

**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany,  
February 4, 2024  
8:00 am**

Pastor Matthew Groenke  
Assisting Minister – Bob Lovett  
Altar Guild – Sherri Hoefling  
AV Console Operator – Brent Reeder  
Greeter – James & Barbara Bohls  
Chapel Greeter – Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing  
Organist/Pianist – Vernagene Mott



IMMANUEL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

# All Are Welcome!

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we  
**GATHER** and worship, **GROW** in the Word, and **SERVE** God by serving people.*

### Worship Protocol

- ❖ Please stay home if you are sick.
- ❖ Face masks are **a choice**.
- ❖ Masks and large print bulletins are available at the entry table.
- ❖ You are encouraged to converse with each other OUTSIDE.
- ❖ Ushers will direct you to your seat.
- ❖ Worshipers in the same household may sit together.
- ❖ Communion elements are prepackaged.

After the benediction, please follow instructions for dismissal.

### Photo & Video Policy

By participating in Immanuel Lutheran's services, ministry activities, classes, programs, and events:

1. You consent to be photographed, videotaped, or otherwise recorded.
2. You grant your permission for Immanuel Lutheran to use recordings containing your image, likeness, voice, or statements, without compensation, credit, or other consideration to you, for Immanuel Lutheran's promotional, publicity and other purposes, throughout the world and in perpetuity
3. You agree to release, hold harmless and indemnify Immanuel Lutheran from all liabilities and claims involving the use of your image, **likeness, voice, or statements**.

*Songs and liturgy reprinted with permission CCLI #708394 ONE  
LICENSE #731020-A*

## HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of communion is celebrated at all worship services every Sunday. All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness. Currently, we are offering communion at the communion rail. Pre-packaged communion supplies are still available upon request. ✚

*Gluten-free wafers and/or white grape juice are available at all services.*

## CONTACT US

Phone: 512-251-4494

Hours: Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm

David Hufstedler – Business Administrator

Melissa Parry – Director of Education Ministry

Jessica Pritchett – Worship & Communications Specialist

Larrienne Johnson – Day School Director

Jackie Porter – Office Assistant

Elizabeth Miller – Youth Director

Eric Estrada – Facilities Manager

***Please silence cell phones***

## **PRELUDE**

## **BELL**

### **We'll Walk In The Light**

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dew-drops of mercy are bright.  
Shine all around us by day and night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845-1928, refrain

## **WELCOME**

### **OPENING HYMN**

### **All Things Bright and Beautiful**

**WOV 767**

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
God made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

The purple-headed mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them ev'ry one.

All things bright and beautiful,

all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-1895, alt.

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

***And also with you.***

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,

**We pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you.**

**We have wounded one another  
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit  
dwelling in each of us.**

**Remember your covenant.**

**Renew your creation.**

**Restore us,**

**that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

**Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
You are God's beloved.  
**Amen.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Christ.

**Have mercy on us, Christ.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy, Lord.

**Have mercy, Lord**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE      Lord, You Give the Great Commission      WOV 756**

**VS 1, 2, & 5**

Lord, you give the great commission:  
"Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity:

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:  
"In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us  
closer in community:

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:  
"This my body, this my blood."  
Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
share your children's liberty:

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
"Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
to a just society:

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity:

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934 Text © 1978 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint.  
Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may  
be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

### **Isaiah 40:21-31**

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you  
from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of  
the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its  
inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a  
curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to  
naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem  
taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and  
the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy  
One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who

brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**SOLO**

**Go My Children**

**Kaileigh Mullen**

**RESPONSIVE READING      Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING      1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to

all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

**WOV 612**

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

The holy gospel according to Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

## **GOSPEL**

### **Mark 1:29- 39**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I



came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

WOV 771

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960 Text © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

## APOSTLES' CREED

***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.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God of grace,

**Receive our prayer.**

## **OFFERING**

**Ways to digitally give:**

**Text:** "ILC" to 73256 + Amount    **OR   Realm App or website:** info in bulletins

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

## **O Christ the Same**

**WOV 778**

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages--  
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;  
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,  
unchanging still amid the passing years:  
O living Word, the source of all creation,  
who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;  
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,  
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing  
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;  
still as of old upon your body bearing  
the marks of love in triumph glorified.

O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven--  
O Prince of life, in all your saving power;  
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:  
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping  
our lives and loves, our days and years remain;  
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,  
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:  
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,  
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;  
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,  
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926 © 1984 Hope Publishing Co. All rights reserved.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

***And also with you***

Lift up your hearts

***We lift them to the Lord***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

***It is right to give our thanks and praise***

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

WOV 616a

### Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune  
Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

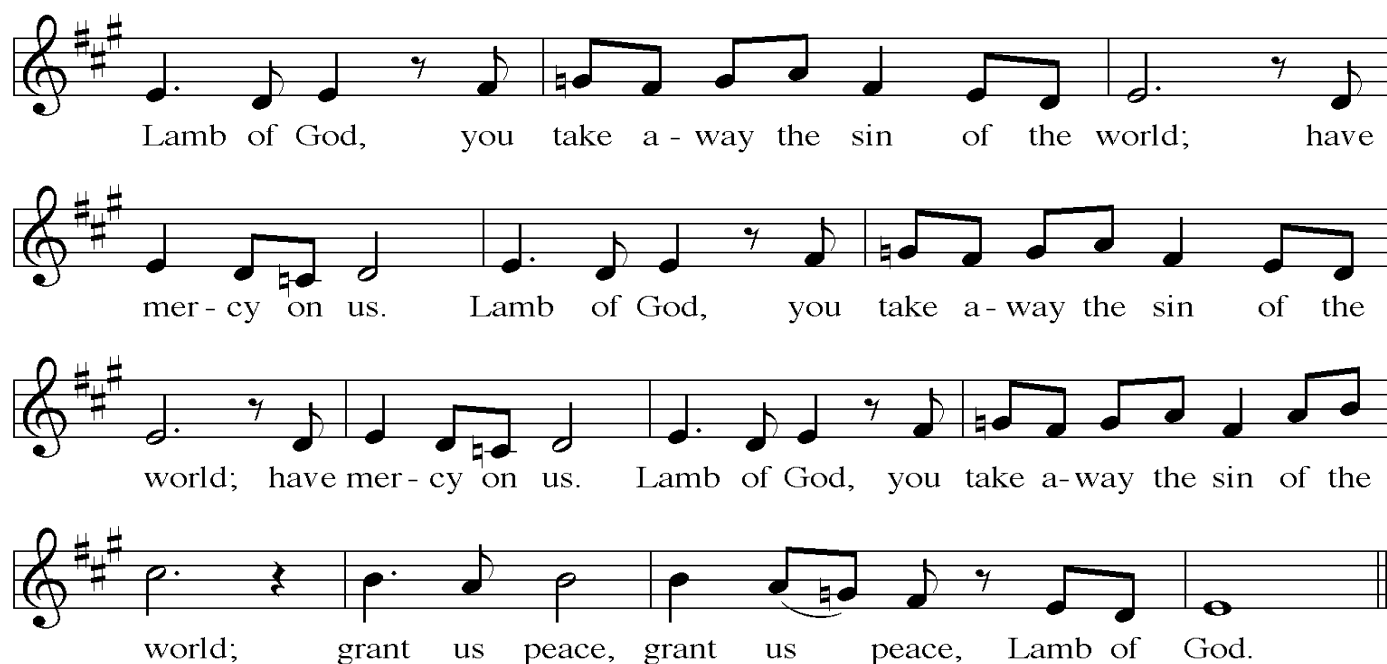
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

***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.***

## COMMUNION

## LAMB OF GOD

WOV 622



## COMMUNION HYMN

### Borning Cry

WOV 770

"I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been,

with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your boding cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937 Text © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who  
dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN      **What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine**      **WOV 780**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)  
    safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)  
    leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)  
    safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)  
    leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)

safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

## **GOOD NEWS**

### **We'll Walk In The Light**

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dew-drops of mercy are bright.  
Shine all around us by day and night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845-1928, refrain

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Next Week's Volunteer:

Assisting Minister – Devorah Jakubowsky  
Altar Guild – Martha Sansom

Greeters – James & Barbara Bohls  
Chapel Greeter – Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Traditional Worship 8:00 am,  
Sanctuary

ALL Ages Sunday School 9:15  
am

Contemporary Service 10:30  
am, Parish Hall

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

Parish Ed Meeting, 11:30a in  
the Conference Room

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month

Food Pantry Distribution,  
12-2p

### MONDAY

Youth, 6p Youth Room

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month

Justice Ministry, 7p Zoom

### TUESDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month

Elizabeth Circle, 2p Gather  
Room

Rebecca Circle, 10a  
Grow Room

Mary Circle, 10a Parlor

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month

Stewardship Committee, 5p  
Gather Room/Zoom

ILDS Board Meeting 6:10 p,  
Conference Room

Music & Worship Meeting 7p  
Long Range Committee  
Meeting, 7p

### WEDNESDAY

Sotaria, 7p Parish Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

Tired and Retired, 11:30a  
Parish Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

Men's Breakfast, 6:30a  
Parish Hall

Quilters, 8:30a WELCA Room

### THURSDAY

Bible Study with Pastor  
Matthew, 11a Gather Room &  
4:45p via Zoom

### SATURDAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9a  
Gather Room

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Feb. 14 is Ash Wednesday both 10:00 am & 6:00 pm services will be in the Sanctuary. Access is available by elevator or ramp on the south side.

### BROWN BAG LUNCH AND LEARN AFTER LATE SERVICE

Join us in the Gather Room as we are offering a new opportunity to view history through the lens of our Christian faith. For more info contact Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com /512-619-5572

### TALENT SHOW / YOUTH FUNDRAISER TODAY

Come share your talent with ILC on Feb. 4th after the late service! \$5 to enter. There will be concession food. ALL proceeds raised will go to the Youth to help with NOLA this summer.

### JUSTICE MINISTRY ZOOM MEETING

The Justice Ministry will hold its first meeting of 2024 at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 29th, via Zoom. Contact Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com for more information.

### 2024 PRAYER SISTERS

Will begin in Feb. signup by Feb. 14 at <https://forms.gle/bfCkJXSWQHPxUxRo8> or contact Melissa Parry for more info.

### PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold its next meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 10th, in the Gather room. All are welcome as we knit/crochet comfort for others and enjoy each other's company.

### PFLUGERVILLE LIONS CLUB CHILI SUPPER

Friday, Feb. 9 5-8 PM at Lions Hall 500 North Railroad \$15 per person ALL you can eat. See flyers for more info.

## We Lift These Names Up In Prayer

*Sandra Noton, Virginia Weiss, Wilbert & Billie Becker, Judy Tawater, Betty Wolf, Gail Hammett, LaVerne Scott, Betty Wicklund, Hal Kuempel, Gloria Allmon, Marie Davis, Nathzele Pfluger, Robert Boehm, Mary Hufstedler, Linda Lane, Catharine Klein, John Estes, Brenda Hagn, Karen Livingston, Brian Kleen, Robin Rankin, The Family of Kent Pfluger, The Family of Marilynne Alexander*