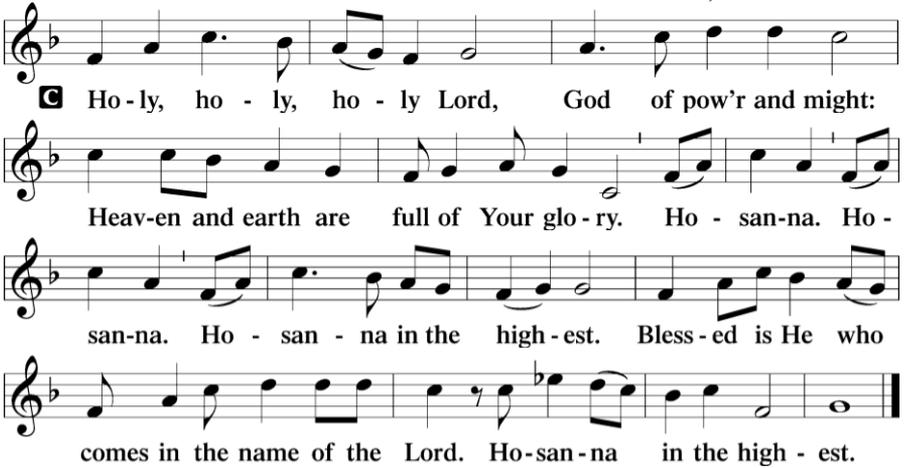
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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



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.

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.

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

LSB 431, "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

LSB 547, "The Lamb"

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

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 fulfilled. 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.

Worship Helpers

Saturday, March 21, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
Server - Jason Valerius
Altar Guild - Cally Killian

Organist - Justin Tayon
Acolyte - Avery Griffin
Media - Lorelei Griffin

Sunday, March 22, 2026 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
Servers - Don Birrittier & Rodney Clamors
Acolytes - Cason Birkenmeier & AJ Helms
Ushers - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench
Media - Lisa Clamors

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

Sunday, March 22, 2026 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
Servers - Doug Simms & Seth Weinberg
Acolytes - Alaina Stumpf & TJ Joellenbeck
Ushers - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan

Music Director - Ann Frank
Lector - Seth Weinberg
Altar Guild - Ellen Heise

Media/Facebook Live - Everly Dethrow & Ashlyn Whelan

Worship Helpers - Wednesday, March 25, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken
Acolytes - Mason Wilhelm & Olivia Simms
Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors & Olivia Rusteberg

Ushers - Sunday, March 29, 2026

7:45 a.m. - Elden Niemeyer, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer

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

Acolytes - Sunday, March 29, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Kenzie Wiegand
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Rosie Fink & Kennedy Filipiak
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Brady Drewes & Lucas Garner

Lectors - Sunday, March 29, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Seth Weinberg
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Adam Eggemeyer

Servers - Sunday, March 29, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Greg Wiegand
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier & Seth Weinberg
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Adam Eggemeyer

Altar Guild - Sunday, March 29, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Sally Thorburg
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Debbie Olsson
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Linda Gutknecht

Media - Sunday, March 29, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Gwen Wiegand
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Gina Birrittier
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Liam Garner & Ayda Eggemeyer

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Lent, Holy Week & Easter

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WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25

5-6:15 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Service

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28-29

Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Divine Services with Holy Communion

LIVING LAST SUPPER - WED., APRIL 1ST

6:30 p.m. Dramatic Service of The Last Supper

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion & the Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

12:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Tenabrae Services

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

5:30 p.m. The Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

6:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion (at Camp Wartburg, 5705 LRC Road, Waterloo)
7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Divine Services with Easter Processional & Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Psalm 100:1



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