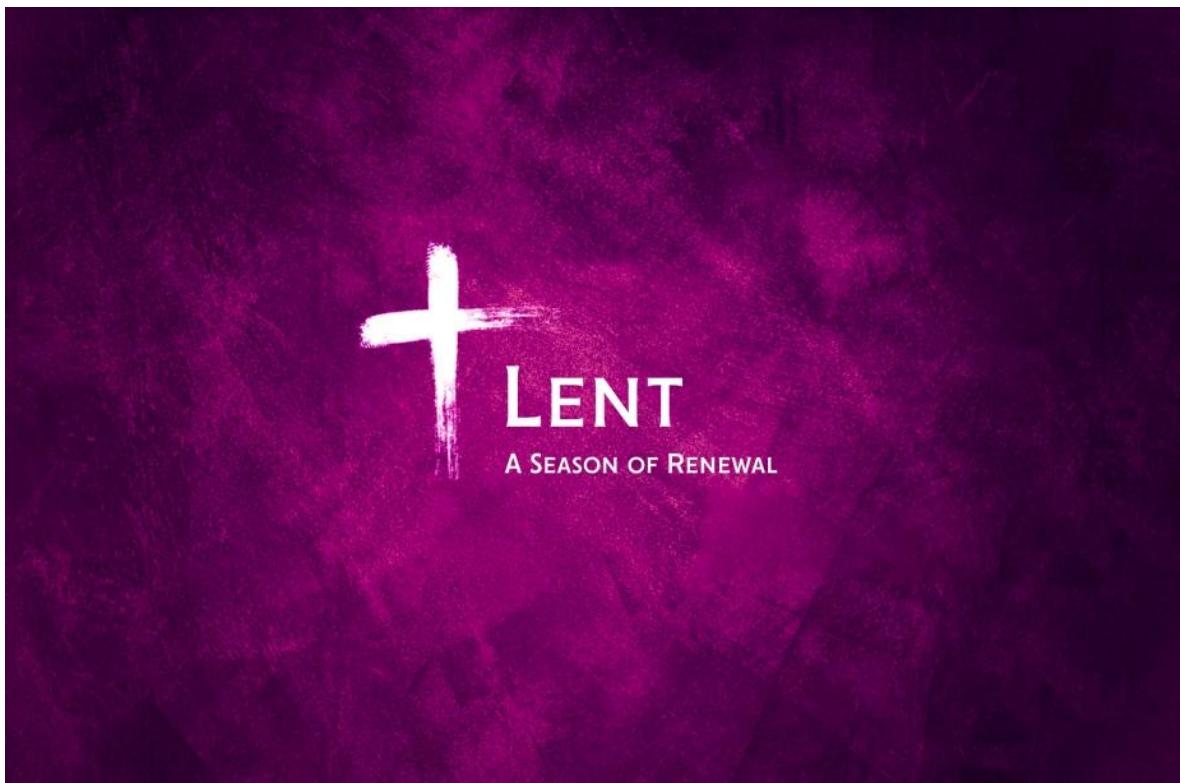


# Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church



What is a covenant, and what is the new covenant?

Lent II  
Sunday, March 16, 2025  
9 a.m. Service Bulletin  
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# THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO WORSHIP WITH US!



**WE BELIEVE THAT GUESTS ARE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, and we seek to make your visit faithful and positive! Please scan the QR code to left or sign the Pew Register (red notebook) as it is passed down your pew.

**WE BELIEVE THAT SERVING CHRIST MEANS SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS.** Our name, Immanuel, means "God with us." Everything we do is to welcome and serve the Lord who is here among us, in you, and in our neighbors.

Our ministries, from our Worship to our Soup Kitchen and Food Bank, from our Jail Ministry to our Women's Drug Recovery house, from our Homeless Children's Ministry to our Campus Ministry at Lander University, are all designed and carried out to share "God with us" with our surrounding neighborhood and city. God's Love is inexhaustible! People from all around town work alongside us to share this Love with our neighbors. You can too!

**WE BELIEVE THAT CHURCH** is where disagreements may occur, and the love of Christ draws us together to worship and work together. We do not all agree on everything, but we do love God and each other, and that is enough!

**WE BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES EVERYONE**, so we do too! ALL are welcome here!

## HOSPITALITY

**RESTROOMS** - Our Handicap Accessible Restroom is located just outside the door by the pulpit. We also have restrooms downstairs nearby.

**THE CHILD CARE ROOM IS OPEN!** - We have a room for parents that offers a private, quick, and convenient space for caring for children. The room is located just outside of the sanctuary through the door beside the pulpit.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In Holy Baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. The season also provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

## ⊕ THE PRELUDE

*I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*   Marcel Dupré  
Dr. Will Cleveland, Organist

*\*As the prelude begins, please prepare your heart and mind for Worship in SILENT meditation.*

# ✚ THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## ✚ THE WELCOME      The Rev. Chris Christopher, Pastor

## ✚ THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP      *The Time of Fulfillment* James Chepponis The Chancel Choir (Text found on pg. 18)

## ✚ THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*\*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at Baptism, as the Pastor begins.*

Pastor      In the name of the Father, and of the **✚** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**ALL**      **AMEN.**  
Pastor      Let us pray: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**ALL**      **AMEN.**

*\*Silence for personal reflection and confession*

## ✚ THE CONFESSION

Pastor      Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**AMEN.**

## ✚ THE ABSOLUTION (Declaration of Forgiveness)

Pastor      God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we are dead in sin, and makes us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of **✚** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that the love of Jesus and the Kingdom of God may spread in the world through you.  
**ALL**      **AMEN.**

## ✚ THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor The grace of our lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL And also with you.

## ✚ THE KYRIE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

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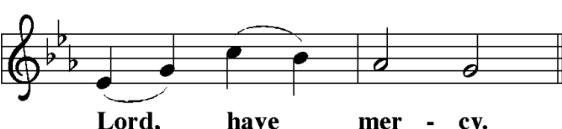
Cantor In Peace, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL



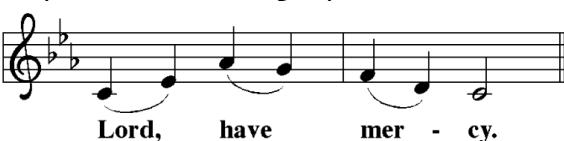
Cantor For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL



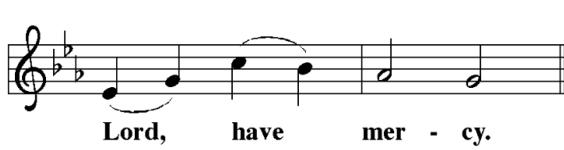
Cantor For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of ALL, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL



Cantor For this holy house, and for ALL who offer here their Worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL



Cantor Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

ALL



# ✚ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray: God of the covenant,  
ALL in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather ALL peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

*\*The Children may come forward for a brief message and then leave for Children's Church downstairs and return during Communion.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

### ✚ THE FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

#### Summary

Lector God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child. Also, God assures that Abram's descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise. Now, the first reading from the book of Genesis in the Old Testament.

Lector <sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup> But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

Lector <sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. <sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

Lector Here ends the first reading. For the word given to us,  
ALL Thanks be to God.

## ✚ THE PSALM 27

Lector <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

ALL <sup>2</sup> When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

Lector <sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

ALL <sup>4</sup> One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.

Lector <sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will <sup>1</sup> give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

ALL <sup>6</sup> Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Lector <sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

ALL <sup>8</sup> My heart speaks your message “Seek my face.” Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

Lector <sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away, you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

ALL <sup>10</sup> Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will take me in.

Lector <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

ALL <sup>12</sup> Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

Lector <sup>13</sup> This I believe that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

ALL <sup>14</sup> Wait for the Lord and be strong. Take heart and wait for the Lord!

## ✚ THE SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17–4:1

### Summary

Lector *Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps. Now, the second reading from the book of Philippians in the New Testament.*

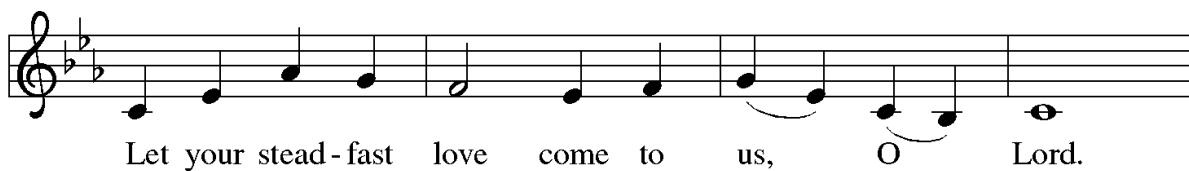
Lector <sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Lector Here ends the second reading. For the word given to us,  
**ALL** **Thanks be to God.**

## ✚ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 1

*Please stand, as you are able.*



Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

## ✚ THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:31-35

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**ALL** **We are listening Lord. Shape us in Your Word.**

Pastor <sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup> He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ✚ THE SERMON

The Rev. Chris Christopher

*Please be seated.*

# ✚ THE HYMN OF THE DAY

You Are Mine

ELW #581

*Please stand, as you are able.*

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I

I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see.  
 healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give. (2) In the

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. To stanza 2  
 Come and rest in me. To refrain  
 all will know my name. To refrain  
 up, now walk and live! To refrain

*Refrain*

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I  
 love you and you are mine." To stanzas 3 and 4

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Text: David Haas, b. 1957  
 Music: David Haas  
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YOU ARE MINE  
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## ☩ THE APOSTLES' CREED

AM Together, let us profess our faith.

ALL I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

## ☩ THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please be seated or kneel.*      AM = Assisting Minister

AM Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and ALL those in need.  
*Silence for preparation*

AM Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and ALL persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy,  
ALL receive our prayer.

AM Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,  
ALL receive our prayer.

AM Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy,  
ALL receive our prayer.

AM Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need. May ALL know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,  
**ALL receive our prayer.**

AM Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of Christ, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy,  
**ALL receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

AM Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. God, in your mercy,  
**ALL receive our prayer.**

AM Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.  
**ALL AMEN.**

## ☩ THE PEACE

*Please stand, as you are able.*

AM The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**ALL And also with you.**

AM Let us turn to our AV Team and those worshiping with us on-line and on the radio and say together,

**ALL the peace of the Lord be with you.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Communion

*Please be seated.*



\*During this time the ushers will pass the offering plates. If you prefer, you may give remotely by scanning the QR code to the left or visiting our website [www.ilcgreenwood.com](http://www.ilcgreenwood.com) and selecting GIVE from the menu. THANK YOU for your generosity.

## † THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Dale Wood  
The Chancel Choir

## † THE DOXOLOGY

*All Praise to God Above*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

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WONDROUS LOVE  
*Southern Harmony, c. 1843*

All praise to God a - bove, who cre - a - ted the world. Praise to the one who made all things good. All praise to Je - sus Christ, who gave for us his life. All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, who calls us to love. All praise the Ho - ly Three - in - one.

Pastor

Let us pray: Gracious Provider,

ALL

you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

## ✚ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor      The Lord be with you.  
**ALL**      **And also with you.**  
Pastor      Lift up your hearts.  
**ALL**      **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Pastor      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**ALL**      **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Pastor continues with the Words of Institution.*

## ✚ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor      Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
**ALL**      **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.**

## ✚ THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Please be seated.*

*\*ALL are invited regardless of your understanding, your faith background, or sense of worth. Christ invites you. Jesus gives Himself for you; Yes, for YOU. So come, come to the Table of the Lord.*

*Communion is distributed by intinction, the dipping of the bread into the chalice (cup). The metal chalices hold wine. The stoneware chalices hold grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Please ask for Gluten-free as you approach the server. The altar is open for prayer after receiving Communion.*

## ✚ THE AGNUS DEI

*Lamb of God*

ELW Setting 1

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, grant us peace.

## ✚ THE COMMUNION HYMN *If God, My Lord Be for Me* ELW# 788

1 If God my Lord be for me, I may a host de - fy;  
2 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood  
3 Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, my sun, my light, a - lone;  
4 For joy my heart is ring - ing; all sor - row dis - ap - pears;  
  
for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.  
a - lone are my sal - va - tion, the true, e - ter - nal good.  
were he not my de - fend - er be - fore the judg - ment throne,  
and full of mirth and sing - ing, it wipes a - way all tears.  
  
If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,  
With - out him all that pleas - es will vain and emp - ty prove.  
I nev - er should find fa - vor and mer - cy in God's sight,  
The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my king;  
  
what foe or what di - sas - ter can drive me from his love?  
The gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone are worth my love.  
but be de - stroyed for - ev - er as dark - ness by the light.  
the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, adapt.  
Music: IST GOTTFÜR MICH, English melody, 16th cent.

## ✚ THE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand, as you are able.*

Pastor      The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace!

**ALL**      **AMEN!**

## ✚ THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor      Let us pray: Nourishing God,

**ALL**      **at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, AMEN.**

## ✚ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see pg. 19.*

*Immediately following Worship, please join us downstairs in the Old Fellowship Hall for refreshments and Adult Christian Education.*

## ✚ THE BENEDICTION

Pastor      God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,  
                  ✚ bless you now and forever.

**ALL**      **AMEN.**

## THANK YOU to those serving in Worship!

Presiding Minister

Lector and Assisting Minister

Communion Assistants

Organist and Pianist

Cantor

Sound and Video Technicians

Ushers

Altar Guild

Counters

Officer on Duty

Pastor Chris Christopher

Lauren Wenzel and Lindsey Pysell

Elizabeth Covington and Lauren Dulaveris

Dr. Will Cleveland

Bill Hogan

Ray Lorick and George Beveridge

Howard Bouknight and Bill Gilbert

Sue Kaufman

Y.J. Ahn and Janet Ahn

Kevin Reeder

✚ THE CLOSING HYMN

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

ELW# 596



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;  
 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus-tain me in the rag - ing flood;  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!



*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



    sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.



Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.  
 Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

## ✚ THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR MISSION AND DISMISSAL

AM We proclaim together:

ALL By the grace of God, we are disciples growing in faith, serving our community, and connecting others to Christ.

AM Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

ALL Thanks be to God.

## ✚ THE POSTLUDE

*Arise My Soul, Arise!*      Dale Wood

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## ✚ THE PRAYER LIST

\*Please email Dr. Will to add or remove names.  
If anyone needs visitation, please contact Pastor Chris.

**Those in need of healing:** Kinsley Bouknight, Stephanie Branch, Bill Braswell, Wayne Cannon, Tom Carter, Vicky Crawford, Patricia Carteron, Steve Crooks, Oliver Conaty, Laquana Davis, Michael Gagné, Traver Gowan, Phyllis Hartley, Leisa Hotchkiss, Torsha Hicks, Tracy Koester, David Krumwiede, Juan Luna, Lisa Miller, Georgia Parker, Steve Presley, John Mark Scruggs, Charles Stark, Quintaus Starks, and Betty Weeks.

**Those with long term needs:** Gail Bouknight, Nancy Bollinger, Rick Coker, Tommy Hipp, Dale Huebener, Mary Kenzie, Lois Kuntz, Sara Russell, Jeanne Shealy, Francine Sheppard, Beckham Waters, and Juna Wergin.

**Those in the military:** Daniel Darling and Devin Rosenbaum.

Expectant and New (Again) Parents and Siblings, the women of Kinard Manor and ALL in Recovery, the people fed through our Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry Ministries, the people participating in our Jail Ministry, the people of our Matthew 25:40 Ministry, and the people they continue to help in Guatemala and

**The families of Saints who have been received into their eternal rest:**

Robert Beveridge, Mary Butler, Sabrina Hood Kumar, Fred McDowell, Robert J. Powell, Jane Shealy Putnam, Jean Roberts and Carolyn Brammer Wolfer.

## ⊕ THE MUSIC SELECTIONS

The Prelude comes from 20<sup>th</sup> century French composer Marcel Dupré and is based on the hymn, *I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ.*

*I call to thee, Lord Jesus Christ, I pray thee, hear my crying; Both lend me grace within this life And let me not lose courage; The proper path, O Lord, I seek, Which thou dost wish to give me: For thee living, My neighbor serving well, Thy word upholding justly.*

The text for the Choral Call to Worship:

*This is the time of fulfillment! The reign of God is at hand! Come, be transformed by the glory of God, the glory of God. This is the time of fulfillment! The reign of God is at hand! The reign of God is at hand!*

Both the Offertory Anthem and Postlude come from the creative pen of 20<sup>th</sup> century American Composer, Dale Wood.

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Corner stone, Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone. To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts today; with Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy servants as they pray, and Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.*

*Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears; Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands. He ever lives above, for me to intercede; His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead; His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race, And sprinkles now the throne of grace. Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary; They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me: "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Nor let that ransomed sinner die!" The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One; He cannot turn away the presence of His Son; The Spirit answers to the blood, The Spirit answers to the blood And tells me I am born of God. My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh, And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.*

## ✚ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS (week of 3/16/2025)

- **Sunday Evening Lenten Dinner and Service**- TONIGHT, dinner at 5 p.m. and service at 5:45 p.m. Both dinner and evening Worship will be in the Fellowship Center.
- **Easter Festive Music and Decorations** - We are now accepting donations for Easter Sunday festive music and decorations. Please consider donating and e-mail Dr. Will with information, in memory of / in honor of, that you would like published in the bulletin. Forms are located in the Narthex.
- **Pickleball** - Monday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Larry Hammond if you are interested in joining. (landkhamm@gmail.com)
- **Lenten Community Midweek Services** - Wednesday, March 19, at The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Greenwood, 1635 Cokesbury Rd. \$2 Lunch is at Noon and 1 p.m., with Worship at 12:30 p.m.
- **Music Ensemble Rehearsals** - Wednesday, March 19,  
Chancel Choir, 4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir, 5:30 p.m.
- **Campus Ministry** - Wednesday, March 19, 6:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- **Chair Yoga** - Friday, March 21, at 10:30 a.m. Please contact Jaquie Haymond if you are interested in joining. 864-506-4063, (yogatorium@gmail.com)
- **Sunday Lenten Meals** - meals are still needed for Sunday evening Lenten dinners on March 23, 30, and April 6. If you can provide food, please contact Sue Kaufman at (jakesnanna@aol.com).



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