

**Lent 2 (February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024)**  
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## Opening Hymn: 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

*Stand*

- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**C** 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.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.
- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**C** O come, let us worship Him.

**Venite**

*LSB 220*

- C** O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,  
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;  
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,  
and His hand formed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,  
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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.

- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**C** O come, let us worship Him.

*Sit*

Office Hymn: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16*

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 5:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

<sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 8:27–38*

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.

<sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

LSB 222

**L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

**L** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

**L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

## Hymn of the Day: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

### Sermon

*Stand*

**Te Deum**

LSB 223

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

### Kyrie

LSB 227

**C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

### Lord’s Prayer

**C** 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.**

### **Collects**

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** **And let my cry come to You.**

### **Collect of the Day**

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the educational institutions of our synod: for our preschools, our day schools and high schools, our colleges and universities, and for our seminaries, that those who teach and those who learn in them would be transformed by the wisdom of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who are sick including:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)

Bob Hegerfeld

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Cheryl Caffee

Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)

Jim Thieme

Glen Deatruck for healing from a fall

Alton Thieme (Father of Erin and Amber Franz)

Laurie Blythe (sister of Dan DeLong)

that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who mourn that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who rejoice in the rich blessings of God, that they may always remember the Giver of every gift and give Him heartfelt thanks, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### Collect for Grace

**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 228

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 228

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart: 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

### In His Service Today:

**Preacher/Celebrant:** The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

**Liturgist:** The Sem. Adam Thiel

**Organist:** Mrs. Vickie Hammond

**Deacons:** Nathan Scherer (Head), Louie Fuelling, Dan DeLong, Joe Werling

**Elders:** John Fuelling (Head), Andy Wolf, Fred D. Fuelling, Steve Fuelling

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERINGS:** February 18<sup>th</sup>- Home Purpose: \$3,941.39, Missions: \$350.00, SPI: \$100.00, Vanco: \$44.78

**\*NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.\***



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

**CHURCH CHOIR:** The adult choir will rehearse in the church balcony every Wednesday, starting promptly at 7:30 pm. Please join us as we prepare music for the Festivals of the Church year!

### **SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for January and February 2024 - "BREAKFAST FOOD":**

During the months of January and February we will be collecting BREAKFAST FOOD items.

These items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of March. Some suggestions are but not limited to: hot chocolate, coffee/tea, cereal, oatmeal, pop tarts, juice, muffin/pancake mix, syrup, jelly/jam, and breakfast bars. All your donations are greatly appreciated and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Many report that 75-85% of their grocery needs are met at the Co-Op which relies solely on donations from individuals, congregations, and organizations. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Thank you for all your donations!!

**LOST & FOUND:** There are several items that have been left accidentally here at church. Please look through the Lost & Found box in the Narthex to see if anything may be yours. Thank you!

**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES** will begin with Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 14th, and will continue every Wednesday evening at 7pm through Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. A soup supper will take place at 5:30pm before each midweek service.

The Decatur Circuit **2024 LWML Prayer Service** will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church - Union Two, on Saturday, March 2. The theme for the service is Grace, Mercy, and Peace from I Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2. Registration will begin at 8:45 followed by the Prayer Service at 9:00. A brief business meeting will be held followed by a light meal served by the ladies of Immanuel. Everyone is invited to attend.

**SAVE THESE LWML DATES:**

Spring Rally is Saturday, April 27 at St. John Flatrock  
Fall Rally is Saturday, September 14 at St Peter Fuelling  
Fall Workshop is Saturday, October 5 at St Paul Preble

**2023 Annual Reports** are now available in the Narthex.

**St. Peter Immanuel Lutheran School:** Kindergarten and Preschool Round-Up for 2024-2025 School Year is on Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm. Those who visit can meet the teachers, tour the school, and receive information. Program features: Christ centered education, play-based learning, and developmentally appropriate curriculum. Tell your family and friends; please help spread the word.

**CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Midweek Service
	7:30 pm	Church Choir meets in St. Peter balcony
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion

The SPI Trustees are accepting bids for mowing the lawn at school. This is for the 2024 mowing season April - October and is to be bid per each time the lawn is mowed. Sealed bids are due by March 17, 2024 to Ben Franz (SP) or Ralph Thieme (I) or the school office. Any questions can be directed to Ben Franz at 260-341-2642.

**Calling all Fuelling Aces:** Year #2 Decatur Circuit Fastpitch Softball Reunion at the Hayloft on Sunday, March 10, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Same as in 2023 and look forward to seeing you. If there are questions, please contact Jim Hoffman at (260) 413-3767.

**Zion Lutheran Church Friedheim:** Soup & Sandwich Dinner Sunday, March 10, 2024, Serving 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Zion Friedheim's, Dahling Family Life Center 10653 North 550 West, Decatur, Indiana. Joyful Voices Choir & Instrumentalists Directed by Allison Ulmer will be featured from 11:30am-12:30pm. Carryout will be available & custom dessert boxes will be available for purchase. Plan to shop at the craft sale. Pulled Pork & Sloppy Joe Mix provided by Smok'n T's BBQ Pit - Tyson Burkhart, Owner. Menu: Homemade Chicken Noodle & Ham and Bean Soups, Pulled Pork, Sloppy Joe, & Hot Dog Sandwiches, Variety of Salads & Pies(Dine-In), & Drinks. Free Will Offering. Proceeds towards debt reduction.