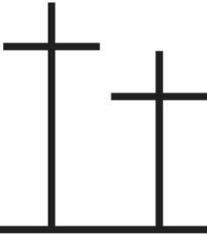


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welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior!

Thank you for joining our church family for worship this morning. Immanuel is a Bible based Christian congregation and so our worship reflects deep devotion to God and to His Holy Word. We especially welcome any guests or visitors and invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway of the church and invite you to join us again.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE is printed in this bulletin and will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary.

RESTROOMS are located at the bottom of the stairs to the right when you exit the narthex into the school building.

AMPLIFYING HEADSETS are available in the Deacons room. Please see any usher if you would like assistance.

THE MOTHER'S ROOM is next to the bookshelf and stained glass window in the corner of the entryway and is meant only for women and children. Fathers may use the bathroom in the upstairs school hallway. Kid's bulletins and quiet bags can also be found in the entryway.

QUESTIONS? Please contact the Deacon on duty or any of the ushers. They would love to assist you!

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? Scan this QR code to learn more about what we believe at ImmanuelMankato.org



4th Weekend in the Season of

Lent

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Worship Supplement Setting One

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn *TLH 149 “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”*

Confession and Absolution of Sins

P: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our Heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

C: ♪ Amen!

The Kyrie † *O Lord*

♪ **Lord, have mercy on us.**
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Mark 10:47

Gloria in Excelsis † *Glory in the Highest*

Because Lent is a time of repentance over sin in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, this hymn of praise is often removed from our worship services during the season of Lent. The joyful hymn will reappear on Easter and, Lord willing, help us gain a greater appreciation of it after its absence from our worship.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that we who deserve to be condemned for our evil deeds may be mercifully delivered by the comfort of Your grace, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" **8** Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, With their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye When the LORD brings back Zion. **9** Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. **10** The LORD has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 31:9-14

P: Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;

C: **My eye wastes away with grief, Yes, my soul and my body!**

P: For my life is spent with grief, And my years with sighing;

C: My strength fails because of my iniquity, And my bones waste away.

P: I am a reproach among all my enemies, But especially among my neighbors, And am repulsive to my acquaintances;

C: Those who see me outside flee from me.

P: I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;

C: I am like a broken vessel.

P: For I hear the slander of many; Fear is on every side;

C: While they take counsel together against me, They scheme to take away my life.

P: But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD;

C: I say, "You are my God."

Gospel Reading

John 6:47-57

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. **48** "I am the bread of life. **49** "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. **50** "This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. **51** "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give I My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." **52** The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?" **53** Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. **54** "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. **55** "For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. **56** "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. **57** "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me."

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Luke 11:28; John 20:31

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

TLH 392 "Blest is the Man, Forever Blest"

Sermon

2 Corinthians 7:4-10

Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation. **5** For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears. **6** Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, **7** and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was comforted in you, when he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more. **8** For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while. **9** Now I rejoice,

not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. **10** For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

Godly Sorrow Produces Repentance

1. Outside Are Conflicts, Inside Are Fears

2. Nevertheless, God Comforts the Downcast

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

Offertory

**C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence.
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

Psalm 51:10-12

Sermon Hymn

TLH 477 Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head"

Offering of Thankful Hearts

TLH 442:2

**C: ♪ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.**

**With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.**

The General Prayer

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.**

Matthew 6:9-13

Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be
gracious to you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give
you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C: ♪ **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Closing Hymn

TLH 145 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

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LAST WEEK

<p>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (MARCH 7-11 REPORTED) Budgetary <u>\$23,470.72</u> Current Expenses</p> <p>Non-Budgetary <u>\$25</u> Major Improvement <u>\$175</u> ILS Student Aid <u>\$235</u> Land Purchase <u>\$15</u> ILS Foundation <u>\$60</u> Benevolent <u>\$2,078.10</u> Lenten Season <u>\$4,000</u> Evangelism/PR</p>	<p>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION <u>\$620</u> CLC General Budget (CBP) <u>\$75</u> CLC MDF (Missions) <u>\$54</u> CLC Kinship <u>\$25</u> ILC Student Aid</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Scan this QR code to contribute via CashApp</p>  </div>
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Saturday Worship 3/7: **73**

Midweek 2pm 3/11: **124**

Midweek 6pm 3/11: **39**

Sunday Worship 3/8: **184**

Sunday Bible Class: **47**

Sunday School: **18**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Cottagewood Senior Community	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Sunday	Worship	8
Old Main/ AZ Pioneer Home	Yes	10:00 AM	2 nd , 4 th Monday	Worship	6
Oak Terrace	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	5
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	18
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	4
New Perspective	Yes	10:00 AM	2 nd Thursday	Worship	11
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	15
Gus Johnson	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Ladies Bible Study	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Friday	Study	8
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					91
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat March 14	6:00p	7:00p	Divine Worship Service 3rd Sunday Communion Adult Bible Class
Sun March 15	9:00a	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM

	10:00a	Divine Worship Service 3rd Sunday Communion Live Stream – CLICK HERE
	6:00p	Sunday Night Basketball
Mon March 16	4-6p	Fellowship Hall & Stage Reserved
Tues March 17	4-6p	Fellowship Hall & Stage Reserved
	5:00p	Board of Deacons Meeting
	5:15p	Board of Elders Meeting
	6:30p	Women’s Study Guild Meeting
	7:00p	Church Council Meeting
Wed March 18	2:00p	Lenten Service
	6:00p	Lenten Service
	7:00p	Youth Group
Thur March 19	11:00a	Women’s Book Club Meeting
	4-6p	Fellowship Hall & Stage Reserved
	6:15p	Church Choir Practice
Fri March 20	6:30a	Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study
	7:00p	Ladies Bible Study-Finding Christ in the Old Testament
Sat March 21	4:30p	Hymnal Committee Meeting
	6:00p	Divine Worship Service Name Tag Weekend
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class
Sun March 22	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service Name Tag Weekend
	11:00a	Usher Meeting
	11:00a	Coffee & Fellowship Hour
	11-3p	MPF, Storage Closet, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen Reserved Private Event
	6:00p	Sunday Night Basketball

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Group- March 18th 7pm
 Alumni & Family Day- March 21st
 Coffee Fellowship Hour- March 22nd
 Arts Camp- March 27th-29th
 Coffee & Creativity- March 28th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC TEACHER Immanuel Lutheran School is looking for a part-time music instructor for the 2026-2027 school year. This position is to teach:

- High School Choir
- K - 6 Music
- 5-6 Handbells

- 7-8 Music/Handbells

If you are someone you know may have gifts and willingness to serve teaching these classes, please share any names with Board of Education Chairman, Brandon Heinze or Principal Rick Mariner. The Board of Education will consider the names offered as they issue a call for the coming school year. Thank you!

ALUMNI & FAMILY DAY Basketball Alumni Day is **Saturday, March 21**.

Help is needed with scoreboard, concessions, and officiating. Contact the school office if you are willing to help.

9:00 4-7 Girls vs. Parents

9:45 4-6 Boys vs. Parents

10:30 7&8 Boys vs. Parents

11:15 JV Boys vs. Alumni

12:15 Girls V vs. Alumni

1:15 Boys V vs. Alumni

2:15 Alumni Odd vs. Even

3:15 3x3 Tournament

Close & Clean Up

YOUTH GROUP All students 9-12th grade are welcome to join us for Youth Group on **March 18th from 7-9pm** for a study on Joseph & some fellowship time. See posters on bulletin boards for more information.

EASTER FLOWERS The Women's Study Guild is offering 2 types of 6-inch potted plants to adorn the altar on Easter weekend. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory of a loved one, tulips and lilies are available. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. **Deadline to order is March 22!** You may take your plant/plants home after the 10 AM Easter Sunday service. Both the lilies are \$16 each and the tulips will be \$14 dollars each. Questions can be directed to Study Guild or Katie Dick.

2026 USHER MEETING Current service ushers, new ushers, and those who may want to be ushers! We will be having an annual usher meeting after church on Sunday, March 22nd. We will review the Usher Handbook (copies in the narthex rack) updates, head usher and general usher duties, and service schedule. Ushers please plan to attend this short informational meeting. Thank you!

PILGRIMS REST CLEAN UP Pilgrims Rest Cemetery cleanup day is scheduled for April 11 this year. If the weather is uncooperative we will move to April 25th. Volunteers are needed to assist the cemetery board with raking leaves, picking up fallen sticks/branches, picking up trash, leveling flat stones, edging flat stones, and other tasks. Starting time will be 9:30 am with lunch being provided around 11:00 am and wrapping up the day around 1-2 PM. Please bring gloves and a rake, if you have them. Please label them with your name. If you have any questions please reach out to Tony Harris (anthony.j.harris.222@gmail.com) or Scott Kruse (skruse97@hotmail.com). We are looking forward to seeing you there!

MISSING LACE TABLECLOTH and 60 CUP COFFEE MAKER One of the lace tablecloths is still missing from the church kitchen. If you have taken it home to be laundered, please return it. Also, one of the 60 cup coffee pots has left the church kitchen. The items are not to be taken from the premises. Please return them so that they are available for the events. Thank you!

JOHNSON PROPERTY UPDATE The closing date on the Johnson property is April 20th. The ERC has been working through all the contingencies that were set by the voters before the purchase can be finalized. They have had evaluations of the soil for building and wetlands, environment, public access, utilities, setbacks, drainage, and more. All these evaluations have been positive for using the land for a church and school as we would like. The main and final contingency is to have our financing in place for purchase. The property cost is \$824,560. A loan application has been submitted to borrow \$400,000 from the CLC's Church Extension Fund, but we need to secure the balance of the amount needed in cash by the end of March. As of 3/2, we are currently sitting at an incredible \$341,000 in the Land Purchase Fund. (Up \$120,000+ in less than six months!) Our goal is \$490,000, leaving a current need of \$149,000. This gives us a buffer to cover closing costs, assessments, and environmental studies that are currently underway. Here's what the tentative timeline looks like:

- ERC hopes that all commitments will be given by the end of March; 3/29/26. This gives a week to "catch up" on counting, data entry, and potential adjustments.
- ERC will be meeting Monday 4/6/26 to finalize Purchase Agreement contingencies (currently, 5 of 10 are complete).
- The CLC Board of Trustees will be meeting Monday 4/13/26 and will decide if to approve our CEF Loan
- Once the loan is approved, and with the Land Purchase Fund above \$490,000, the CLC CEF will transfer the funds by 4/17/26.
- Lord Willing, Immanuel will close on the Johnson Property 4/20/26.

Please prayerfully consider giving to the Land Purchase Fund and continue to pray for God's guidance for this large financial decision. Thank you!

- Immanuel's Expansion and Relocation Committee (ERC)

SCHOOL COOK & COOK AID POSITIONS Our current school cook and cook aide will not be returning next school year, so we are looking for your help to fill these important roles in our school. Both positions are part time (between 20-30 hours per week during the school year), but they are important roles in the lives of our students. Not only do they provide quality food for our students and staff, but these positions also involve interacting with the students of our school from Kindergarten through High School, as well as our school staff. These positions are an opportunity to impact the lives of these young people in a positive and important way, and are a way of serving them,

their parents, and the staff of the school daily. In addition to the joy of serving your Savior and being in the daily lives of these Christian young people, the positions pay an hourly rate and offer a reduced tuition rate for any children attending ILS. If you, or someone you know, are interested in more information about either the Cook or Cook Aide position, please reach out to Principal Rick Mariner (rick.mariner@immanuelmankato.org or 507-317-0805).

SCHOOL OUTREACH EFFORT The Immanuel School staff has been working hard to promote our school in the Mankato community. We are currently running TV ads, radio ads, Facebook ads, and are sending direct mail postcards to several area postal routes over the coming months. The first postcard is an invitation to our School Open House on **Friday, March 20th**. We have printed extra postcards so that you can pick a few up and share them personally with someone you might know. Most of us are likely aware of a family who would benefit from the education and environment that our school offers. Pick up some postcards and share them with a coworker, neighbor or acquaintance in the coming week. Share Jesus with others in our community in this simple way!

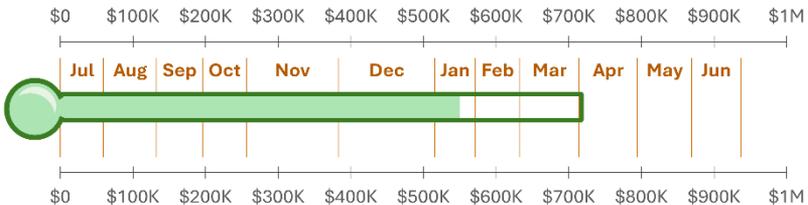
FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Plate Offerings

As Of 3/8/2026

Total Need: \$936,655
Received To Date: \$549,606

Remaining Need (March): \$164,786
Remaining Need (Fiscal Year): \$387,049



* Monthly grid based on past contribution patterns, to give us a convenient pace to follow.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD NEWS CALL NEWS Teacher Levi Schaller of Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck has accepted the two-year call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as the President of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Lane Fischer of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, has received the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has accepted the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Teacher Noah Ohlmann of Grace Ev. Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, has received the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> Dr. Daniel Sullivan has received the call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. APPOINTMENT Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has been appointed by President Michael Wilke and has accepted the call to serve as the Secretary of the Church of the Lutheran Confession through June 30th of 2026. Pastor Mayhew is filling out the two-year term of former CLC Secretary, Pastor Wayne Eichstadt. Previously, Pastor Eichstadt had accepted the appointment to serve as a member of the ILC Board of Regents. He is filling out the term of former ILC Regent board member, Pastor John Hein.

CALL FOR CLC NOMINATIONS The deadline is March 31 for nominations to CLC offices at our upcoming synod convention, June 25-28, 2026. Pastors, professors, male teachers, and voters of congregations within the Church of the Lutheran Confession are invited to nominate individuals for the following synodical offices: • CLC President • CLC Vice-President • CLC Moderator • CLC Secretary • Called Servants for the Board of Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Education • Lay Members for the Board of Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Education. An online nomination form and accompanying information is available at cclutheran.net/nominations.

CLC MISSION PRAYERS Bangladesh (South Asia) – The February 12th elections were mostly peaceful, and pre-election violence has subsided. Christians are praying that the newly elected Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) majority government and upcoming constitutional reforms will provide protection for minorities, including Christians. Construction on the [multipurpose building](#) is almost finished. The Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) has already begun using the building as construction continues. Plans are underway to conduct a pastor and church leader training seminar there in April, and the building will be dedicated to our Savior's service later this year. Pray that the Lord provides good government that will be a blessing to the citizens of Bangladesh. Thank the Lord for His provision and blessings on the new BLCM building and for the preaching and teaching of God's saving Word that will take place there.



IMMANUEL

Lutheran Church and School

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Secretary Amanda Harris	507-345-3027 Ext 103

We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(3rd Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann	DEACON Austin Lien
ORGANIST K Friedrichs	SCREEN J Furst/ E Carstensen
HEAD USHER Kevin Rykhus	ASST USHER John Heinze
USHERS Aaron Busse, Austin Hanel, Hunter Hanel, Jay Hanel, Mason Hanel, Ty Hanel, Brett Kruse, William Lien, Wyatt Lien, Kevin Rykhus	

Serving us Midweek

PASTOR George Dummann	DEACON S Wolle/A Lien
ORGANIST Fischer/G Schreyer	SCREEN W Lien/ R Schmitt
HEAD USHER Kevin Rykhus	ASST USHER John Heinze
USHERS Aaron Busse, Austin Hanel, Hunter Hanel, Jay Hanel, Mason Hanel, Ty Hanel, Brett Kruse, William Lien, Wyatt Lien, Kevin Rykhus	

Serving Us Next Weekend

(4th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew	DEACON Paul Bade
ORGANIST Laura Heinze	SCREEN J Furst/ W Lien
HEAD USHER	ASST USHER Michael Wheaton
USHERS Peter Busse, Jason Dick, Mark Geiger, Bernt Olmanson, Charles Olmanson, Andrew Olmanson, Ben Stratton, Tim Williams, Troy Williams, Damian Busse	

Sermon Notes

Text _____

Theme _____

Notes _____

Specific Law (How does this text point out my sin?)

Specific Gospel (How does this text point to Jesus?)

Specific Application (How does this text teach me to live?)
