

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2026

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CHURCH**

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Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Worship Service

10:30 A.M.

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**Abraham
believed
God
it was accounted
to him
for righteousness**

Romans 4:3



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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.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10;1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32).

Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17-34.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Lord God, heavenly Father, You promised Abraham that he would become the father of many nations. Grant to me that I may see in Jesus the fulfillment of Your promise and covenant, with Your holy church, sealed in His blood on the cross. Thank you for the righteousness you have given me through faith in Christ, my Savior; in the holy name of Jesus, who with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God and one Lord, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - "Born again" has become a catch phrase in our age. It is not merely that Jesus says one must be born again but born from above. This new birth happens not from human will or desire but solely from the love and act of God working by the Spirit. Baptismal water is the womb through which we are born again and born from above to the life that death cannot overcome and is eternal. As we make our way through Lent, we are constantly reminded of the truth of Luther's explanation: we cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Christ, our Lord, or come to Him. The Spirit calls us to the font, gathers the baptized around His Word and Table, delivers us from the darkness of unbelief, and makes holy those who belong to the Lord. Thanks be to God!

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566 vs. 1-4



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.

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3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

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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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and
confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the
name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

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 115:11-13, 18; antiphon, Psalm 25:6

P Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, for they are from of old.

C You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield.

P The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.

C He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great.

P But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

C Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, for they are from of old.

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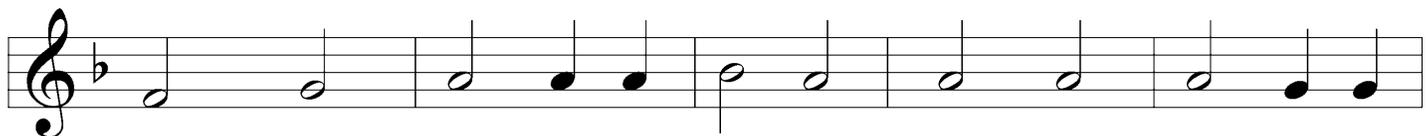


C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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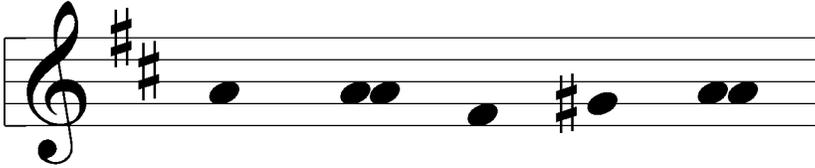


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

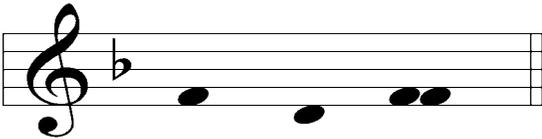
SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

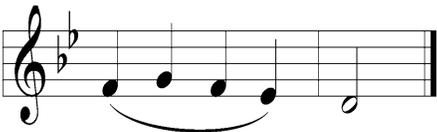


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 12:1-9*

(God's call to Abraham and His promise that Abraham would become the father of a great nation)

1 Now the Lord had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you.

2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make

your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

4 So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. 6 Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land.

7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. 9 So Abram journeyed going on still toward the South.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 121; antiphon: v. 8*

P The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.

C I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help?

P My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

C He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

P Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

C The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

P The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

C The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.

P The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.

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1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not Perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, 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.

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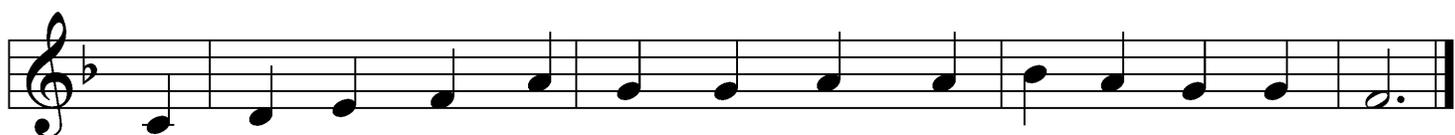
HYMN OF THE DAY

Not What These Hands Have Done

LSB 567



1 Not what these hands have done Can save this guilt - y soul;
 2 Not what I feel or do Can give me peace with God;
 3 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin;
 4 Thy love to me, O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,



Not what this toil - ing flesh has borne Can make my spir - it whole.
 Not all my prayers and sighs and tears Can bear my aw - ful load.
 Thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, Can give me peace with - in.
 Can rid me of this dark un - rest And set my spir - it free.

- 5 Thy grace alone, O God,
 To me can pardon speak;
 Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,
 Can this sore bondage break.
- 6 I bless the Christ of God,
 I rest on love divine,
 And with unfalt'ring lip and heart

I call this Savior mine.

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SERMON

“The most blessed accounting!”

Romans 4:1-8

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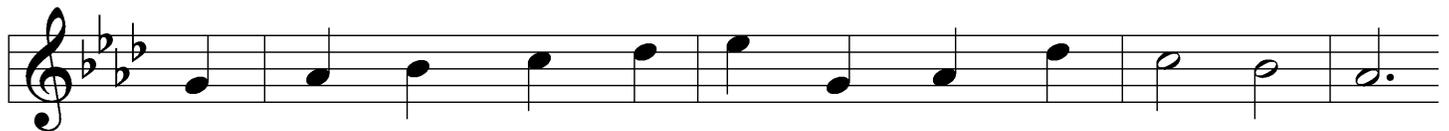
OFFERTORY

The God of Abraham Praise

LSB 798 vs. 1,3,4,9



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.
△ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.
“Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!” They ev - er cry.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore
Hail, A-br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

“Peace be with you”

[American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us come before the throne of God's grace in the name of Jesus and bid Him on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

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For grace that with Abraham our father, we trust in the Lord for all things and this faith be counted unto us as righteousness, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace to trust in our Baptism from above and for the Spirit to enable us to show forth the fruits of this new life in words and works all the days of our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace to enjoy a good government and good leaders who do what is good and right and honorable in the sight of the Lord and for the pursuit of peace among the people in our land and across the world, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace to proclaim with courage the Good News of our Lord's death and resurrection and for the Spirit to open the hearts of those who hear that they might believe in Him whom the Father has sent, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace upon every pastor and church worker that they faithfully fulfill their vocations and for the Lord to raise up many who will follow them into the Lord's service, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace to provide for the widow and the fatherless, the single and the married, the sick and those who suffer, the grieving and the dying, [especially . . .], that in their need they know the comfort of God's presence and have confidence in His mercy to supply all that they need for this life and for eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

P For grace to receive with ready hearts and in repentance all the blessings of this Holy Communion and that the body and blood of our Lord be kept in holy hearts and lives until we receive the heavenly food on high, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace to enjoy the good fruits of the earth with thankful hearts, for grace to be generous with those in need, and for grace to love our neighbors as ourselves, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Remembering faithful Abraham who was counted righteous by faith and giving thanks for those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, we pray You to bring us at last with them into the place of eternal light and life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

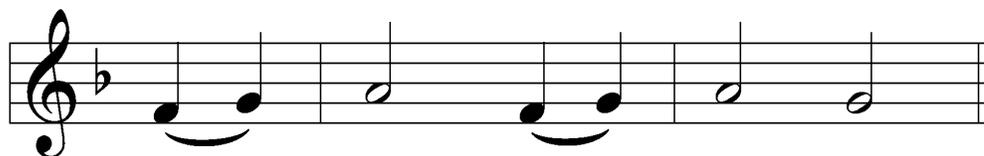
C Lord, have mercy. Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE



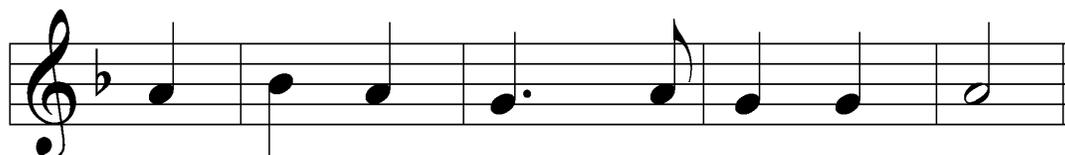
P The Lord be with you.



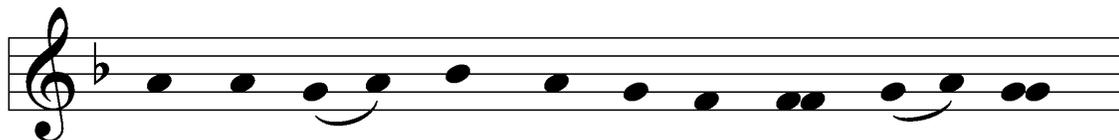
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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



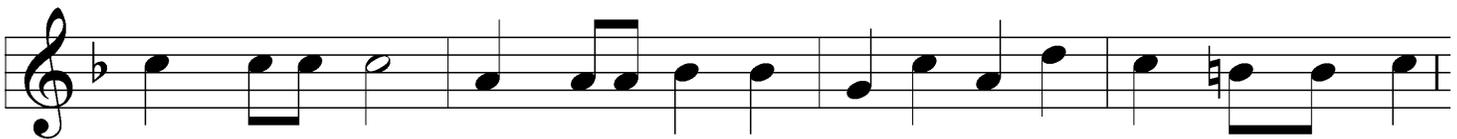
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



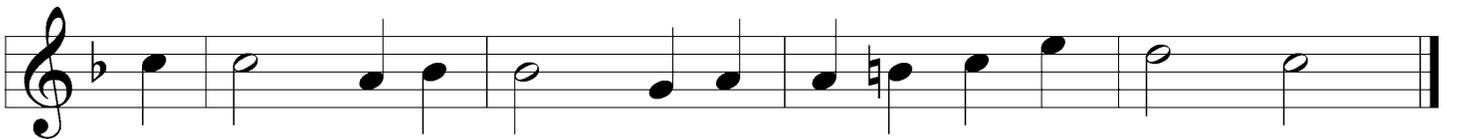
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 for give us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



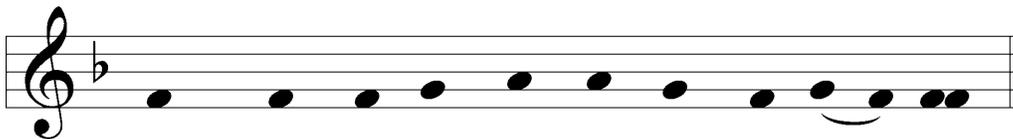
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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."

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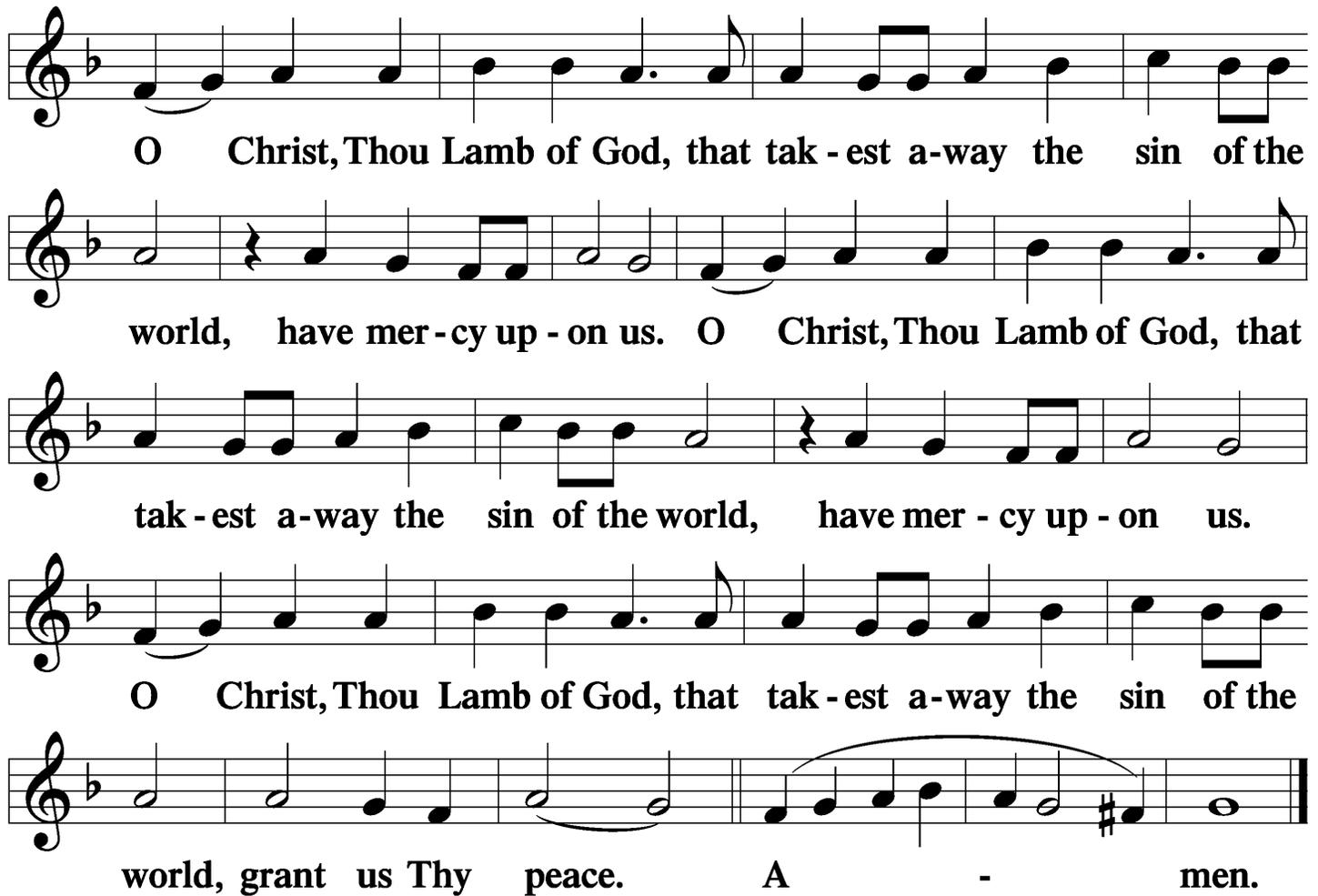


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please sit

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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 vs.1,4-8



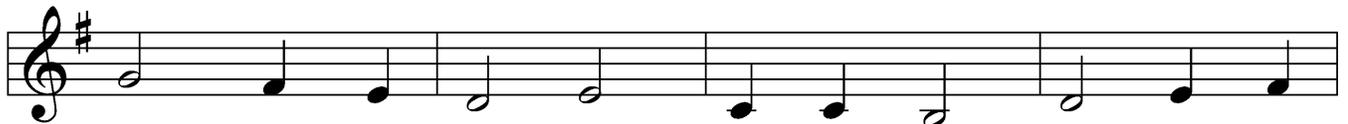
1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious
 5 Though rea - son can - not un - der - stand, Yet faith this
 6 Lord, I be - lieve what You have said; Help me when



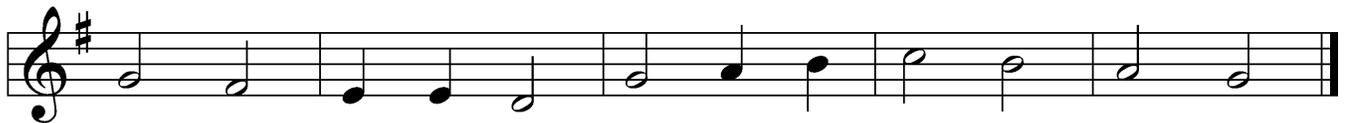
our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y
 truth em - brac - es: Your bod - y, Lord, is
 doubts as - sail me. Re - mem - ber that I



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.
 e - ven now At once in man - y plac - es.
 am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are
 I leave to You how this can be; Your Word a -
 Your sup - per in this vale of tears Re - fresh - es



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
 pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.
 lone suf - fic - es me; I trust its truth un - fail - ing.
 me and stills my fears And is my price - less trea - sure.

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.

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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.

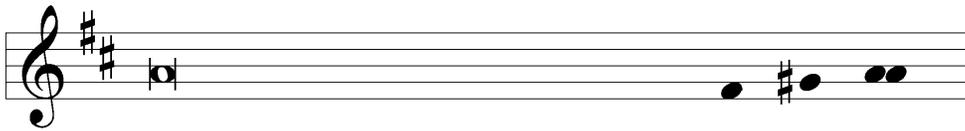
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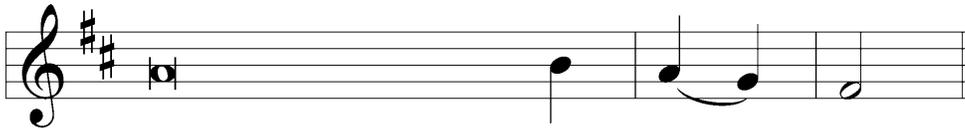
NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



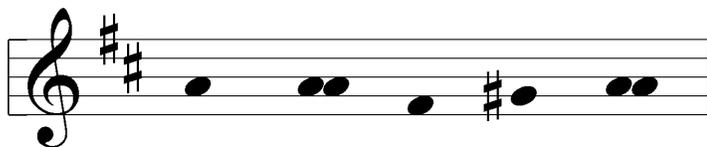
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

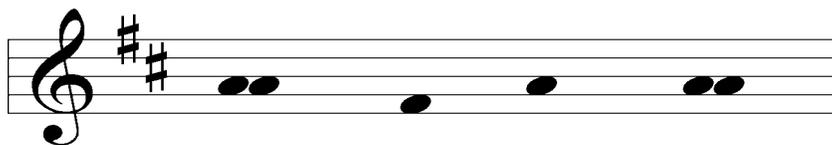
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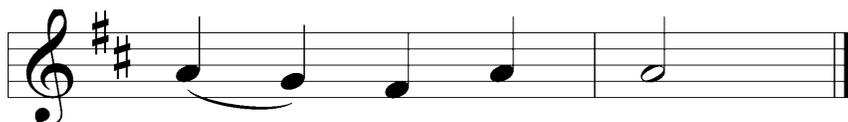
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



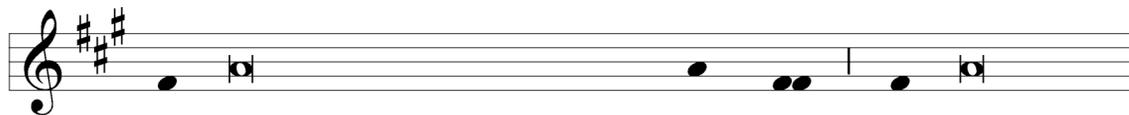
A Bless we the Lord.



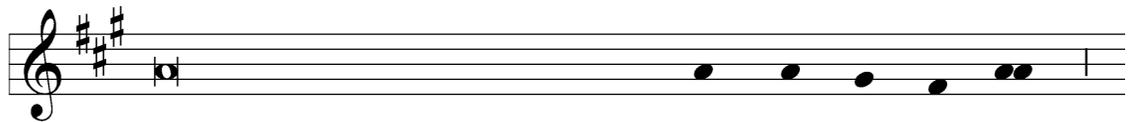
C Thanks be to God.

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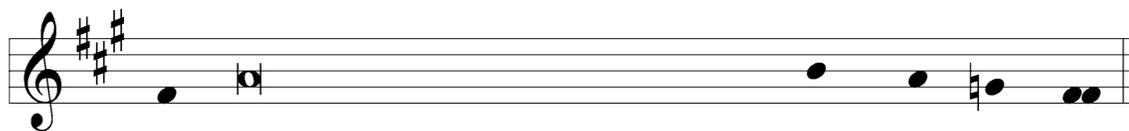
BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Please sit

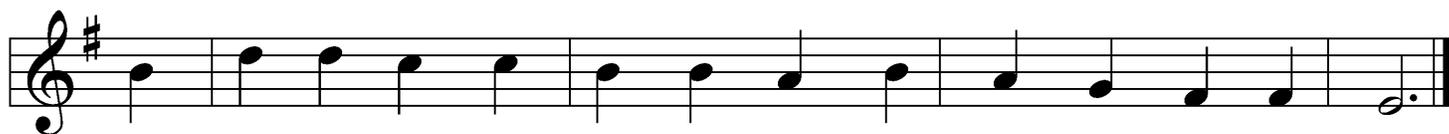
SENDING HYMN

O Perfect Life of Love

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1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,
2 No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;
3 No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;
4 And on His thorn - crowned head And on His sin - less soul



All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.
His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.
All forms of hu - man grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.

- 5 In perfect love He dies;
For me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice,
I cling by faith to Thee.
- 6 In ev'ry time of need,
Before the judgment throne,

Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
Thy merits, not mine own.

7 Yet work, O Lord, in me
As Thou for me hast wrought;
And let my love the answer be
To grace Thy love has brought.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Sermon Notes

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MARCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- > Portals of Prayer for January to March 2026 are available in the Narthex or office.
- > Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Goetz is leading the class.
- > Plastic bottle caps and can tabs ARE still being collected.
- > Family Confirmation Class - Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
- > Adult Confirmation Class - Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- > Immanuel Lutheran School Yard Sale: Saturday, March 7th from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the school playground.

No drop-off donations will be accepted.

If you have items you would like to sell; you will be responsible for those items.

A table and 1 or 2 chairs will be provided for you.

- > Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 a.m.
Spring forward your clock one (1) hour!!!
Don't forget to change your clock before you go to bed.

Mid-Week Lenten Services

[Sign-up sheet (for soup) is on the kitchen counter as you walk in.]

- > Mid-week 3 Lenten Service: Wednesday, March 4th
Soup Supper @ 5:00 p.m.
Worship Service @ 6:00 p.m.
- > Mid-week 4 Lenten Service: Wednesday, March 11th
Soup Supper @ 5:00 p.m.
Worship Service @ 6:00 p.m.
- > Mid-week 5 Lenten Service: Wednesday, March 18th
Soup Supper @ 5:00 p.m.
Worship Service @ 6:00 p.m.
- > Mid-week 6 Lenten Service: Wednesday, March 25th
Soup Supper @ 5:00 p.m.
Worship Service @ 6:00 p.m.

Holy Week Services

- > Palm Sunday Service - March 29th at 9:00 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 10:30 with Rev. Goetz.
 - > Maundy Thursday Service - April 2nd at 6:00 p.m.
(Holy Communion will be served.)
 - > Good Friday Service - April 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Budgeted Need YTD:	\$ 40,324
Actual Giving YTD:	\$ 32,314
Over/(Shortfall YTD:	(\$ 8,010)
Budgeted Need Weekly:	\$4,480
For Church Balances, see Treasurer Reports	

2/18/2026	
Ash Wednesday Worship	70
Plate:	\$ 1,398.00
Envelopes: Lenten	\$ 385.00
Online/Tithely	
Total:	\$ 1,783.00

2/22/2026	
Sunday Worship	77
Plate:	\$ 893.00
Envelopes:	\$ 2,415.00
On-Line/Tithely	
Memorial: Mildred Twenhafel	\$ 60.00
Total:	\$ 3,368.00
Bible Class: 30	\$ 21.00

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 95:1-9
 Romans 5:1-8
 John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

The Word of the Gospel Opens the Eyes of Faith and Fixes Them on Christ Jesus

The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram “a great nation,” to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to “all the families of the earth” (Gen. 12:2–3). “Abram went, as the Lord had told him” (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan “he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord” (Gen. 12:8). He “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness” (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He “justifies the ungodly” (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord’s promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which “gives life to the dead” (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, “that whoever believes in him may have eternal life” (John 3:14–15).

Memory Verse Challenge: 1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	March Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Bob Burnison	
Altar Guild:	S Wehling/R Cisneros/M Perez/Cheyenne Zink	
Music:	Doris Pickering/Pam Terral	
This Week	Second Sunday in Lent	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Third Sunday in Lent	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am