

**THIRD SUNDAY  
IN LENT**

**MARCH 12, 2023**

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**Missouri Synod**



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***Sunday*  
9:00 A.M.  
Worship Service**

**10:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Class &  
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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8 am to 12 pm  
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**BUT** *God* **DEMONSTRATES**  
**HIS OWN** *love* **TOWARD**  
**US,**  
**IN THAT WHILE**  
*Christ* **WE WERE STILL SINNERS,**  
**DIED FOR US.**  
**ROMANS 5:8**

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**WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - Almighty God, source of all power and restorer of health and life, draw me ever closer to You and supply me with the living water that will quench my great thirst for time and for eternity. This I ask in the name of Jesus, who offered Himself as our Savior and our Redeemer. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - "Jesus Met the Woman at the Well" is the title of a traditional Gospel song first recorded in 1947 and made famous in 1964 through the recordings done by Ian and Sylvia, a Canadian folk duo, and Peter, Paul and Mary, an American folk trio. The words of the song recount the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman. The woman was amazed that Jesus knew all about her complex and complicated life and still was willing to spend time with her. Jesus knows all about each of us and the road we are on— and yet He still remains with us and calls us His own. In worship, we spend a special time with Him. How blessed we are!

# WELCOME

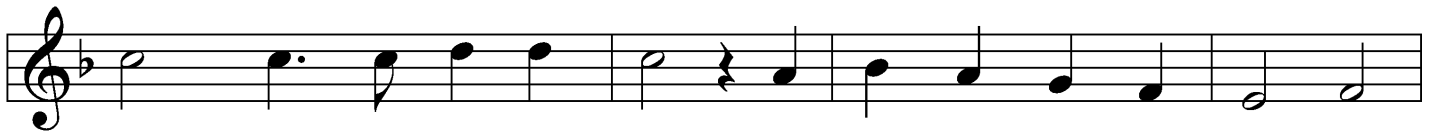
## PRELUDE

*(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)*

## OPENING HYMN

*The Lord, My God, Be Praised*

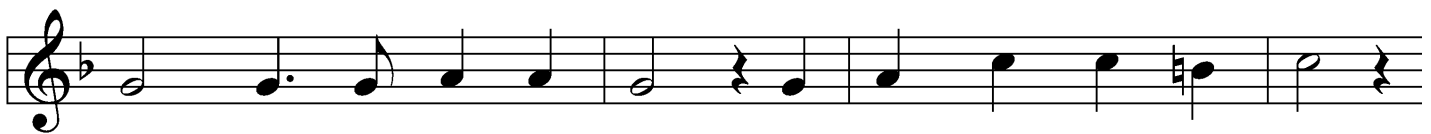
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1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;  
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,  
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,  
△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;  
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,  
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.  
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day  
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood  
His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,  
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.  
And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.  
Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.  
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**INTROIT** *Psalm 84:1-4; antiphon: v. 5*

P Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

**C How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts!**

P My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

**C Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young—even Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

P Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they will still be praising You.

**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.**

**P** Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

## **KYRIE**



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## **SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with your spirit.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Exodus 17:1-7*

(God provides water from the rock at Rephidim.)

1 Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink."

So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the Lord?"

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3 And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!"

5 And the Lord said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink."

And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 95:1–9; antiphon: v. 6*

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

**C Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.**

P Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

**C For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods.**

P In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His also.

**C The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed**

**the dry land.**

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

**C For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:**

P “Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, as in the day of trial in the wilderness,

**C When your fathers tested Me; they tried Me, though they saw My work.**

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

**EPISTLE**                    *Romans 5:1-8*

(While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.)

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



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**HOLY GOSPEL**            John 4:5-26

*(Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well.)*

**P**    The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

**C**    **Glory to You , O Lord.**

5 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? 12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" 13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into ever-lasting life."

15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."



17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

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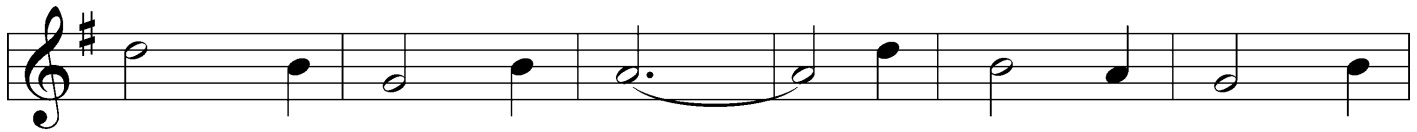
**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

**LSB 437**



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While  
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in  
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.  
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.  
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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**SERMON**

***“Not only that...and much more then!”***

**(Romans 5:1-11)**

**OFFERING**

*Please stand*

**OFFERTORY**      *Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*      **LSB 390; vs.1-3**



1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,  
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,  
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?



Who, to bid our hearts re - jice, His own Son hath giv - en.  
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.  
There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.

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**SHARING OF THE PEACE**      *"Peace be with you"*      *(John 20:21)*  
*[using American Sign Language]*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church. Gracious Father, we ask Your blessing on all in Your Church throughout the world. Fill the Church with all truth and peace. Where it is in error, reform it; where it is in need, supply it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; and where it is in conflict, heal divisions. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray this day for the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's baptized and holy people, asking that we may gather for worship with great joy and full anticipation of the blessings of God that come to us through it. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, in our district, and in our local congregation, that God may work among us through their

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examples and that we grow in devotion and dedication in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We make petitions for the sick, the shut-in, the sorrowing, those undergoing hardship or challenges, and all who this day need our prayers, [especially . . .], that their prayers may be soon answered and that they be supported by God's people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We pray that our lives be offerings of the best that we have and are in response to the great offering of our Lord Jesus for us on the cross and that what we give of our time, talent, and treasure for the work of the Lord bring blessing to many. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, since You have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to You and have promised that when two or three are gathered in Your name You will give ear to their requests, fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Your servants, as may be best for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**      *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**All**      **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.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

**P**      Let us bless the Lord.

**C**      **Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P**      The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**C**      **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## SENDING HYMN

*When Peace, like a River*

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1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

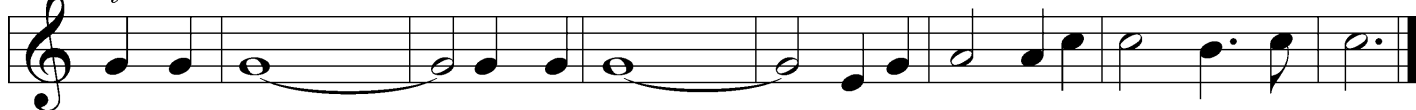


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

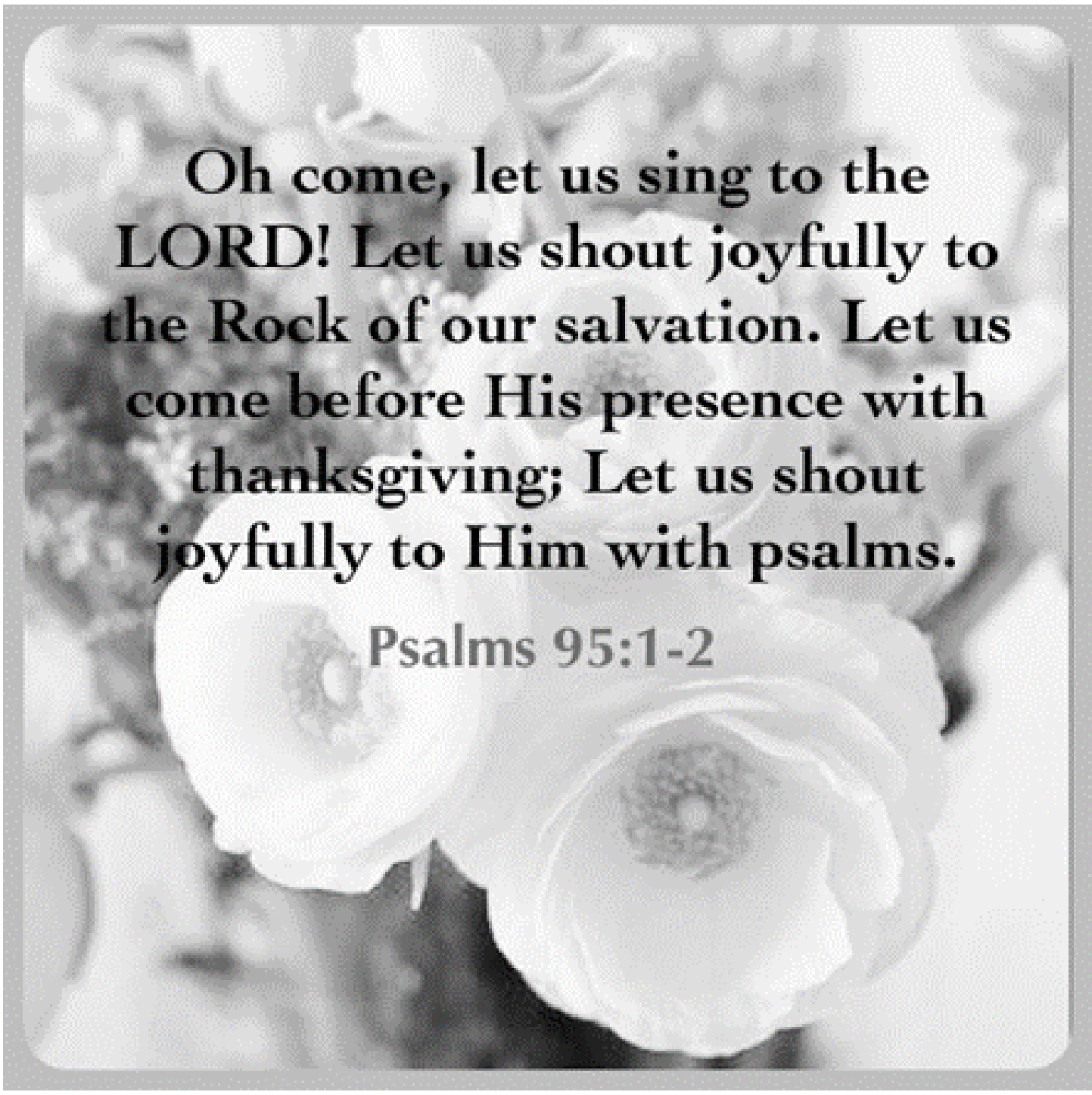
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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE



**Oh come, let us sing to the  
LORD! Let us shout joyfully to  
the Rock of our salvation. Let us  
come before His presence with  
thanksgiving; Let us shout  
joyfully to Him with psalms.**

**Psalms 95:1-2**



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

*Portals of Prayer April to June 2023 are available in the Narthex or office.*

*Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Goetz will be leading the class.*

## *March Activities*

*March 15th - Mid-week 4 Lenten Service  
5:00 p.m. Soup Supper  
6:00 p.m. Lenten Service*

*March 21st - Men's Steak Night Dinner/Bible Study  
@ 6:00 p.m.*

*March 22nd - Mid-week 5 Lenten Service  
5:00 p.m. Soup Supper  
6:00 p.m. Lenten Service*

*March 25th - Christian Mariachi Fest  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Social Hall  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. live Mariachi music*

*March 28th - Ladies' Potluck Dinner/Bible Study  
@ 6:00p.m.*

*March 29th - Mid-week 6 Lenten Service  
5:00 p.m. Soup Supper  
6:00 p.m. Lenten Service*



**CHRISTIAN MARIACHIFEST  
SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH  
11:30AM-1:30PM**

# **Mariachi Xochipilli**



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***Come and enjoy great Christian and Traditional Mariachi music!  
Mexican food, refreshments, games for the whole family!  
A courtyard prayer garden to lift up petitions to God!***

***Bring a friend!***

Mariachifest fundraiser match:

To cover the cost of the mariachi group on March 25th,  
Glenn Weibel will match up to \$450 of donations.

Thank you for your support!

# MEMORY VERSE for the Week

**This week's memory verse:    1 John 2:2**

*He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Spring Break

(Reminder: Drive carefully as school children are out and about from March 13th through 17th.)



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| <b>3/1/2023</b>          |                  |
| <b>Mid-week 2 Lenten</b> |                  |
| <b>Service</b>           | <b>35</b>        |
| Plate:                   | \$ 286.00        |
| Envelopes:               | \$ 97.00         |
| Donations:               |                  |
| <b>Total:</b>            | <b>\$ 383.00</b> |

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| <b>3/5/2023</b>        |                    |
| <b>Sunday Worship</b>  | <b>80</b>          |
| Plate                  | \$ 700.00          |
| Envelopes              | \$ 1,008.00        |
| Donation:              |                    |
| On-line                | \$ 500.00          |
| <b>Total:</b>          | <b>\$ 2,208.00</b> |
| <b>Bible Class: 23</b> | <b>\$ 17.00</b>    |

***Fourth Sunday in Lent***  
***Readings:***

*Isaiah 42:14-21*  
*Psalm 142*  
*Ephesians 5:8-14*  
*John 9:1-41 or*  
*John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39*

## **We Worship the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Spirit and Truth of His Gospel**

Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, “all the congregation of the people of Israel” grumbled against Him because “there was no water for the people to drink” (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at “about the sixth hour” (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is “the gift of God” (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people “a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we “worship the Father in spirit and truth” (John 4:23). “We rejoice in hope of the glory of God” because “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Rom. 5:2, 5).

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|                  | <b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b> |          |
|                  | <b>March Sunday Servants</b>              |          |
| Elder:           | Dan Wehling                               |          |
| Altar Guild:     | Donna Jackson/Lorri Marchant              |          |
| Music:           | Doris Pickering                           |          |
| <b>This Week</b> | Third Sunday in Lent                      |          |
| Usher:           | Ken Eilers                                |          |
| Sunday:          | Worship Service                           | 9:00 am  |
|                  | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study         | 10:30 am |
| <b>Next Week</b> | Fourth Sunday in Lent                     |          |
| Usher:           | Don Vogel                                 |          |
| Sunday:          | Holy Communion Worship Service            | 9:00 am  |
|                  | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study         | 10:30 am |