

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sweet Springs, Missouri
Midweek Lenten Service III; March 11, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

“To Him Who Overcomes”

The Prelude and 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: 431 “Not All the Blood of Beasts”

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 78:18-25

They tested God in their heart

by demanding the food they craved.

They spoke against God, saying,

“Can God spread a table in the wilderness?

He struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed.

Can He also give bread or provide meat for His people?”

Therefore, when the LORD heard, He was full of wrath;

a fire was kindled against Jacob; His anger rose against Israel,

because they did not believe in God

and did not trust His saving power.

Yet He commanded the skies above

and opened the doors of heaven,

and He rained down on them manna to eat

and gave them the grain of heaven.

Man ate of the bread of the angels;

He sent them food in abundance.

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:

Exodus 16:9-18 Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your grumbling.’”¹⁰ And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.¹¹ And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if you are able)

John 6:41-51 So the Jews grumbled about Jesus, because He said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”⁴² They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me— ⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living Page 2

bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.” 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: 524 “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

Sermon: “To Him Who Overcomes Jesus Will Give of the Hidden Manna” Revelation 2:12-17

(Jesus said) “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of Him who has the sharp two-edged sword. ¹³I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast My name, and you did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas My faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. ¹⁴But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. ¹⁵So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of My mouth. ¹⁷He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.’”

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: III. “The Palace of the High Priest”

(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: 878 “Abide with Me”

Serving Us in Worship This Evening

Preacher and Liturgist: Rev. Paul Mehl Organist: Mr. Ron Baker

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

THE LENTEN SUPPER next week (Board of Education, tacos) 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 Authority Over the Nations” (Revelation 2:18-29). Page 4