

**FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT**

APRIL 3, 2022

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
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Missouri Synod



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Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

**Adult Bible Class &
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday**

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Office Hrs, M-F

8 am to 12 pm

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and be found in Him,
not having my own
righteousness, which
is from the law, but
that which is through
faith in Christ, the
righteousness which
is from God by faith;
Philippians 3:9 NKJV

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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 - O almighty God, Your authority is great, but You exercise Your authority by showing mercy to me a sinner and forgive my sins for the sake of Your Son. Grant that I may know with joy Your grace and respond with a thankful heart before the day when Your mercy will cease and the day of judgment has come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, I pray. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - With the promise of mercy comes the warning of judgment. That is the message we have heard throughout this season of Lent. In the parable Jesus spoke, the mercy of God is lavish and entirely too generous to be reasonable. God is relentless in His pursuit of us, but those who reject His mercy are condemned to stand alone before the judgment seat. The promise and a warning go together

and will always go together until the saving work of God is complete and we live in His presence on high forevermore.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

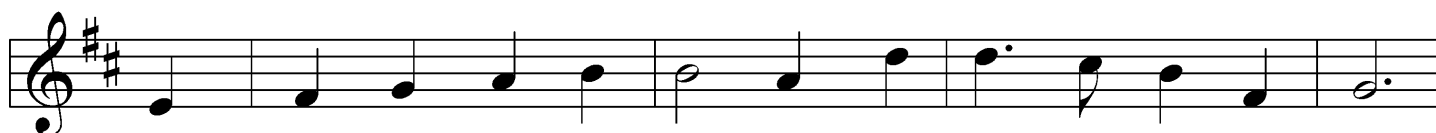
OPENING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* **LSB 644**



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

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5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

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 Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and**

C And with your spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness, mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

P This is the last Sunday before we enter Holy Week. On this day, we hear the warning of the Lord against those who refuse His mercy as well as the promise that those who trust in Him will never be forsaken. Isaiah gives us the promise of a new thing that the people God has formed to be His own might declare His praise forever. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul urges us to press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God. In the Gospel, the Lord tells another parable in which He warns that the same cornerstone that holds up the house of God's mercy will become the stone that crushes those who reject it.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43:16–21*

(Behold, I am doing a new thing!)

16 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea and a path through the mighty waters, 17 Who brings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; they are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick):

18 “Do not remember the former things, nor consider the

things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The beast of the field will honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches, because I give waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen. 21 This people I have formed for Myself; they shall declare My praise.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 126; antiphon v. 3*

(Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.)

P The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.

C When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream.

P Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

C The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.

P Bring back our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the South.

C Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.

P He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

P The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.

EPISTLE *Philippians 3:1-14*

(Press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God.)

1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.

2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the

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mutilation! 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, 4 though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. 7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 20:9-20

(The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You , O Lord.

9 Then He began to tell the people this parable: “A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. 10 Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. 12 And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out.

13 “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.’ 14 But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.’ 15 So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others.” And when they heard it they said, “Certainly not!” 17 Then He looked at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone’?

18 Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whom-ever it falls, it will grind him to powder.” 19 And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people—for they knew He had spoken this parable against them.

20 So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be



Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us nev - er.
Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For man, the vile of - fend - er.
That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And by their works gain heav - en.



Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
Our flesh has not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
The Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.

- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

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SERMON

"Fake vs. Real Righteousness"

(Philippians 3:9)

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555 vs.10



10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

(John 20:21)

[using ASL (American Sign Language)]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Come, let us offer to the Lord the prayers of our heart,
trusting in His mercy to supply all things needful for this
body and life and for eternal life.

Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we not reject Christ
the cornerstone but build on Him our hopes of salvation.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we hear the voice of
Your Word, heed the call of the prophets, and faithfully
proclaim this Gospel to all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that all our leaders guide us according to Your Word in the cause of justice and for the provision of the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ our Savior, and show forth in our lives the good works You desire. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we find refuge in Your healing wounds. [Hear us especially for . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we acknowledge Your goodness and use well all the resources You have supplied us so that Your name be glorified. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we who approach the Table of Your Son be worthy in faith to receive His body and blood, bear the fruits of repentance in our daily lives, and live in unity of faith and godly concord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

P Give us grace, heavenly Father, to confess You before the world and at the last to rest our hope upon the promise of the resurrection when we shall dwell together with all the saints, in light and life forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

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.

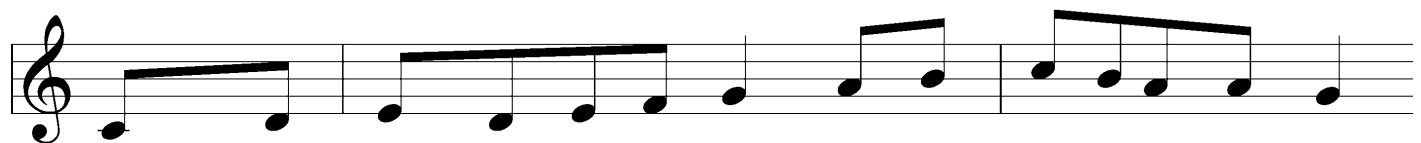
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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



C 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;



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.**

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."

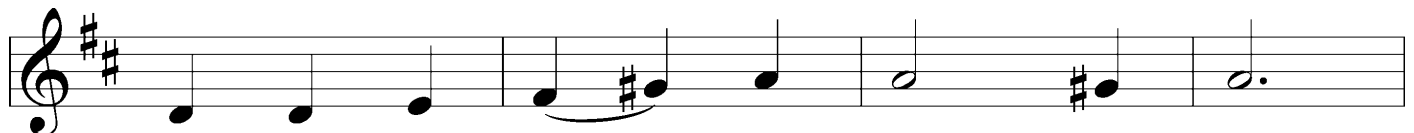
P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI


P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.


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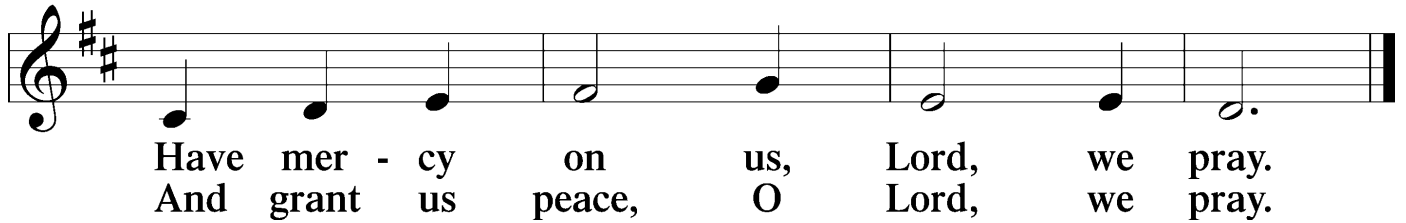
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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,

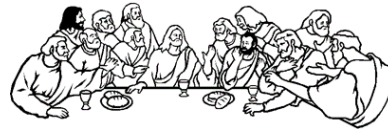


Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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.



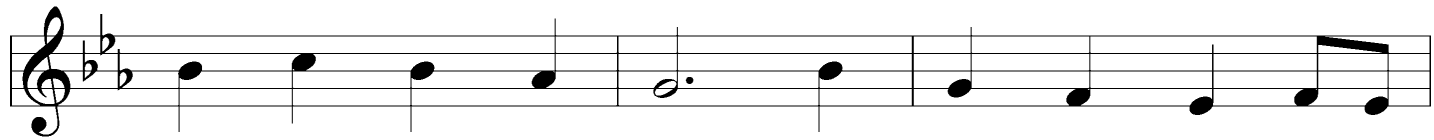
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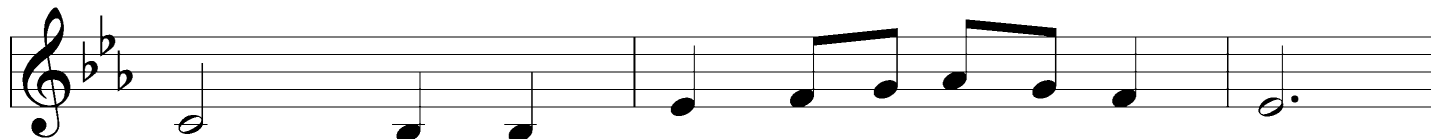
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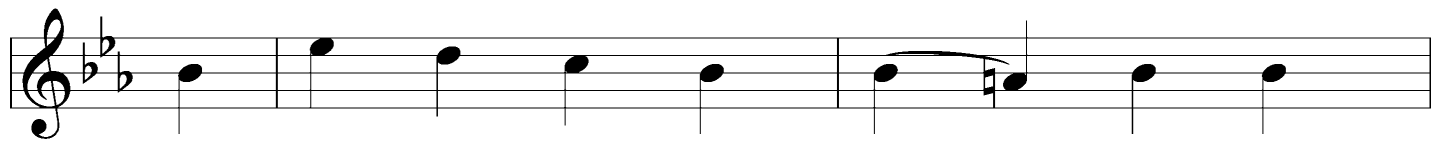
1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



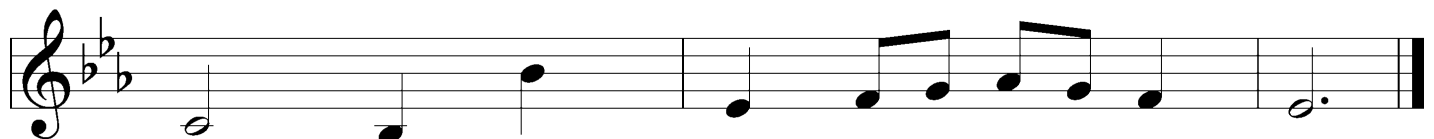
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, King of glory,

and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* **LSB 411**



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



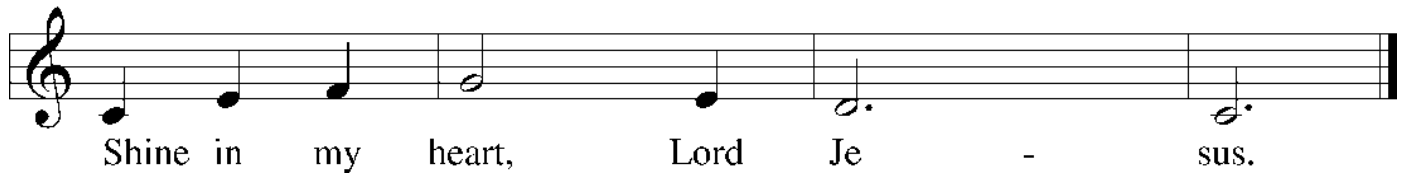
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL **Science Day**

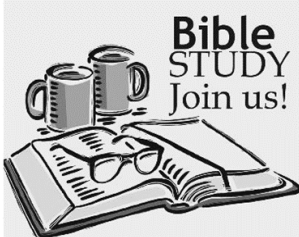
Friday, April 8th, during SCHOOL HOURS (9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.)

Drop in and view the students' work
(We will appreciate your support for us and our school)

From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer

January to March 2022 are available in the Narthex or office.



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

Rev. Goetz is leading the class.

Mid-week 6, Wednesday, April 6th

"Mockers at Calvary" (Mark 15:29-32)

Soup Supper @ 5:00 p.m. Service @ 6:00 p.m. by Rev. Goetz

Holy Week Services:

April 10 Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) 9:00 a.m.

April 14 Maundy Thursday (Holy Communion) 6:00 p.m.

April 15 Good Friday 6:00 p.m.

April 17 The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday) Services:

Sunrise Service: 7:30 a.m.

followed by breakfast @ 8:00 a.m.

Easter Festival Service: 9:00 a.m.

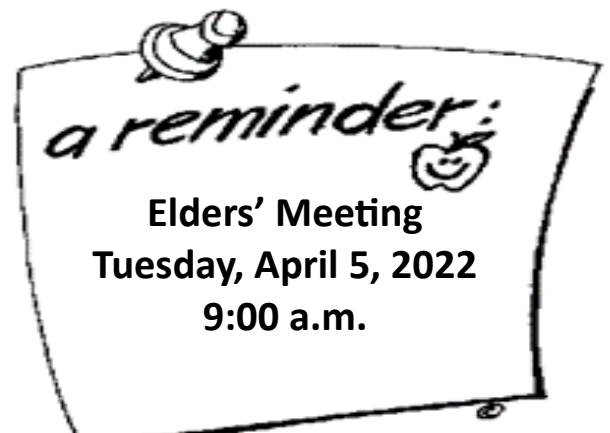
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Mid-Week 6 Service 32

Plate: \$ 117.00

Envelopes: \$ 110.00

Total: \$ 227.00



God's Beloved Son Has Redeemed Us

Our life and works apart from Christ, no matter how they may glitter to the eyes of the world, are ultimately rubbish and have no righteousness. Rather, in the scandalous cross of Jesus, we find our righteousness alone “through faith in Christ” (Phil. 3:9). By such faith, we “know him and the power of his resurrection” (Phil. 3:10). For the same God who brought Israel out of Egypt has done a “new thing” for us in Christ Jesus (Is. 43:19). He has sent His beloved Son into His vineyard to be killed by sinful men and to become “the stone that the builders rejected.” Yet, the One rejected by men “has become the cornerstone” of His Church (Luke 20:17). Through the waters of Holy Baptism, He provides us daily refreshment in our earthly pilgrimage, “a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert” (Is. 43:19).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	April Sunday Servants	
Elder:	Ken Eilers	
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	<i>Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)</i>	
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