

**THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT**

**MARCH 7, 2021
IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Missouri Synod**



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Sunday

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 AM

Adult Bible Class

Sunday School

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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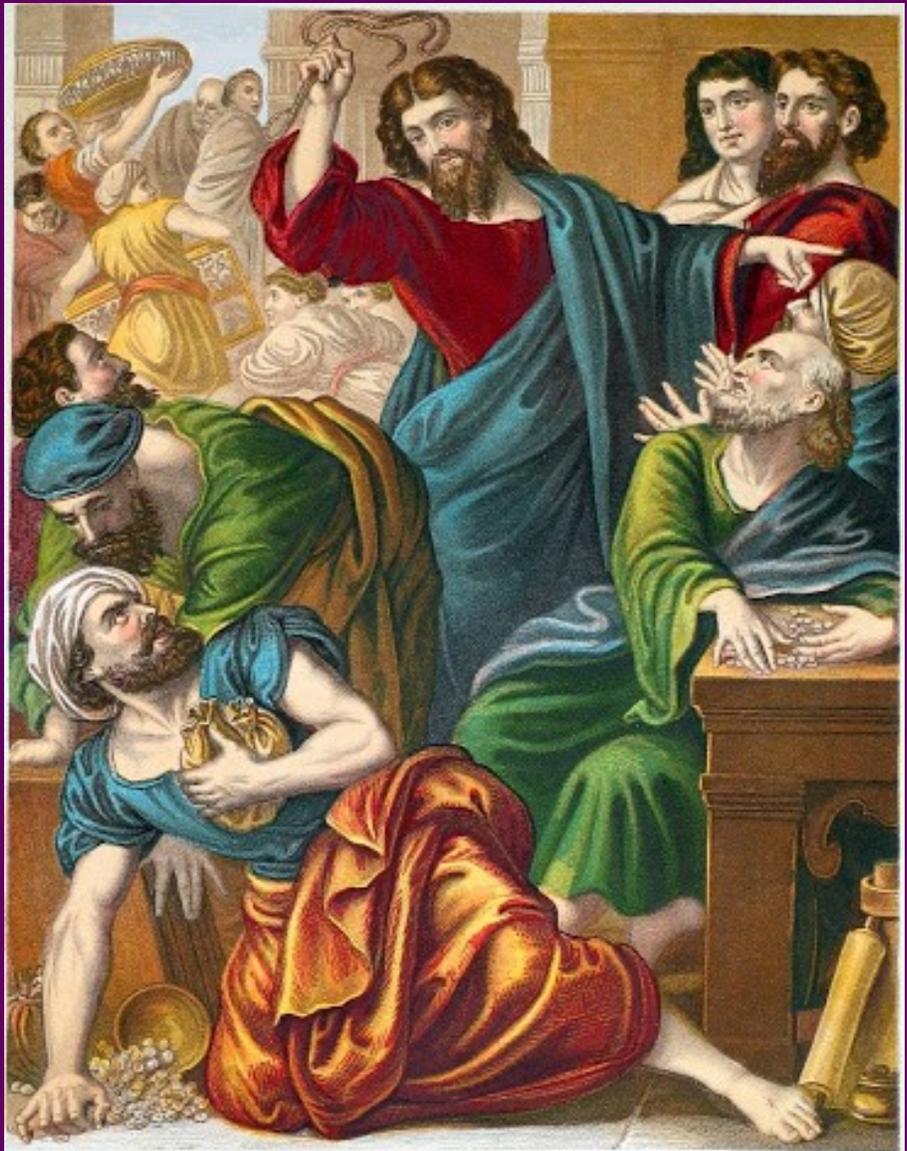
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**“And He said to those who
sold doves, “Take these things
away! Do not make My
Father’s house a house of
merchandise!” John 2:16**

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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.

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 God, who in wisdom created me, though I would become a weak and rebellious creature, knowing that Your Son's sacrifice of Himself on the cross would be necessary to save me, keep me strong in faith, so that I preach only Christ crucified and boast only in Your strong love and mercy toward us, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - When the Israelites were encamped by Mount Sinai, just out of slavery in Egypt and far from the Promised Land, God wisely gave them the Ten Commandments. They are engraved in our historic churches and capitol buildings. Their perfect demands require a Savior for us. Jesus was so jealous for God's Law that He cleansed the temple before

cleansing us of our sin by giving the temple of His body. In His wisdom, God did what we could not: He kept His own Law for us and then chose us to be the Body of Christ today. None of us has kept the commandments; we and our spiritual ancestors reflect our weaknesses in faith and action. But in the process, God's wisdom shows forth: When we are weak, He is strong. Today is a day to boast about God's grace and His Son, Christ crucified, the power and wisdom of God.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)



OPENING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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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 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 +

△ INTROIT *Psalm 142:1, 5-7; antiphon: Psalm 25:15*

P My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

C **I cry out to the Lord with my voice; with my voice to the Lord I make my supplication.**

P I cried out to You, O Lord: I said, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

C **Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.**

P Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your name; the righteous shall surround me, for You shall deal bountifully with me."

P My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

△ KYRIE



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

△ SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

△ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 20:1–17*

(The Ten Commandments)

1 And God spoke all these words, saying:

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

3 “You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the

fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

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

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

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

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

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

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 19*

P The heavens declare the glory of God,

C and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

P Day to day pours out speech,

C and night to night reveals knowledge.

P There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

C Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

P In them He has set a tent for the sun,

C which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

P Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,

C and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

P The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

C the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

P the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

C the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

P the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

C the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

P More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

C sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

P Moreover, by them is Your servant warned;

C in keeping them there is great reward.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(Children remain seated)*

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:18–31*

(The foolish wisdom of God)

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

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

20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe?

Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence. 30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— 31 that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

△ **HOLY GOSPEL** *John 2:13-22 (23-25)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

△ NICENE CREED

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.

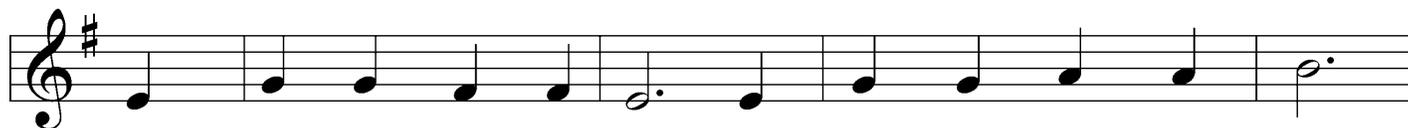
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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



HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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SERMON

"Remembering the Temple Cleansing"

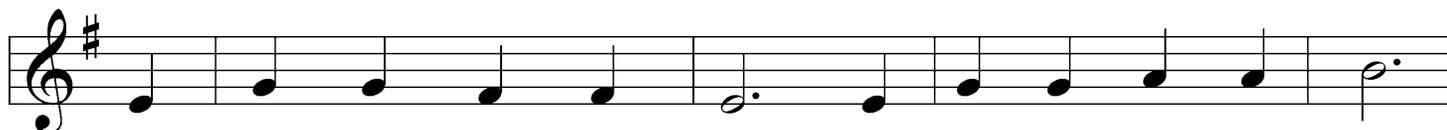
(John 2:22)

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

OFFERTORY

Not All the Blood of Beasts

LSB 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew-ish al-tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n-ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a-way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur-den Thou didst bear
5 Be-liev-ing, we re-joice To see the curse re-move;



Could give the guilt - y con-science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
When hang-ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed-ing love.

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

△ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for people everywhere in their various circumstances. Lord over all, we give thanks that the heavens declare Your glory. And we pray Your blessings on all who seek ways to use the resources of Your good creation to feed the hungry, heal the sick, and shelter the homeless. Guide them toward bountiful harvests and life-saving technologies. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, who brought Your people Israel out of slavery in Egypt, hear the prayer of those who long for freedom from oppressive regimes, false imprisonment, poverty, and social discrimination. Awaken a desire for peace, justice, and human dignity in the citizens and leaders of the nations. Give them compassionate eyes so that they may seek to help one another, relieving hunger and despair with loving and sharing actions. Guide and protect armed forces deployed and those who work for peace and security in our local communities. Open our eyes to the vocation we have as people of faith each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Wise and loving heavenly Father, who chose those whom the world considered foolish, weak, lowly, and despised to be joined in the Body of Christ, give us Your strength and wisdom. Open doors of opportunity for the Church to preach Christ crucified and risen no matter the form of opposition they encounter, so that many will come to faith. Strengthen clergy and lay leaders to focus not on institutions or statistics but on the righteousness, sanctification, and redemption our Savior won in His gracious sacrifice for us in grace and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We ask Your gracious answers to the prayers of those near and dear to us, [including . . .]. Visit, relieve, console, and uplift them according to Your plans, using us where possible as part of the answer to their petitions. These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

△ PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all

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

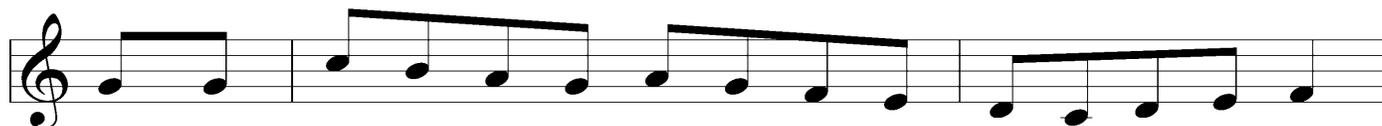
△ SANCTUS



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



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



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



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

△ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared

for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Amen.

△ LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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

△ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

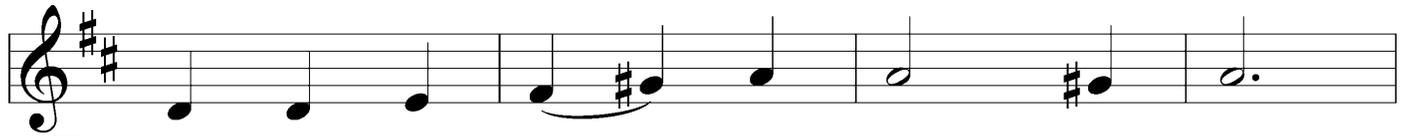
P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

△ Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

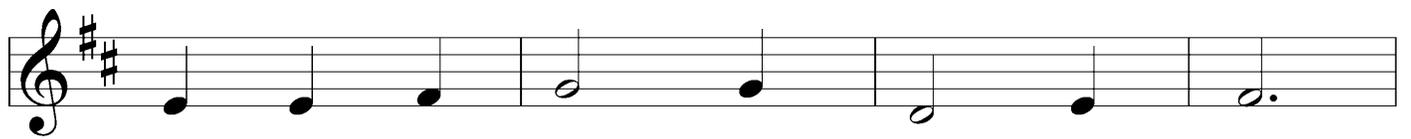
△ AGNUS DEI



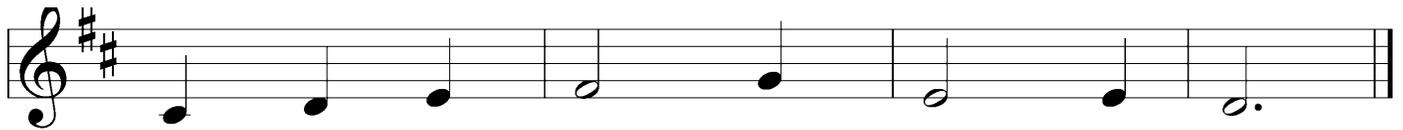
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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



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



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

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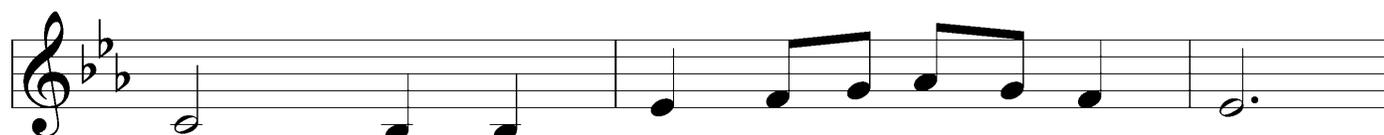
△ NUNC DIMITTIS



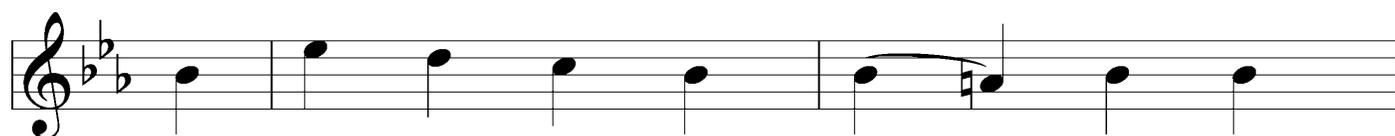
1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



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



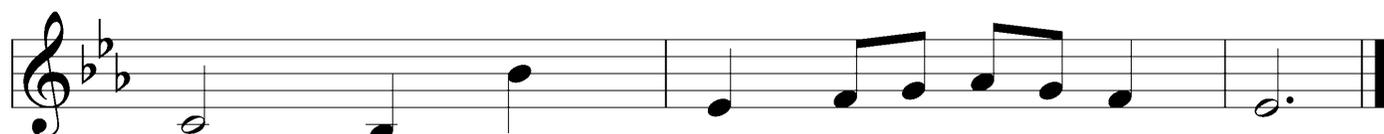
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



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. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

△ BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

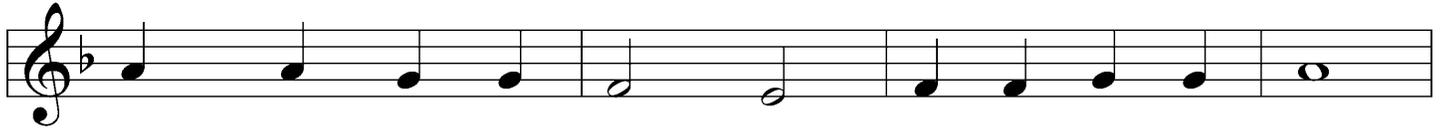
△ BENEDICTION

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.

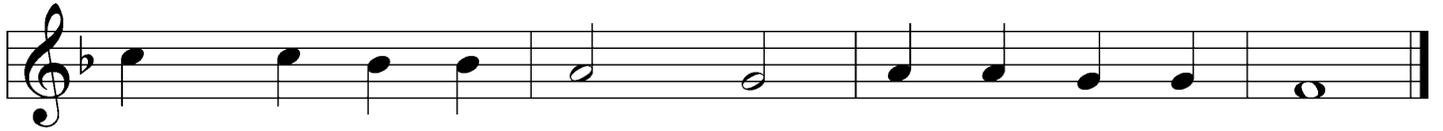
Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.





1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
 Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
 Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting
 Wafts its praise on high,
 Angel hosts rejoicing
 Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,
 Swell the mighty flood;
 Louder still and louder
 Praise the precious blood!

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE:



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!

2021 March Church Calendars are available in the Narthrex.

Memory Verse Challenge

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

This week's memory verse: Philippians 3:8-11

"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead."

2/24/2021

Lenten Mid-Week 2 Worship

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Plate: \$ 95.00

Envelopes: \$ 80.00

TOTAL: \$ 175.00



***Don't forget to set your clocks
ahead one hour
on Saturday, March 13th,
before going to bed!!!***

March



Birthdays

March Birthdays	
Members	
4	Shirley Vogel
5	Olivia Treviño
11	Lorri Marchant
14	Mildred Twenhafel
19	Lawrence Weber
27	Suzanne Wehling
30	Olivia Rafaela Reyes
Winter Texans	
7	David Peach
9	Eileen Zecher
14	Mary Jo Twenhafel
28	Rev. Gerold Goetz
29	Lawrence Jorgenson
29	Ruth Norlander
Immanuel Lutheran School	
17	Emma de la Cerda

Anniversaries

March Anniversaries	
Members	
6	Tim & Tammy Sorenson
31	Earl & Billie Jo Neuhaus
Winter Texans	
9	Eric & Marcy Polzin

Congratulations

on your
7 Wedding
 Anniversary!

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

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

2/28/2021	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent Readings:</i>
Sunday Worship 32	<i>Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-9 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21</i>
Plate: \$ 255.00	
Envelopes: \$ 1,165.00	
Donation: Cemetery \$ 85.00	
Memorial:	
Total: \$ 1,505.00	
Bible Class: 18 \$ 21.00	

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
March Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Dan Wehling	
Altar Guild:	Donna Jackson & Lorri Marchant	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Third Sunday in Lent	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Fourth Sunday in Lent	
Usher:	Ken & Bob Eilers	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
24	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am