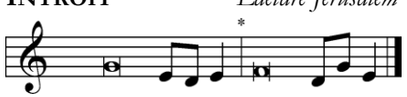
"How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." (Genesis 28:17)

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church & School! In the Divine Service, we enter our Lord's presence to be served by Him through Word & Sacrament. The service is not something we do for God. The liturgy is God's work to bless and enliven us: He gives, we receive (Hebrews 8:1-6).

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper, in which we receive Christ's Body and Blood under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (1 Corinthians 11:22-25). As we celebrate this sacrament, we also give public confession to our unity in the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Visitors who have not received Communion from Pastor Akers or Pastor Beinke are kindly asked to speak with one of them before approaching the altar for the first time. Children and adults who are not eligible for the Holy Communion may cross their arms, placing both hands on their shoulders, to indicate they would like to receive a blessing.

INTROIT *Laetare Jerusalem* *Isaiah 66:10-11a; Psalm 122:1*



Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be | glad with her,*
All ye that | love her.
Rejoice for joy, all ye that have been | sorrowful:*
That ye may rejoice and be satisfied with the breasts of her conso- | lations.
I was glad when they said | unto me,*
Let us go into the house | of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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COLLECT

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who for our deeds are worthily punished: by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

PROPHECY *Exodus 16:2-21*

IN THOSE DAYS: The whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. And the children of Israel said to them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "At evening you shall know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt. And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what are we, that you complain against us?" Also Moses said, "This shall be seen when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses spoke to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your complaints.' " Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

So it was that quail came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. So when the children 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, "This is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat. This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Let every man gather it according to each one's need, one omer for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent.' " Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less. So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need. And Moses said, "Let no one leave any of it till morning." Notwithstanding they did not heed

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HYMN OF INVOCATION **#625**
"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

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HYMN OF THE DAY **#743**
"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

SERMON

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS
"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" **#622**
"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" **#641**

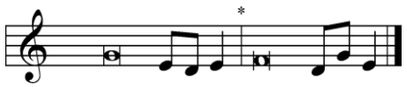
NUNC DIMITTIS—BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **#642**
"O Living Bread from Heaven"

* See inside of bulletin

Moses. But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. So they gathered it every morning, every man according to his need. And when the sun became hot, it melted.

GRADUAL *Laetatus sum* *Psalm 122:1, 7*



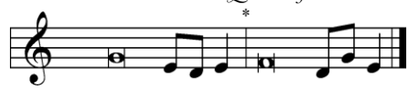
I was glad when they said | unto me,*
Let us go into the house | of the LORD.
Peace be with- | in thy walls,*
And prosperity within thy | palaces.

EPISTLE *Galatians 4:22-5:1a*

BRETHREN: It is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar—for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children—but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, you who do not bear! Break forth and shout, you who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children than she who has a husband."

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free, in the liberty by which Christ has made us free.

TRACT *Qui confidunt* *Psalm 125:1-2*



They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount | Zion,*
Which cannot be removed, but abideth for- | ever.
As the mountains are round about Jer- | usalem,*
So the LORD is round about His people from henceforth even for- | ever.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:1-15*

AT THAT TIME: Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

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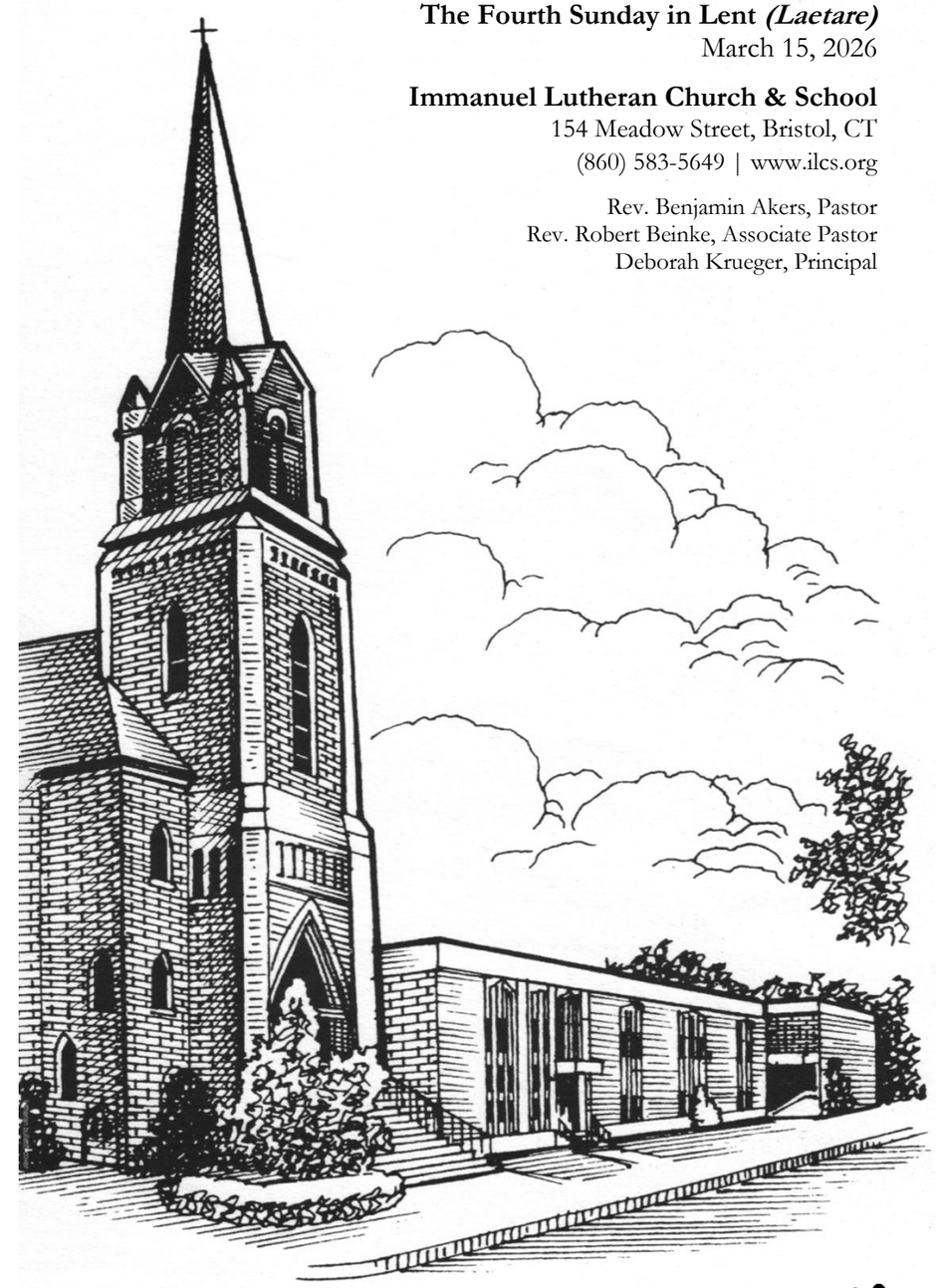

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