

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN LENT**

**MARCH 14, 2021**

**IMMANUEL  
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CHURCH  
Missouri Synod**



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***Sunday***

**9:00 A.M.**

**Worship Service**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Adult Bible Class &  
Sunday School**

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

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**Office Hrs, M-F**

**8 am to 12 pm**

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**For  
God  
so loved the world,  
that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that  
whosoever  
believeth in  
Him should  
not perish,  
but have  
everlasting  
life.**

**JOHN 3:16**

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**WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

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

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - Lord Jesus, while I was still dead in sin, You came as one of us to die for me and bring me to eternal life. Give me strength of faith to look up to You each day of my sojourn until I see You face-to-face in eternity; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - Look out! There were snakes biting the Israelites, sent by God as punishment for complaining about the manna, that miraculous food He gave on the way to the Promised Land. But look up! See the bronze serpent Moses put on a pole. Everyone who looked up at the serpent will live. The serpent was a type of Christ, a parallel symbol in the Bible. We, too, have snakes—our discontent with

God's daily blessings and lack of faith in His promises. But as we look up in faith to Jesus, the Christ on the cross, we shall be saved. That faith is a gift of God in His grace. Jesus is the center of the gracious Good News. We are God's workmanship, and now He holds the door open as we walk through, looking up to Jesus.

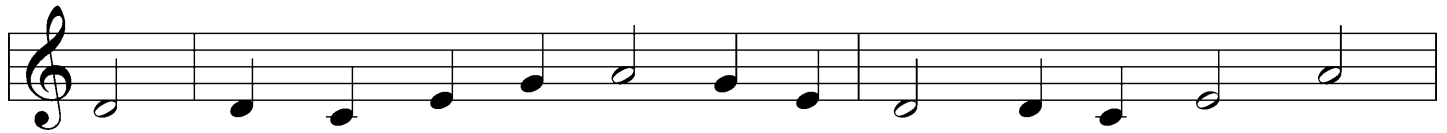
## **DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR**

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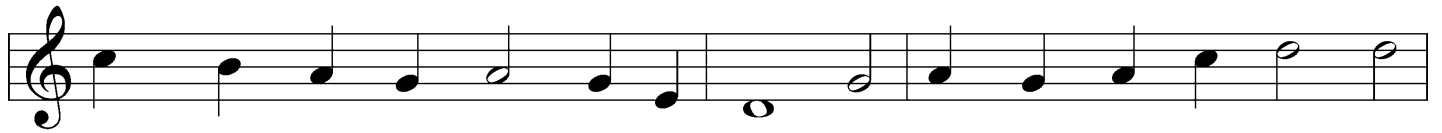
### **WELCOME**

### **PRELUDE**

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



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
 sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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**Δ INVOCATION**

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

**C** Amen.

**Δ 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 walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)**

**C Amen.**

### **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**Δ INTROIT** *Psalm 27:3-5; antiphon: v. 1*

**P The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

**C Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident.**

P One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

**C For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.**

P The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

### Δ KYRIE



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

### Δ SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

### Δ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**    *Numbers 21:4–9*

(Israelites who look up to the bronze serpent live.)

4 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.” 6 So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. 7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. 8 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

P    This is the Word of the Lord.

**C    Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**        *Psalm 107:1–9; antiphon: v. 19*

P    Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

**C    and He delivered them from their distress.**

P    Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

**C    for His steadfast love endures forever!**

P    Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

**C    whom He has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

P Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**C Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.**

P He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

**C Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of men!**

P For He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things.

P Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.

**All 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.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *(Children remain seated)*

**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 2:1-10*

*(We are saved by grace.)*

1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and

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raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

△ **HOLY GOSPEL** *John 3:14–21*

(All who look up to Jesus on the cross will be saved.)

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

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

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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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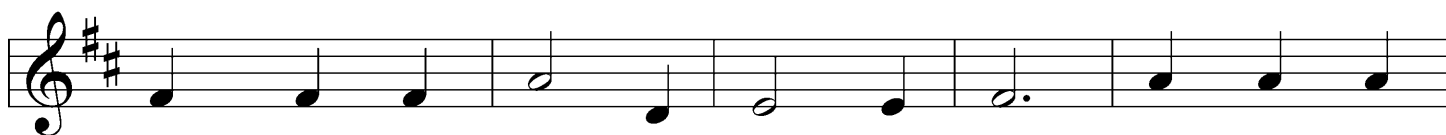
All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

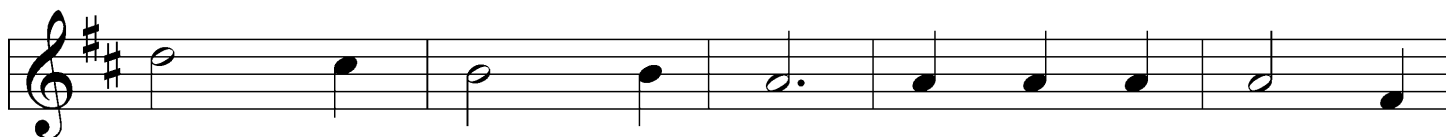
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## HYMN OF THE DAY *God Loved the World So That He Gave*

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1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.



6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

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**SERMON**                    *"God loves the 'line jumpers', because Jesus,  
the antidote for sin, is for all!"*                    (John 3:16 )

**OFFERING**    *(Please place your offering in the offering plate as you leave.)*

# OFFERTORY

# The Lamb

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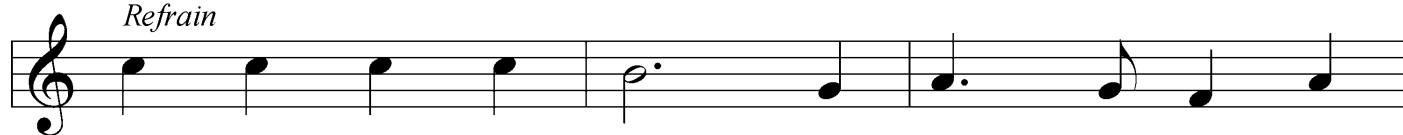


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.

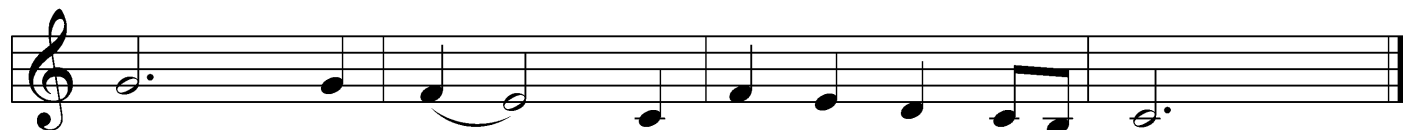


Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

### Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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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 Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various circumstances. When the Israelites became impatient, they spoke against God and against Moses. Let us pray for all who are in positions of authority in our nation and others, that God would give them wisdom to seek ways to meet the needs of

their citizens, providing for equal justice and stability for everyone within their borders. And let us pray for police and armed forces, that God would protect them as they maintain security and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Many people follow the course of this world carrying out their desires, by nature children of wrath. Let us pray for people who influence our culture and society but without faith in our Savior, that God would open their eyes to look up to Christ on the cross, working faith in their hearts, and making them alive together with Christ. And let us pray for lay and clergy leaders of the Church here and around the world, that God would give them strength and opportunity to spread the Gospel with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P When the Israelites were in the wilderness without food and water, God provided manna. Let us pray for all who lack adequate food, clothing, and shelter, that He would provide opportunities for individuals and organizations to channel the resources He provides to where they are most needed. And let us pray that all who manage God's bounty, serving Him so that it moves from mine to tool, from farm to table, from warehouse to storefront, and from street to home. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P The psalmist remembered that when "they cried to the LORD in their trouble, . . . He delivered them from their distress." Let us pray for all who are troubled in body, mind, or spirit, both those near and dear to us, [especially . . .], and those known only to God, that He would bring about healing, relief, comfort, and peace as fits His

gracious plans for them. And let us pray for ourselves and all who care for the sick and dying, that we serve our gracious God using the gifts He provides. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

**C Amen.**

**Δ 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.**

**Δ BENEDICAMUS**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Δ BENEDICTION**

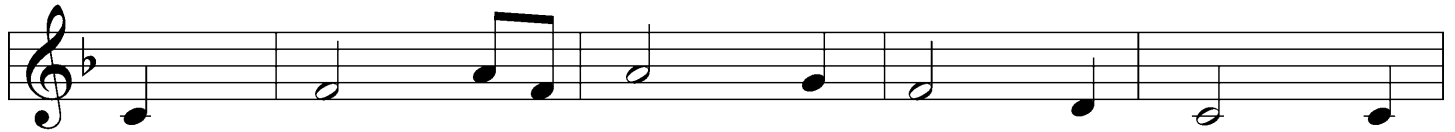
**P** The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C Amen.**

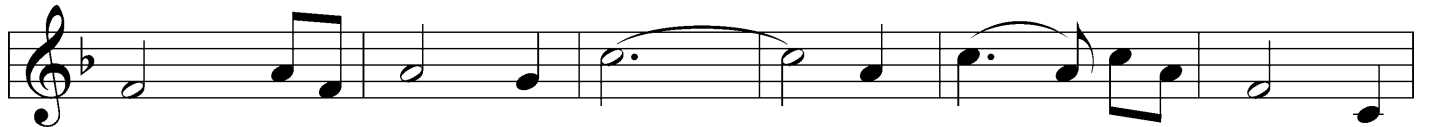
# SENDING HYMN

## Amazing Grace

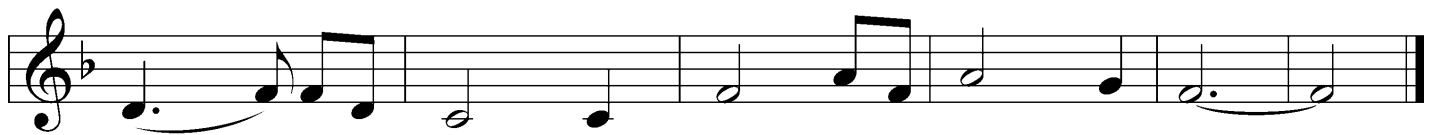
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1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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## DISMISSAL

*Ephesians 2:10*

**P** You are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Therefore, go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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# LENTEN *Schedule*

## ***WERE YOU THERE...?***

**Ash** ✕  
**Wednesday**

Wed., Feb. 17th: *“When They Saw Him Wash Their Feet”*  
5:00 p.m. Soup Supper      6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday

Mid-Week 2, Wed., Feb. 24th:      *“When He Said They’d Fall Away”*  
Soup Supper 5:00 p.m.      Mid-Week Service 6:00 p.m.

Mid-Week 3, Wed., March 3rd: *“When They Slept While Jesus Prayed”*  
Soup Supper 5:00 p.m.      Mid-Week Service 6:00 p.m.

Mid-Week 4, Wed., March 10th: *“When They Led Him to the Judge”*  
Soup Supper 5:00 p.m.      Mid-Week Service 6:00 p.m.

Mid-Week 5, Wed., March 17th: *“When They Yelled for Him to Die”*  
Soup Supper 5:00 p.m.      Mid-Week Service 6:00 p.m.

Mid-Week 6, Wed., March 24th: *“When They Nailed Him to the Tree”*  
Soup Supper 5:00 p.m.      Mid-Week Service 6:00 p.m.

### ***Holy Week Services:***

Maundy Thursday, April 1st      Holy Communion Service-6 p.m.  
*“When They Ate that Final Meal”*

Good Friday, April 2nd      Good Friday Service 6:00 p.m.  
*“When They Laid Him in the Tomb”*

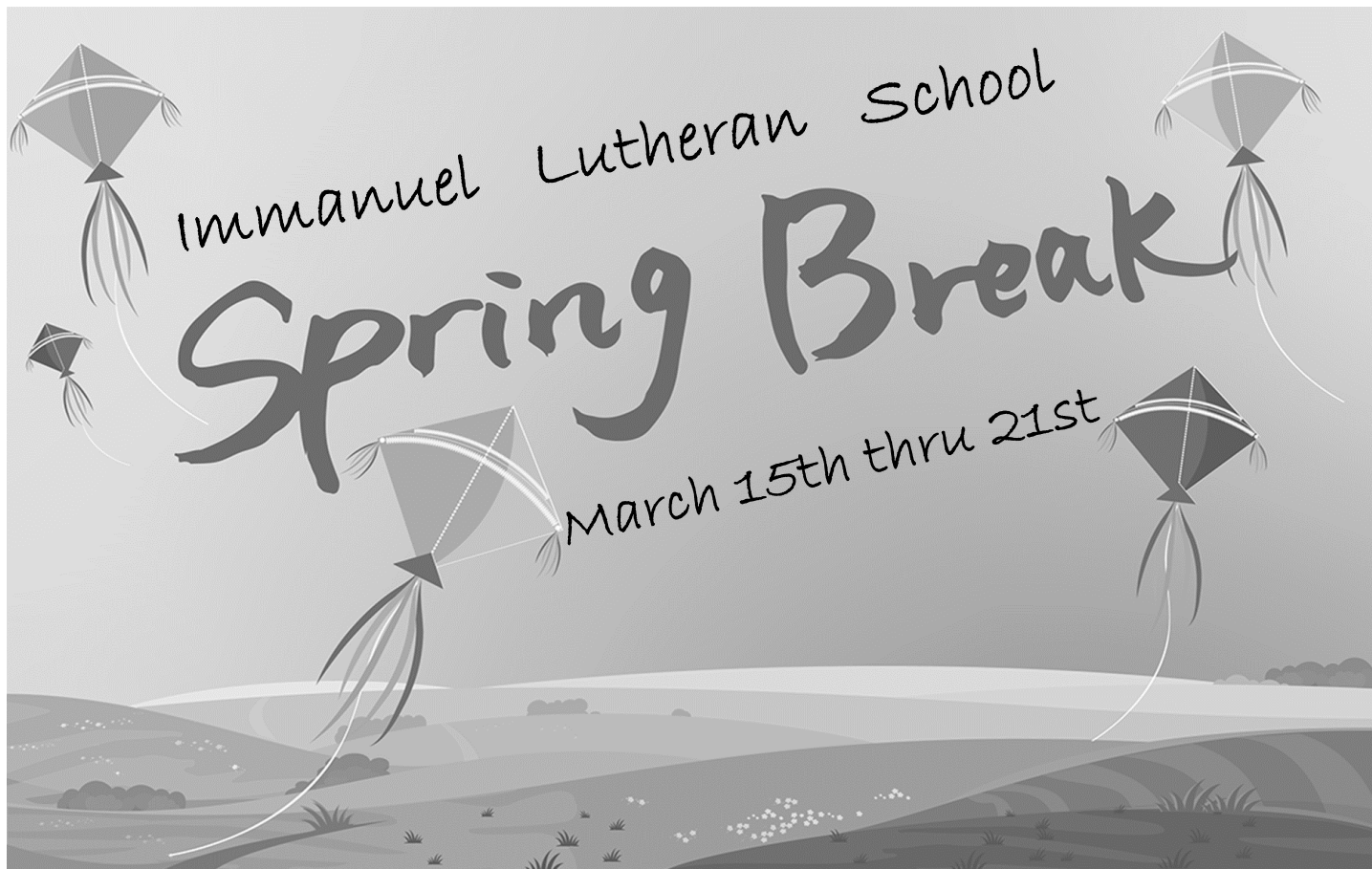
### **The Resurrection of Our Lord**

*Sunday, April 4th, 2021*



**Sunrise Service:** 7:30 a.m.; followed by breakfast @ 8:00 a.m.

**Holy Communion Service:** 9:00 a.m.



*Portals of Prayer*  
for January to March 2021 are available in  
the Narthrex or office.



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

*March 2021 Church Calendars* now available  
in the Narthrex.

**3/3/2021**

**Lenten Mid-Week 3 Worship**

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Plate: \$ 70.00

Envelopes: \$ 95.00

**Total:** \$ 165.00

***Memory Verse Challenge***

**The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.**

This week's memory verse: ***1 Peter 3:18***

*"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit."*

**Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule**

**March Sunday Servants:**

Elder: Dan Wehling

Altar Guild: Donna Jackson & Lorri Marchant

Music: Bonny Winston

**This Week** Fourth Sunday in Lent

Usher: Ken & Bob Eilers

Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 am

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am

**Next Week** Fifth Sunday in Lent

Usher: Don Vogel

Sunday: Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am

## Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross so that We May Look to Him and Live

The people sinned by speaking “against God and against Moses,” and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which “bit the people, so that many people of Israel died” (Num. 21:4–6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to “make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole,” so that “if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live” (Num. 21:8–9). Thus, God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith “may have eternal life” (John 3:14–16). By His cross, “the light has come into the world,” not for condemnation, but “that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:17–19). While we “were dead in the trespasses and sins” in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1), God loved us, calling us to repentance and raising us up with Christ to live “with him in the heavenly places” (Eph. 2:4–6).

**3/7/2021**

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>42</b>	
Plate:		\$ 575.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,380.00
Memorials:		
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 1,955.00</b>
<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>

### ***Fifth Sunday in Lent Readings:***

*Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 119:9-16  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:(32-34) 35-45*