

MID-WEEK 2
LENTEN SERVICE

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9:00 AM

Adult Bible Class
Sunday School

10:30 am

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Every Sunday

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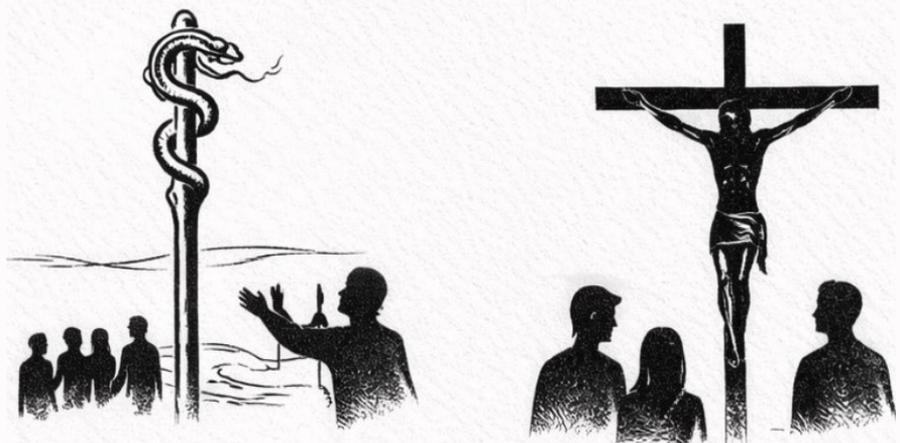
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8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Jesus' Personal Passion Prophecies...



“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 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.”

John 3:14-16

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors here today. 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.

AS WE GATHER We pray, but at times God seems distant. Today we hear the Good News that God has come down to us as Jesus, who calls Himself "I AM," the name Moses was to use. Jesus is God, in whom all of God dwells bodily, Paul writes. In His Son, our heavenly Father made lavish promises: to Abraham, "In you shall all the nations be blessed" (Galatians 3:8), and to us, who belong to Christ, "If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise" (Galatians 3:29). God has revealed Himself in our Savior, Jesus, by His wondrous love.

PRELUDE *(A Quiet Time for Prayer and Meditation)*

OPENING HYMN *Go to Dark Gethsemane* **LSB 436**



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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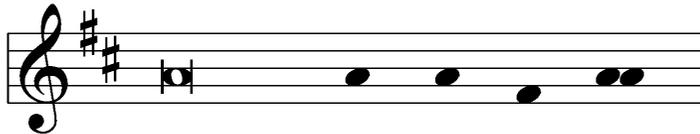
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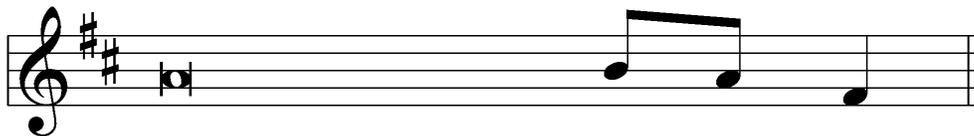
P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C Amen.

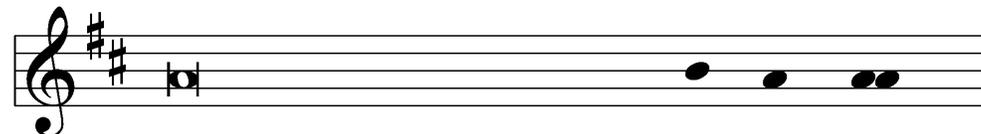
RESPONSE



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



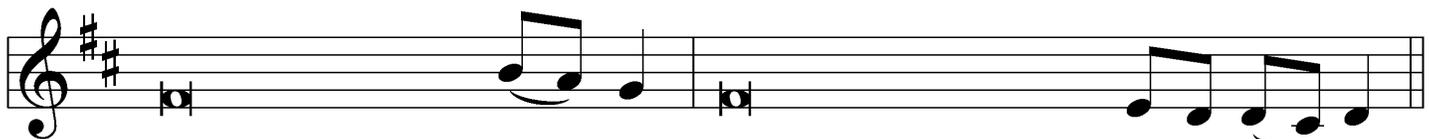
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



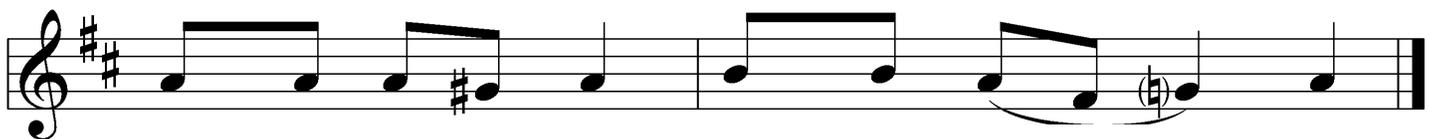
C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Lamb of our sal—va—tion.

PSALM *Psalm 95*

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

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

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

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

P The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.

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

P 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:

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

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

C **For forty years I was grieved with that generation, and said, ‘It is a people who go astray in their hearts, and they do not know My ways.’**

P So I swore in My wrath, “They shall not enter My rest.” ”

Please sit

FIRST READING *John 3:13-21*

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.

18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN *When in the Hour of Deepest Need* **LSB 615 vs.1-5**



1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's



where to look for aid; When days and nights of
meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful
cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -



anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.

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4 And so we come, O God, today
And all our woes before You lay;
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,
Perplexed by fears on ev'ry hand.

5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.

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Harmony of the Gospels Reading of the Passion and Death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Mark 14:43-44;

John 18:4-9; Luke 22:47; Matthew 26:49-50a; Luke 22:48; Matthew 26:50b;
Luke 22:49; John 18:10-11a; Matthew 26:53; John 18:11b; Matthew 26:54;
Luke 22:51-53; Mark 14:49b; Matthew 26:56; Mark 14:51-52

43 And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. 44 Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him and lead Him away safely."

4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"

5 They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. 6 Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

7 Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?"

And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

8 Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way," 9 that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none."

47 And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him.

49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and

kissed Him.

50 But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?"

48 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

50 Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

49 When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"

10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath.

53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?

11 Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

54 How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"

51 But Jesus answered and said, "Permit even this." And He touched his ear and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? 53 When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

49 But the Scriptures must be fulfilled."

56 But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."

Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

51 Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him, 52 and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.
 strength se - cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?

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SERMON

“...Connect with Old Testament Prophecies”

John 3:14-15

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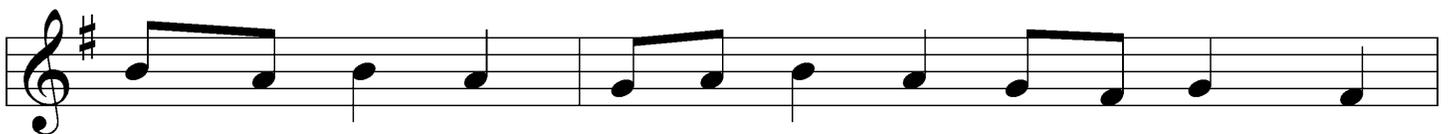
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Jesus, Lead Thou On

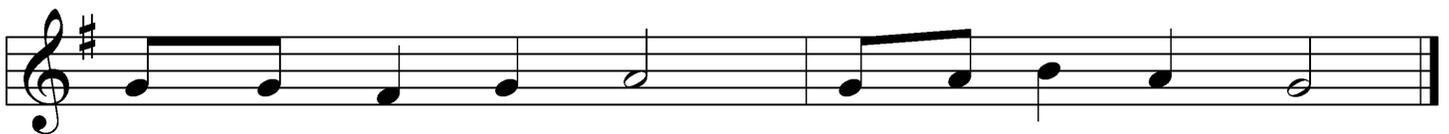
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1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al - though the
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.
 fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
 still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.
 For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

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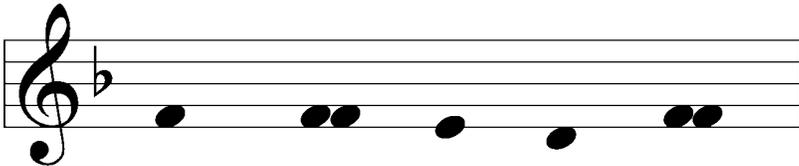


☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

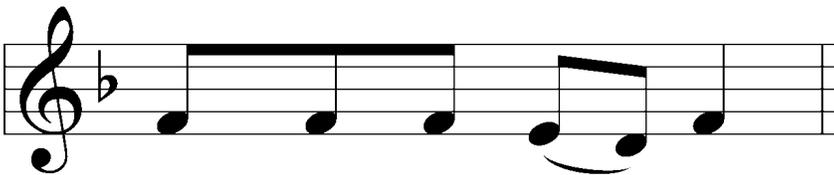
LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECTS



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

COLLECT 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.

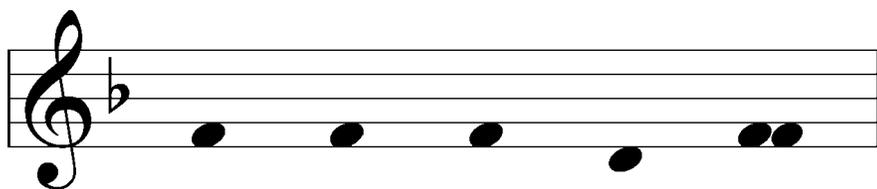
C Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

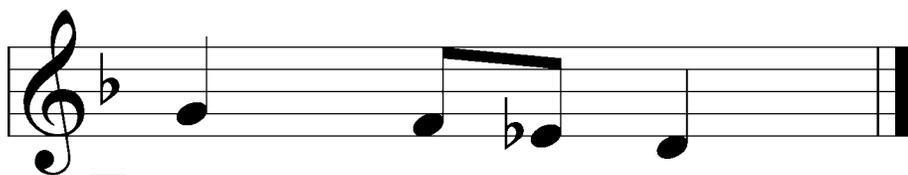
P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

BENEDICAMUS



L Let us bless the Lord.

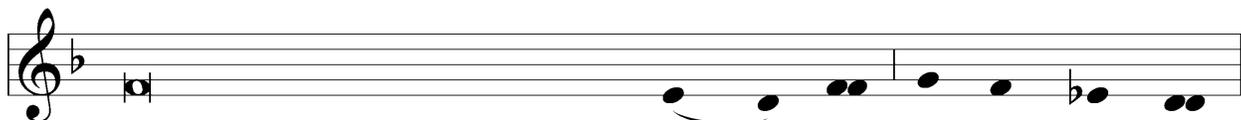


C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



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SENDING HYMN

Now the Light Has Gone Away

LSB 887



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.
5 Thou, my best and kind - est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.
All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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