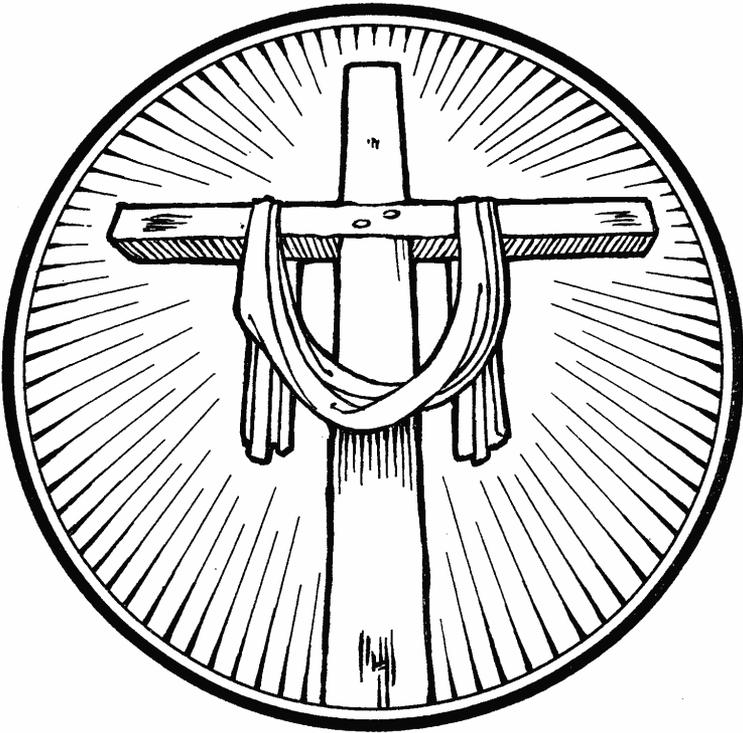




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Third Sunday in Lent
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Saturday, March 7, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 8, 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 / Bells

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, LSB 663, “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

✠ 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 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15-16*

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

**To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.**

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

**The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.**

Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

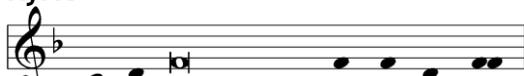
**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

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.



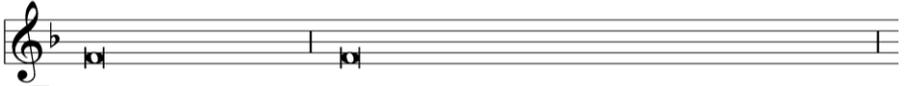
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast

the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

(10:15 a.m.) **Solo**, “My Worth is Not in What I Own” (Getty/Kendrick/Campell) [Doug Land]

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 26:1-15

¹In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: ²“Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. ³It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. ⁴You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, ⁵and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, ⁶then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’” ⁷The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. ⁸And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. ¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” ¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 9:19, 3

Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail;
let the nations be judged before you!

**When my enemies turn back,
they stumble and perish before your presence.**

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1-9

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14-28

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁴Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man,

fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ²⁴“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.” ²⁷As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” ²⁸But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

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* 659, “Lord of Our Life”

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.

The prayer concludes:

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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.)*

✠ 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.



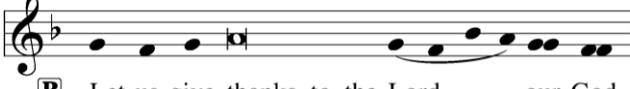
C And al - so with you.



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.

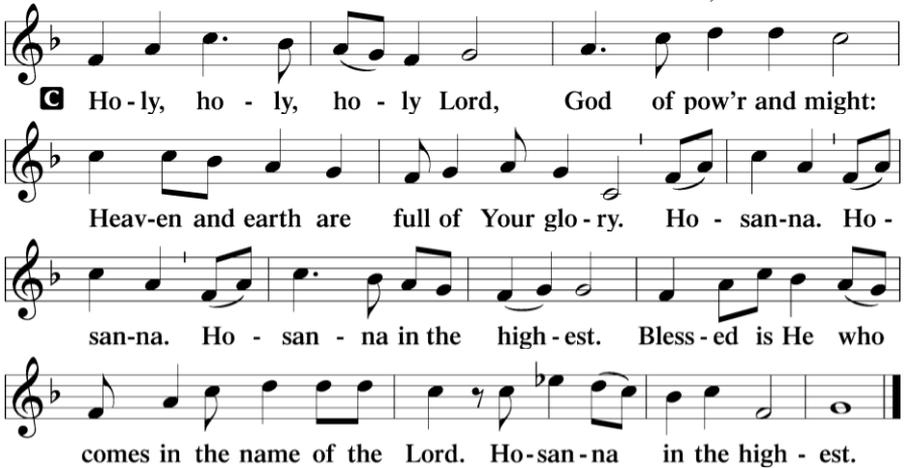
Proper Preface

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



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.

The Lord's Prayer

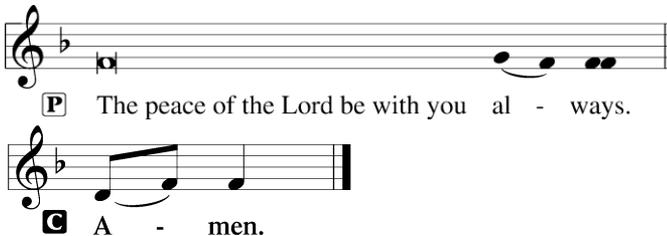
Matthew 6:9-13

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 al - ways.
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 594, "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

LSB 345, "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

LSB 533, "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"

Please stand

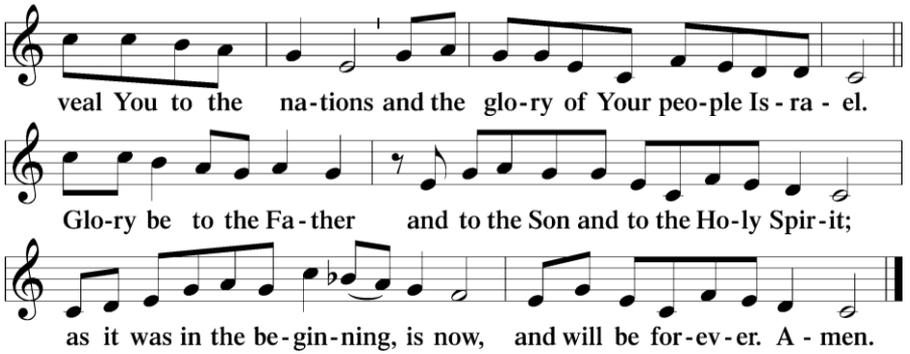
Dismissal

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.

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



C A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn, *LSB* 656, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Bells / Postlude

Worship Helpers

Saturday, March 7, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
 Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors
 Media - Clark Deptula

Organist - Justin Tayon
 Acolyte - Amelia Deptula
 Altar Guild - Marilyn Collette

Sunday, March 8, 2026 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
 Servers - Don Birrittier & Rodney Clamors
 Acolytes - Brady Drewes & Lucas Garner
 Ushers - Jason Valerius, Trinity Drewes, Jeriah Fink, Brielle Fink, Brady Drewes
 Media - Liam Garner

Music Director - Ann Frank
 Lector - Daniel Niemeyer
 Altar Guild - Barbara Altes

Sunday, March 8, 2026 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
 Servers - Adam Eggemeyer & Seth Weinberg
 Acolytes - Kennedy Filipiak & Carolina Bradley
 Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel
 Media/Facebook Live - Ashlyn & Cathy Whelan

Music Director - Ann Frank
 Lector - Seth Weinberg
 Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht

Worship Helpers - Wednesday, March 11, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer
 Acolytes - Olivia Rusteberg & Everly Dethrow
 Media/Facebook Live - Nash Bradley

Ushers - Sunday, March 15, 2026

7:45 a.m. - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Maddy Prather, Nolan Prather
 10:15 a.m. - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Jakson Gregory, Myla & Henry Eggemeyer

Acolytes - Sunday, March 15, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Aidan Kubelka
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Eddie Arras & Nolan Prather
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Henry Eggemeyer & Jase Gregory

Lectors - Sun., March 15, 2026

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

Servers - Sunday, March 15, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Ranley Killian
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Seth Weinberg
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Warren Frank

Altar Guild - Sun., March 15, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Susan Starbuck
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Amy Kolweier
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Jill Eggemeyer

Media - Sunday, March 15, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Quinn Menke
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Lisa Clamors & AJ Helms

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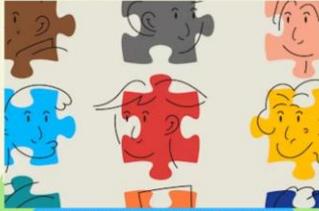
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 Seth Weinberg, 1st year Field Education Student
 Mrs. Lisa Clamors, Office Admin.
 Mrs. Ann Frank, Music Director
 Mrs. Delana Whelan, Preschool Director

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JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST

March 15, 2026 - 11:30 a.m.
Call 618.939.6480 to register today!

- **Teams of 2-6 people
- **Lunch & prizes!
- **All ages are welcome!



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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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