

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sweet Springs, Missouri

Midweek Lenten Service II

March 4, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

“To Him Who Overcomes”



The Prelude

The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

Opening Versicles for Lent: *(please stand if you are able)*

P: Now is the time of God’s favor;

C: now is the day of salvation.

P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C: that the light of Your face may shine upon us.

P: May Your justice shine like the sun;

C: and may the poor be lifted up.

Hymn: 427 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **C: Amen** *(please be seated)*

The Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 132:13-18

For the LORD has chosen Zion;

He has desired it for His dwelling place:

¹⁴ “This is My resting place forever;

here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

¹⁵ I will abundantly bless her provisions;

I will satisfy her poor with bread.

¹⁶ Her priests I will clothe with salvation,

and her saints will shout for joy.

¹⁷ There I will make a horn to sprout for David;

I have prepared a lamp for My anointed.

¹⁸ His enemies I will clothe with shame,

but on him his crown will shine.”

**ALL: 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.**

The Readings and Responses:

2nd Timothy 4:6-8 (Paul writes) For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if you are able)

John 11;17-27 Now when Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C: But now in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.

(please be seated)

Theme Hymn: 702 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Sermon: “He Who Overcomes Will Not Be Hurt by the Second Death” Revelation 2:8-11

(Jesus said) “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. ⁹“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.”

The Response: (*tune: “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”*)

**Jesus, take this heart of mine, Make it pure and wholly Thine:
On the cross You died for me, I will ev-er live with Thee.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so. (*repeat*)**

The Passion History Reading: II. “Gethsemane”

(please stand if you are able)

The Litany:

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.	C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the peace from above...	C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the peace of the whole world...	C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For this holy house...	C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For our pastors and teachers...	C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For our public servants....	C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For those who work to bring...	C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For those who bring offerings...	C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For favorable weather...	C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For our deliverance from...	C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ let us give thanks to the Lord.	C: Thanks be to God.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. (*silence*)

P: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

C: To You, O Lord.

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

C: Our Father who art in heaven.....forever and ever. Amen.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you. **C: Amen.**

(please be seated)

Closing Hymn: 886 “The Day Thou Gavest”

The Postlude

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Serving Us in Worship This Evening

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark A. Nebel

Organist: Mr. Ron Baker

THE OFFERING PLATE is in the entryway for you to place your worship offerings in this evening. Thank you!

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available on the table in the entryway. The Lenten Supper next week (Care Team, potato bar) will be served at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. The theme for next Wednesday’s service is “To Him Who Overcomes Jesus Will Give of the Hidden Manna” (Revelation 2:12-17).