

***Sunday, Mar 3, 2024***  
***Third Sunday in Lent***



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## ***God Is Still Speaking***

### ***Welcome to Immanuel***

*Who ever you are, where ever you are on life's journey,  
You are welcome here.*

**Spencer Jones**

**Music Coordinator**

**Those serving us this Sunday, Mar 3, 2024**

**Greeters: Don and Heather Hessler**

**Ushers: Don and Heather Hessler**

**Reader: Pastor**

**Those serving us next Sunday, Mar 10, 2024**

**Greeters: Gary & Judy Joosten**

**Ushers: Gary & Judy Joosten**

**Reader: Pastor**

### **Please pray for:**

***Beverly Wilfling***

**Lemke family**

**Larry Schroeder**

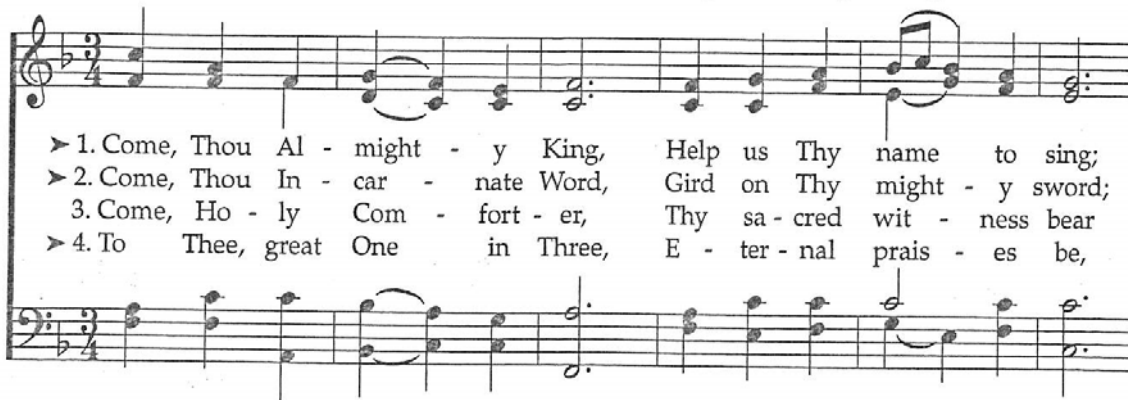
**Chuck Wolf**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**†** *indicates congregation is invited to stand*  
*(Please sign the attendance sheet)*

# Come, Thou Almighty King 8

*The Lord is the great God, the great King. Psalm 95:3*



> 1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy name to sing;  
 > 2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword;  
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
 > 4. To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal prais - es be,



Help us to praise. Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -  
 Our prayer at - tend. Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy  
 In this glad hour. Thou, who al - might - y art, Now rule in  
 Hence ev - er - more; Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty May we in



to - ri - ous, Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 word suc - cess. Spir - it of ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.  
 ev - ery heart And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

## Sunday, March 3, 2024—Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Story

Call to Worship (L=Leader; **P=People**)

**L:** God's Spirit has called us here to strengthen us for this Lenten journey.

**P:** **In these moments of worship our hearts are renewed by the songs of our faith and by the Word of God.**

**L:** Here we bring our burdens to God, who lifts them from us and returns them to us as blessings.

**P:** **Let us give thanks and praise to God for all that we have received.**

Opening Hymn No. 8 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

1. Come, Thou Almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise.  
Father all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.
2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend.  
Come, and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy word success.  
Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend.
3. Come, Holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour.  
Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in every heart

And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

4. To Thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be,  
Hence ever more;  
Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.

### Unison Prayer of Invocation

**We give you thanks, O God, for walking with us on our Lenten journey. Grant us your wisdom; fill us with your love; then embolden us to proclaim your love as we minister in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!**

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 19:1-10 (W=Women, **M=Men**)

W: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**M: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

W: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

**M: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy.**

W: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

**M: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul,**

W: the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**M: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;**

W: the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

**M: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever,**

W: the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**M: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;**

W: sweeter also than honey, and the drippings of the honeycomb.

First Reading:

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in the heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of the parents, to the third and fourth generation or those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not commit murder. You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

Epistle Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Reading:

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here!” Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it is written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body. And after he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Here ends this reading of the Gospel.

# 639 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

*Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him. Psalm 37:5*

1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, For - give our fool - ish  
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, Be - side the Syr - ian  
 3. Drop Thy still dews of qui - et - ness Till all our striv - ings  
 4. Breathe thro' the heats of our de - sire Thy cool - ness and Thy

ways! Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind; In pur - er  
 sea, The gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, Let us, like  
 cease. Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our  
 balm. Let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; Speak thro' the

lives Thy ser - vice find, In deep - er rev - 'rence, praise.  
 them, with - out a word, Rise up and fol - low Thee.  
 or - dered lives con - fess The beau - ty of Thy peace.  
 earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm!

TEXT: John G. Whittier  
 MUSIC: Frederick C. Maker

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Hymn No. 639                    “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
    Forgive our foolish ways!  
    Reclothe us in our rightful mind;  
    In purer lives Thy service find,  
    In deeper rev'rence, praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
    Beside the Syrian sea,  
    The gracious calling of the Lord,  
    Let us, like them, without a word,  
    Rise up and follow Thee.
3. Drop Thy still dews of quietness  
    Till all our strivings cease.  
    Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
    And let our ordered lives confess  
    The beauty of Thy peace.
4. Breathe thro' heats of our desire  
    Thy coolness and Thy balm.  
    Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
    Speak thro the earth-quake, wind, and fire,  
    O still small voice of calm!

Prayers of the People and 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!**

Sermon:                    “Covenant—The Framework of Faith”

Offering

## Unison Prayer of Dedication

**We give you thanks, O God, for all the blessings of life that you have so freely given. Gratefully, now, we return some of those blessings to you—that others may also be blessed. Receive our tithes and offerings with your blessing, that we may continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all people. Amen!**

Invitation to Communion and Prayer of Institution

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn No. 562

“Be Thou My Vision”

1. Be Thou my Vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought,  
by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom,  
and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee  
and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father,  
I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling,  
and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not,  
nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance,  
now and always;  
Thou and Thou only,  
first in my heart,  
High King of heaven,  
my treasure Thou art.
4. High King of heaven,  
my victory won,

May I reach heaven's joys,  
bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever be fall,  
Still be my Vision,  
O Ruler of all.

Benediction

Postludes

# 562 Be Thou My Vision

Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Philippians 3:7

Unison

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be Thou my Wis - dom and Thou my true Word;  
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,  
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -  
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 May I reach heav - en's joys, bright heav - en's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,  
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.  
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.  
 Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

TEXT: Traditional Irish hymn, translated by Mary E. Byrne;  
 versified by Eleanor H. Hull

MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; arranged by David Allen

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**Office Hours this Week**  
**Pastor's Hours: Tues, Thurs & Fri 10 - 2**  
**Heather's Hours: Tue, Wed(home)Thurs 10-1**

### **Looking Forward**

**We would like for everyone to please sign the Pew Pads again. This will allow us to know who is at services.**

**The Food Pantry is open from 12:30-2:30 on the first, second and third Wed of the month. If you or someone you know cannot meet these hours, please talk to Heather or Judy.**

**Community meal every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month.**

### **Birthday Blessings**

***Don Hessler Mar 7***

**Mar 8<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale 5 – 7pm**

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale 8:30am – 2pm**

**EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE: If you need emergency Pastoral care, call Rev. Tom Fritz at (920-268-5757) Please leave a detailed message. Talk slowly and leave: 1) your name & phone number; 2. which hospital and who the person is and room #; 3. anything else necessary to help him understand the situation. If you need to talk to the secretary, you can reach Heather at 920-734-7843. Any other church concerns, please contact Bob Vande Hey at 920-740-6177.**