

**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sweet Springs, Missouri**  
**Midweek Lenten Service IV; March 18, 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: 433 “Glory Be to Jesus”

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 2

Why do the nations rage

**and the peoples plot in vain?**

<sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,  
**against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,**

<sup>3</sup>“Let us burst their bonds apart  
**and cast away their cords from us.”**

<sup>4</sup>He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
**the Lord holds them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup>Then He will speak to them in His wrath,  
**and terrify them in His fury, saying,**

<sup>6</sup>“As for Me, I have set My King  
**on Zion, My holy hill.”**

<sup>7</sup>I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me,  
**“You are My Son; today I have begotten you.**

<sup>8</sup>Ask of Me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
**and the ends of the earth your possession.**

<sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron  
**and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

<sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
**be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear,  
**and rejoice with trembling.**

<sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for His wrath is quickly kindled.

**Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.**

**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:

*Titus 2:11-15* For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works. <sup>15</sup> Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if you are able)*

*Matthew 28:16-20* <sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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: 528 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Sermon: “To Him Who Overcomes Jesus Will Give Authority Over the Nations” Revelation 2:18-29

(Jesus said) “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze. <sup>19</sup>“I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. <sup>20</sup>But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing My servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup>I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. <sup>22</sup>Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, <sup>23</sup>and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am He who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. <sup>24</sup>But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. <sup>25</sup>Only hold fast what you have until I come. <sup>26</sup>The one who conquers and who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, <sup>27</sup>and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I Myself have received authority from My Father. <sup>28</sup>And I will give him the morning star. <sup>29</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.””

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: IV. “Before Pontius Pilate”

*(please stand if you are able)*

The Litany:

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.	<b>C: Lord, have mercy.</b>
P: For the peace from above...	<b>C: Lord, have mercy.</b>
P: For the peace of the whole world...	<b>C: Lord, have mercy.</b>
P: For this holy house...	<b>C: Lord, have mercy.</b>
P: For our pastors and teachers...	<b>C: Lord, have mercy.</b>
P: For our public servants....	<b>C: Lord, have mercy.</b> <u>Page 3</u>
P: For those who work to bring...	<b>C: Lord, have mercy.</b>

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: 887 “Now the Light Has Gone Away”

The Postlude

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*Serving Us in Worship This Evening*

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel      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 (Ladies of the Church, pizza) will be served at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. The theme for next Wednesday’s service is “He Who Overcomes Will Be Dressed in White” (Revelation 3:1-6).      Page 4