

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sweet Springs, Missouri
Midweek Lenten Service V; March 25, 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: 437 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

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 26:1-3, 6-11

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,

and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

² Prove me, O LORD, and try me;

test my heart and my mind.

³ For Your steadfast love is before my eyes,

and I walk in Your faithfulness.

⁶ I wash my hands in innocence

and go around Your altar, O LORD,

⁷ proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,

and telling all Your wondrous deeds.

⁸ O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house

and the place where Your glory dwells.

⁹ Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,

nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

¹⁰ in whose hands are evil devices,

and whose right hands are full of bribes.

¹¹ But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.

¹² My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

**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:

1st Thessalonians 5:1-11 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if you are able)

Matthew 24:42-44 (Jesus said) ⁴²“Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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: 676 “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

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Sermon: “He Who Overcomes Will Be Dressed in White”

Revelation 3:1-6

(Jesus said) “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of Him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of My God. ³Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. ⁴Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. ⁶He 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: V. “Calvary”

(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. (<i>silence</i>)	

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: 877 “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

(please stand for the last stanza)

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!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 2: Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service, 6:30 p.m.

“Jesus Will Make Him Who Overcomes a Pillar in God’s Temple”

Revelation 3:7-13

April 3: Good Friday Tenebrae (Darkness) Service, 6:30 p.m.

“To Him Who Overcomes Jesus Will Give the Right to Sit With Him on His Throne” *Revelation 3:14-22*