

**THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT**

MARCH 3, 2024

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Missouri Synod



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Sunday

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 AM

Adult Bible Class

Sunday School

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

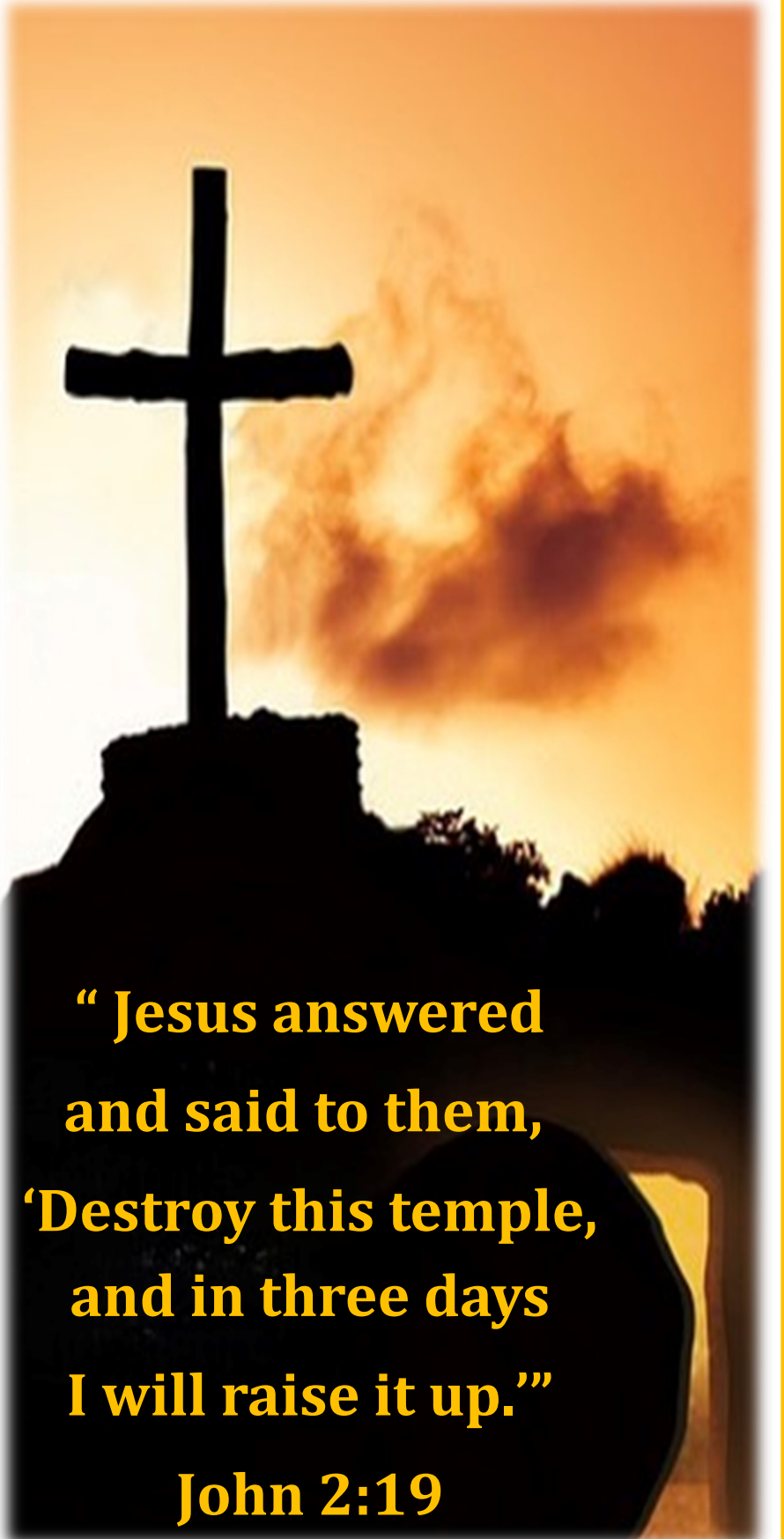
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**“ Jesus answered
and said to them,
‘Destroy this temple,
and in three days
I will raise it up.’”**

John 2:19

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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.

This 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 - Lord Jesus Christ, in righteousness You disrupted the sinful lives of those in the temple, pointing them to the purpose of Your Father's house. Disrupt my sinful life so that my church would be a home of prayer for all the nations; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - We focus our attention on Christ crucified. The apostle Paul tells us that this is a stumbling block and foolishness to some people. Yet Paul also reminds us that for us who are being saved, Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God. We may face people in our lives who view us as foolish. God in His wisdom sent Jesus to die for you.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

OPENING HYMN*To Your Temple, Lord, I Come***LSB 981 vs. 1-6**

1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it
 2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through
 3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my
 4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of



is my wor - ship home. This earth has no
 Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,
 lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful
 love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your



bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.
 give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
 soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.
 Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.

- 5 While I listen to Your Law,
 Fill my soul with humble awe
 Till Your Gospel bring to me
 Life and immortality.
- 6 While Your ministers proclaim
 Peace and pardon in Your name,
 Through their voice, by faith, may I
 Hear You speaking from the sky.

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*Please stand***INVOCATION**

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

C **Amen.*****(CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE)***

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 69:14–16; antiphon: v. 9*

P Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

C Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink; let me be delivered from those who hate me, and out of the deep waters.

P Let not the floodwater overflow me, nor let the deep swallow me up; and let not the pit shut its mouth on me.

C Hear me, O Lord, for Your lovingkindness is good; turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.

P Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

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 20:1-17*

(God offers ten words for the people He delivered from Egypt.)

1 And God spoke all these words, saying:

2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

7 "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for
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the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

13 "You shall not murder.

14 "You shall not commit adultery.

15 "You shall not steal.

16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 19; antiphon: v. 8*

P The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

C The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.

P Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.

C There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

P Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

C Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

P Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other

end; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

C The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

P The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

C The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

P More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

C Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.

P Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults.

C Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression.

P Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

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 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:18–31*

(We preach Christ crucified.)

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing
The understanding of the prudent.”

20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews

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a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence. 30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— 31 that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL *John 2:13–22 (23-25)*
(Jesus cleanses the temple.)

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

13 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers’ money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, “Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise!” 17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.”

18 So the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?”

19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. 22 Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Built on the Rock

LSB 645



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



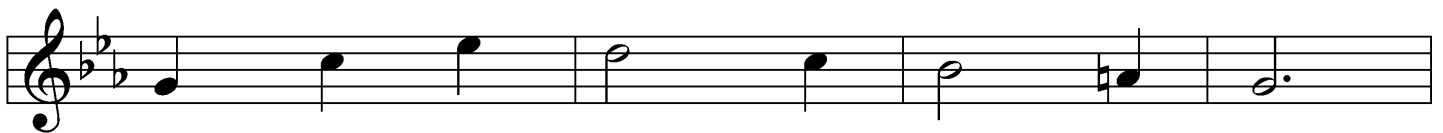
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
Choo - es to live with us in love,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men.”

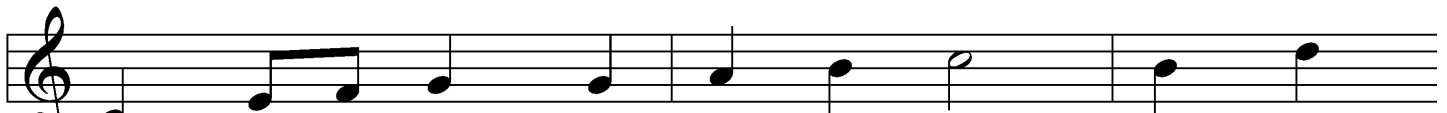
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SERMON *“Jesus’ Temple - Destroyed and Raised for Us!”*
 (John 2:18-22)

OFFERING

Please stand

OFFERTORY *To Your Temple, Lord, I Come* **LSB 981 vs.7**



7 From Your house when I re - turn, May my



heart with - in me burn, And at eve - ning



let me say, “I have walked with God to - day.”

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SHARING OF THE PEACE *“Peace be with you”* (John 20:21)
 (Sharing through ASL (American Sign Language))

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P On our hearts imprint Your image,

C **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, lead Your church on earth to be a house of prayer for all the nations. Disrupt our petty preferences and cultural bias so that we might welcome people from every nation, language, and background. On our hearts imprint Your image,

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C blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P Lord Jesus Christ, as You delivered the people out of slavery in Egypt and taught them how to live as Your people, so teach us to live according to Your righteous instructions so that we may live peacefully with You and our neighbors. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P Lord Jesus Christ, You are well acquainted with grief and death. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [especially . . .]. Point them to the hope that in Your Father's house are many rooms and that You have gone to prepare a place for us. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for all those struggling with relationship issues, whether in friendships, family dynamics, marital struggles, or relationships within the church. We pray that You would bring repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation in the midst of such struggle. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P Lord Jesus Christ, send Your strength to all missionaries, [especially . . .]. Embolden them to preach the power of Your cross. Encourage them in their service by the same message they proclaim that You have died and are risen for us and our salvation. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your good and gracious will. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

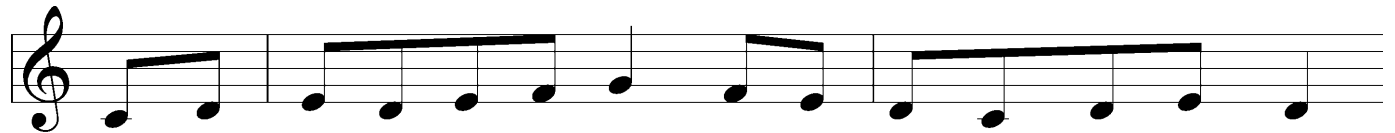
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal Feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

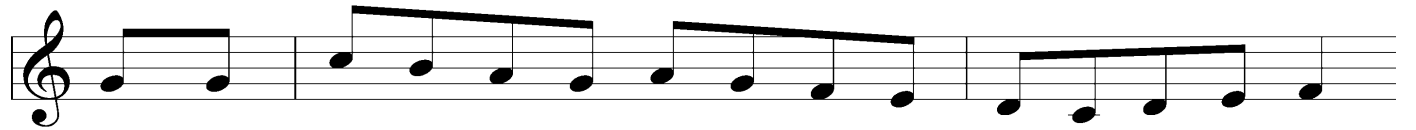
SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

C 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

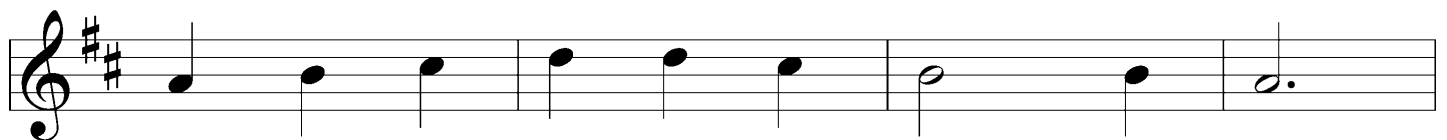
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

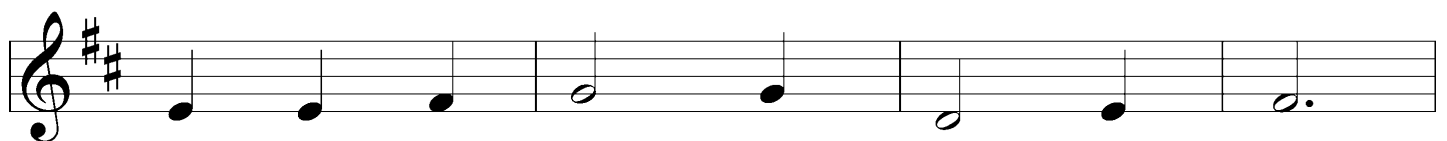
AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please sit

SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN *Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared* **LSB 622**

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to

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You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.



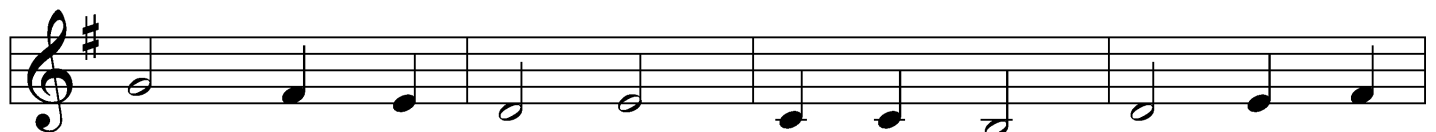
2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence
hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent
Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.
and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are



and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;

Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

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Please stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the

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glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

2 All glory to the Father,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit,
 Forever Three in One;
 For as in the beginning,
 Is now, shall ever be,
 God's triune name resounding
 Through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

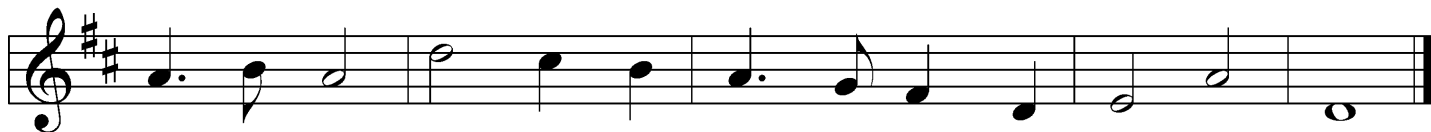
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1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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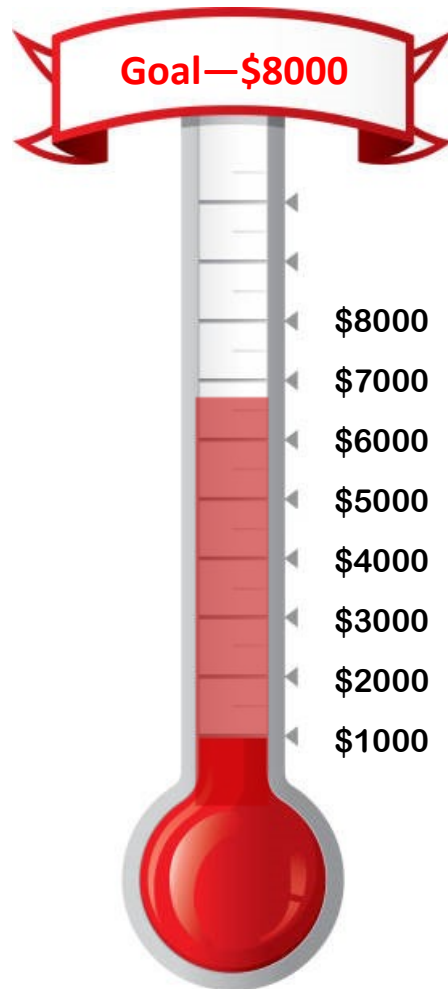
DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Bunk Bed Fundraiser



14 bunk beds	\$2,331.12
28 mattresses	\$2,652.00
28 mattress protectors	\$493.82
2 sleeper sofas	\$579.98
14 double door lockers	\$1,641.92
<u>2 single door lockers</u>	<u>\$226.06</u>

Total cost:	\$7,924.90
<u>Raised to date:</u>	<u>-\$6,750.00</u>

Amount to reach goal: \$1,174.90

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for January to March 2024 are available in the Narthex or office.

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

March Activities

***Youth Confirmation Class
Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in Social Hall***

***Mid-week Lent Service
Wednesday, March 6th
5:00 p.m. Soup Supper
6:00 p.m. Service***

***Daylight Saving Time Begins
next Sunday, March 10th (Spring Forward)
Set your clocks 1 hour ahead, Saturday before you go to bed.***

***Men's Steak Dinner/Bible Study
Thursday, March 21, 2024 @6:00 p.m.***

***Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and Rodeo
March 7 - 17, 2024***

***Immanuel Lutheran School
Spring Break: March 11-15
Easter Break
Good Friday, March 29
Easter Monday, April 1***

Memory Verse Challenge

*This week's memory verse: **1 Peter 5:8-9***

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.

2/21/2024

Mid-Week 2 Lent Service 28

Plate: \$ 117.00

Envelopes: \$ 120.00

Memorial:

Donation:

Total: \$ 237.00

The Crucified and Risen Body of Jesus Is the True Temple of the Lord

The Lord rescues His people, Israel, “out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Ex. 20:2) and makes His gracious covenant with them, defined by the Ten Commandments. Since He has become their God by His grace, they shall be His people, having “no other gods” before Him (Ex. 20:3). He is “jealous” for them as a husband for his wife and as a father for his children. He has named them with His name and called them to rest in Him (Ex. 20:5–9). The incarnate Son, Christ Jesus, is likewise jealous for His Father’s house, because it is to be a place of divine grace and Sabbath rest for His people, and not “a house of trade” (John 2:16–17). His zeal consumes Him as He gives up “the temple of his body” to the destruction of the cross, but in three days He raises it up again to be the true temple forever (John 2:17–21). By His crucifixion He cleanses the entire household, and in His resurrection He becomes “wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (1 Cor. 1:30).

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Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
March Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Dan Wehling	
Altar Guild:	Suzanne Wehling/Rose Ann Cisneros/Maribel Perez	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Third Sunday in Lent	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Fourth Sunday in Lent	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
24	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am