FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 9, 2025 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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> *Sunday* 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

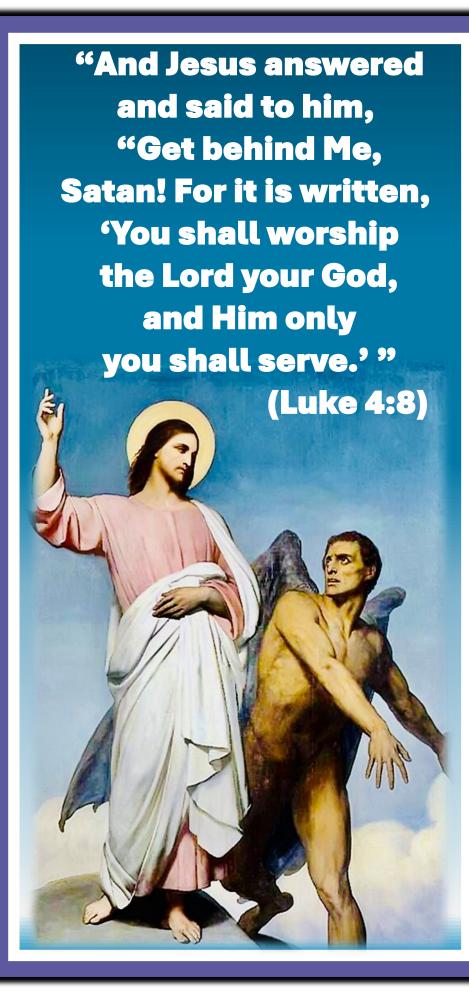
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# **WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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 - Almighty God, You sent Your Son to be tempted by the devil, and by the power of Your Holy Word alone He defeated the old, evil foe for me. Increase my faith and confidence in Your mighty Word to be a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, that I may endure all temptation and remain true to Your call as a member of Your family and the household of faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

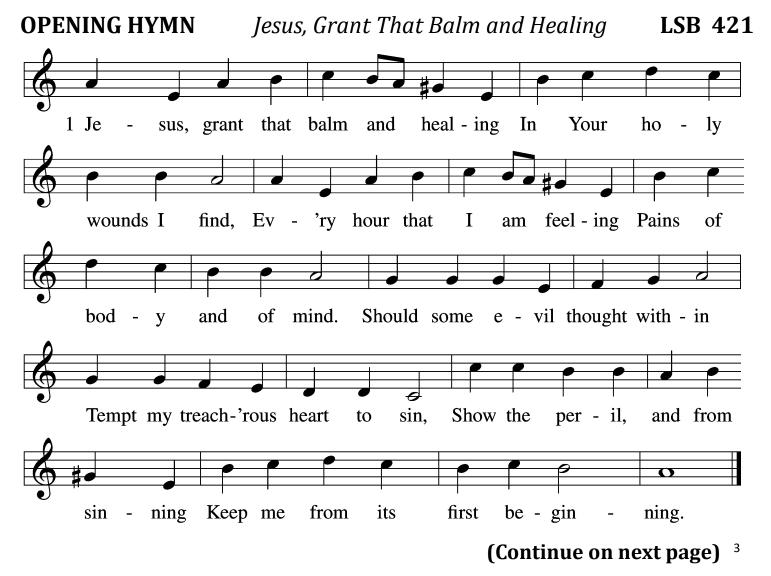
**AS WE GATHER -** "Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness" (1 Timothy 3:16). As we have now entered the forty-day pilgrimage of Lent, we approach the most climactic event of our Lord's earthly ministry, the one that confused and frightened the first followers of Jesus and perhaps even some to this day. The expectation of the establishment of the kingdom of God with Jesus, the Son of God, seated on a royal throne as ruler was demolished as they witnessed their Rabbi, Master, and Lord taken captive, convicted, tortured, and executed on that Passover in Jerusalem.

#### **DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE**

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

#### WELCOME



- Should some lust or sharp temptation Fascinate my sinful mind, Draw me to Your cross and passion, And new courage I shall find.
  Or should Satan press me hard, Let me then be on my guard, Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," That the tempter flee confounded.
- 3 If the world my heart entices
  With the broad and easy road,
  With seductive, sinful vices,
  Let me weigh the awful load
  You were willing to endure.
  Help me flee all thoughts impure
  And to master each temptation,
  Calm in prayer and meditation.
- Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross revives me, Granting new life to my soul.
  Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
  Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
  For Your all-atoning passion
  Has procured my soul's salvation.
- 5 O my God, my rock and tower, Grant that in Your death I trust, Knowing death has lost its power Since You crushed it in the dust. Savior, let Your agony Ever help and comfort me; When I die be my protection, Light and life and resurrection.

Please stand

# **INVOCATION**

- In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Ρ
- С Amen.

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and Р confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- Р Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- С who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, Ρ
- С and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)
- O almighty God, merciful Father, Р
- С 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.
- Ρ 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.
- С Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

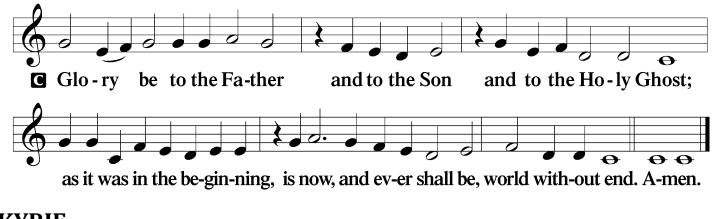
#### *Psalm* 91:9–13; *antiphon: vv.* 15–16 INTROIT

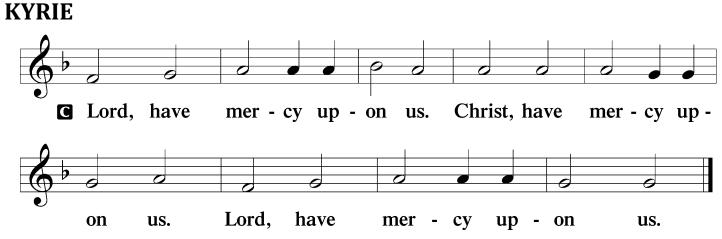
He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in Ρ trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

- C Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place,
- P No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;
- C For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.
- P In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- C You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- P He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.
   With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

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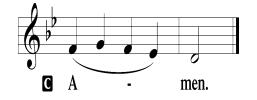




**SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY** 



P O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Guide the people of Your church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Please sit

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Deuteronomy 26:1–11* 

(Moses prepares Israel for entrance into the Promised Land.)

1 "And it shall be, when you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, 2 that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide. 3 And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have

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come to the country which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.' 4 "Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. 5 And you shall answer and say before the Lord your God: 'My father was a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6 But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. 7 Then we cried out to the Lord God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression.

8 So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. 9 He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, "a land flowing with milk and honey"; 10 and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O Lord, have given me.'

"Then you shall set it before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God. 11 So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the Lord your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM** *Psalm* 91:1–13; *antiphon: v.* 1

- P He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- C I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust."
- P Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.
- C He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.
- P You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day,
- C Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.
- $P_{a}$  A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right

hand; but it shall not come near you.

- C Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked.
- P Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place,
- C No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;
- P For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.
- C In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- P You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- C He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

**EPISTLE** *Romans 10:8b–13* 

(The message of salvation to all)

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 4:1–13

(The temptation of Jesus)

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



1 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.' "

5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

9 Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. 10 For it is written:

'He shall give His angels charge over you,

To keep you,'

11 and,

'In their hands they shall bear you up,

Lest you dash your foot against a stone.' "

12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.' "

13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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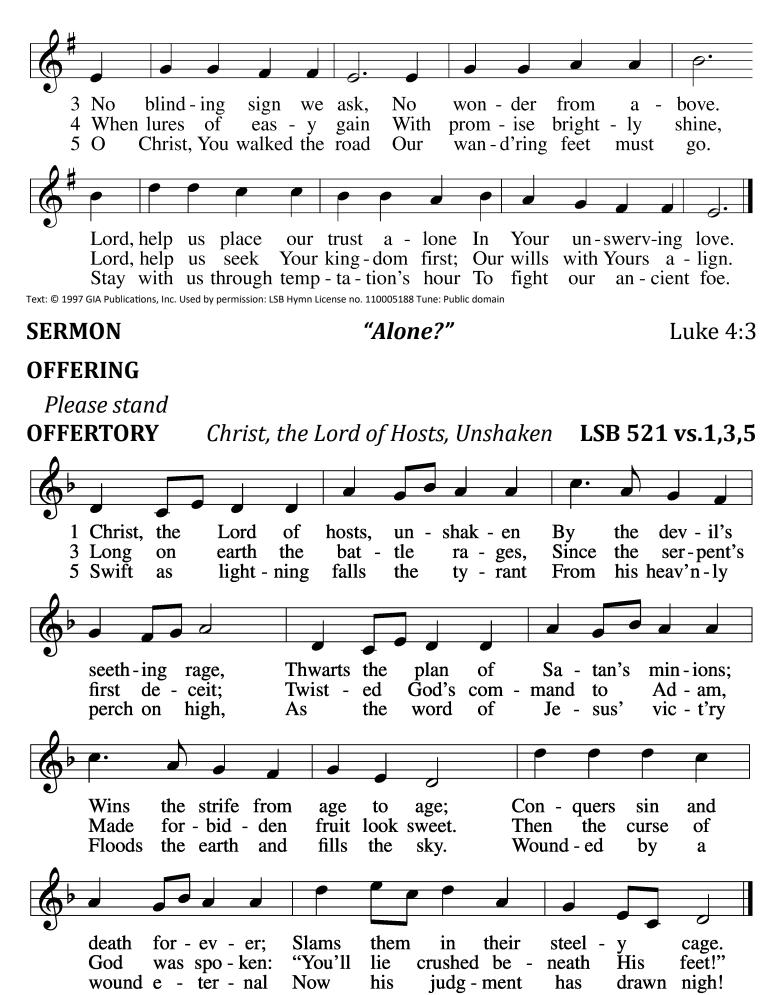
All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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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# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord God, almighty Father, we give You thanks for Your clear and mighty Word by which You brought the entire universe into being and also ourselves as individual members of the human family. More than that, however, we praise You for re-creating us by faith in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be numbered among those counted already now as citizens of Your heavenly, eternal kingdom. Continue to form, guide, and direct us that we may be salt and light in this world, witnesses of Your eternal grace and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

P We pray for Your whole church of every time and every place—all those who rejoice with us in the truth of Your Holy Word as well as those living amid the suppression of Your truth who are challenged for their faith in the clarity of Your Word by the lies and confusion of unbelief. Enlighten the testimony of steadfastness of faith in the face of all falsehood. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

P Enable all who preach and teach Your Law and Gospel, those called to administer Your Holy Sacraments, and every servant of Your people with the stamina and conviction required to faithfully convey Your Word of truth both in season and out of season so as to convince, rebuke, and exhort with all longsuffering and patience. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

P Graciously grant to our nation, our people, and those who lead and serve in public office wisdom to seek and acknowledge Your divine will, that justice and peace may prevailamong all. Lord, in Your mercy,

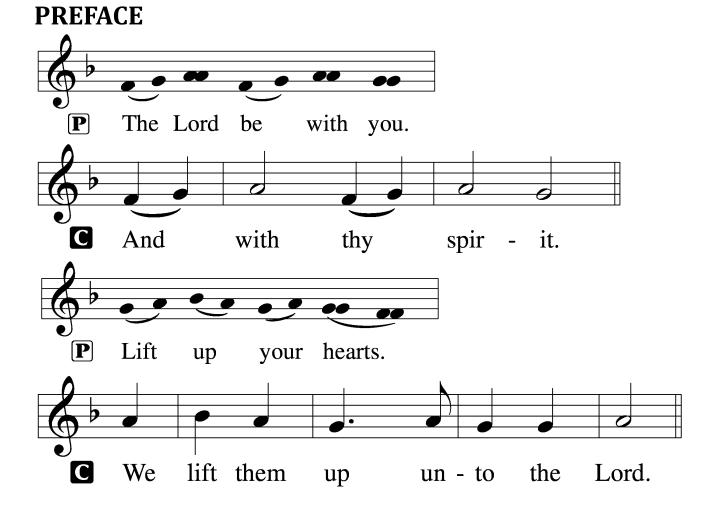
# C hear our prayer.

P Grant Your healing and comfort to all who are sick or hospitalized, those cast down by sorrow or fear, and all who are in any need of body or spirit. Especially we command to Your merciful care.... Bless all who administer Your love in any way. Give healing according to (Continue on next page) 13 Your good will. Lord, in Your mercy,

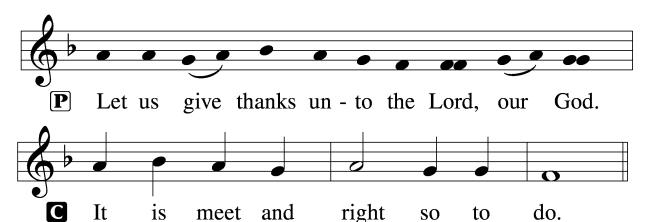
- C hear our prayer.
- P We give thanks to You for all who have died with the sign of faith and are with You. As together we await the glorious day of the resurrection of all flesh and our entry into Your eternal kingdom, grant the peace of faith and trust in Your abiding presence to us who still contend for Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

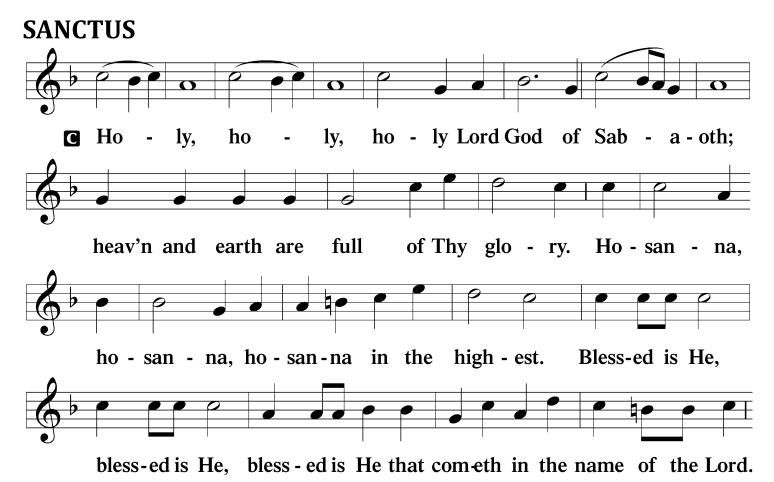
- P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.



+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



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:



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



## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

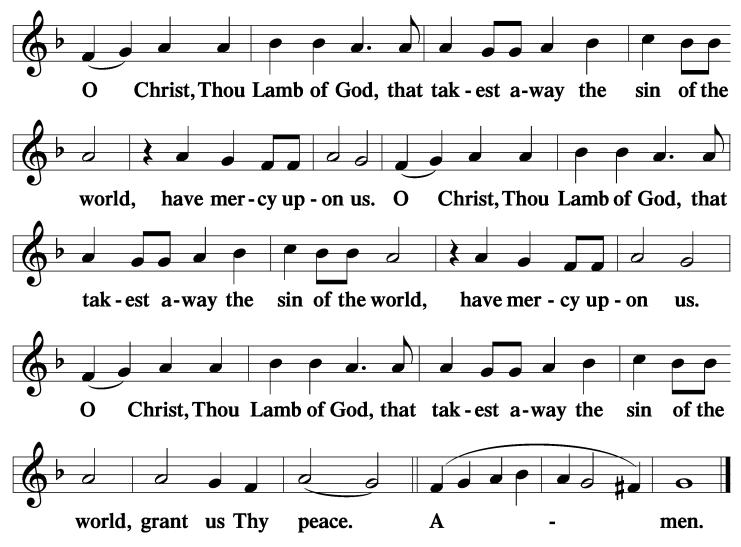
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when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





**AGNUS DEI** 

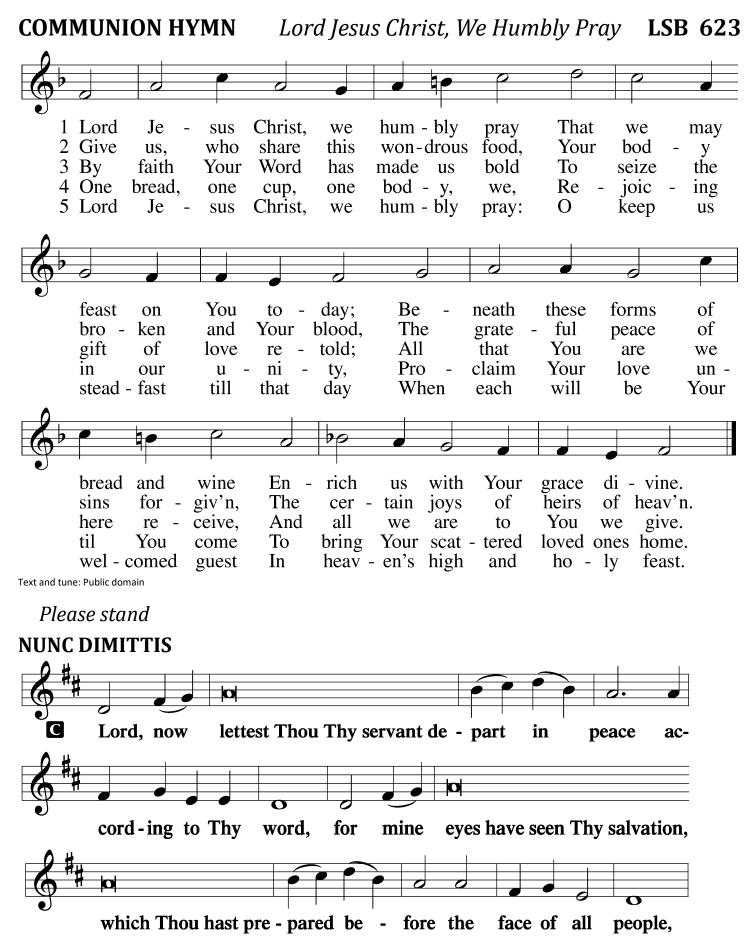


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## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

#### SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

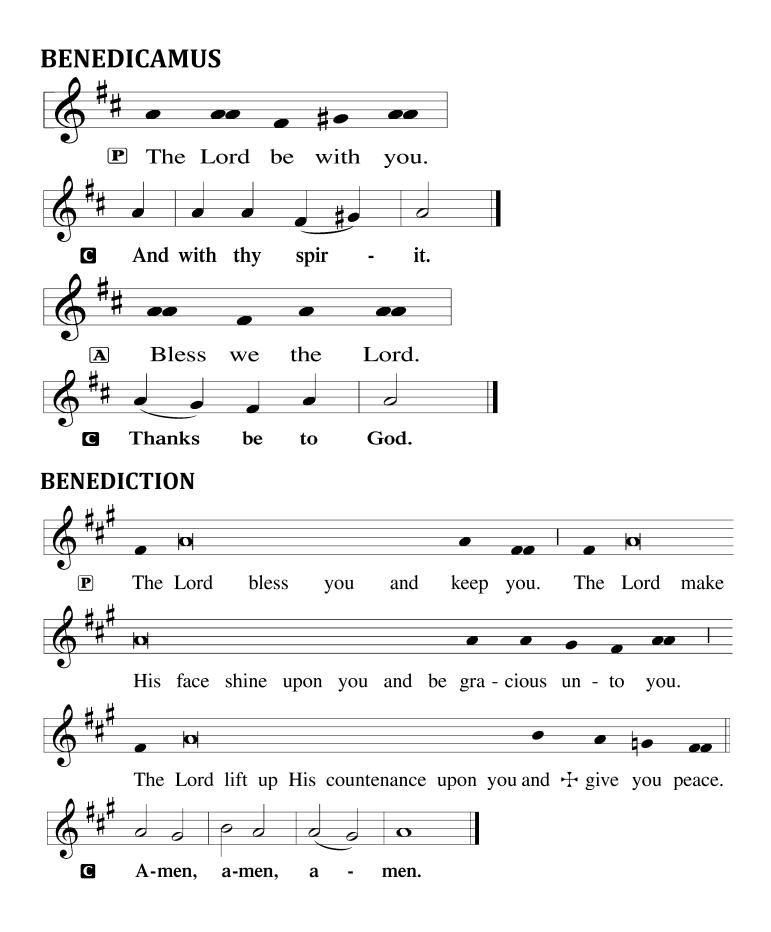
Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal 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 (Continue on next page) 17 Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.





P We give thanks to You, almighty God, both for Your command to believe and for the faith to receive this salutary gift, and we pray that as Christ's redeemed people we may show forth the light of Your grace and love to our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





Please sit



- Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us, We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us. This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it; He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit. And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;

The Kingdom ours remaineth.

#### DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve our heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# POSTLUDE



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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Portals of Prayer** for <u>January to March 2025</u> 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.

#### <u>March Activities</u>

Family Confirmation Class on Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Choir Practice** Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

> <u>Immanuel Lutheran School</u> Spring Break March 10th through 14th

> Lenten Mid-week 2 Wednesday, March 12, 2025 5:00 p.m. Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Service

**Spring Break**-Servant Group from Concordia, Austin March 16th through 19th

Men's Steak Night/Bible Study Tuesday, March 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE THEME: "Crucifixion Character Contrasts"

<u>\*Wednesday Midweek Lenten Vesper Services are at</u> <u>6:00pm (with a soup supper at 5:00pm)\*</u>

March 5 - ASH WEDNESDAY - Rev. Goetz "Judas Scheming/Despairing"

March 12 – LENTEN Midweek 2 - Rev. Goetz "Peter Boasting/Denying"

March 19 – LENTEN Midweek 3 - Rev. Goetz "A Mob Falling/Shouting"

March 26 - LENTEN Midweek 4 - Rev. Goetz "Soldiers Mocking/Confessing"

April 2 - LENTEN Midweek 5 - Rev. Goetz "Pilate Capitulating/Insisting"

**April 9 - LENTEN Midweek 6 -** Rev. Goetz "A Malefactor Blaspheming/Repenting"

#### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Maundy Thursday - April 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - Rev. Goetz "John Reclining/Sleeping"

**Good Friday** – April 18, 2025, **6:00 p.m. -** Rev. Weber "Nicodemus Sneaking/Interring"

#### EASTER SERVICES

Easter Sunrise – April 20, 2025, 7:30 a.m. - Rev. Goetz "Mary Weeping/Telling"

**Easter Festival Service** – April 20, 2025 **9:00 a.m. -** Rev. Weber "Emmaus Disciples Desponding/Believing & Reporting"



Sermon Notes



#### 1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress;

my God, in Him I will trust."

Psalm 91:1-2 NKJV

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Sunday Worship	95	
Plate:	\$ 687.00	Second Sunday in Lent
Envelopes:	\$ 1,978.00	
Envelopes-Other:		Jeremiah 26:8–15
Handicap Paving	\$ 100.00	Psalm 4
On Line	\$ 750.00	Philippians 3:17–4:1
Donation:	\$ 5 <i>,</i> 600.00	Luke 13:31–35
Memorial:		
Total:	\$ 9 <i>,</i> 115.00	
Bible Class: 25	\$ 33.00	

# Jesus Christ Is Our Champion Against the Devil

Jesus Christ, our champion against the devil, endures and overcomes "every temptation" (Luke 4:13) on our behalf. He worships the Lord, His God, and serves Him only by trusting the Word of His Father: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). Jesus' victory is now ours through His gracious Word, which is not far away but near us — in our mouth and in our heart, in the proclamation of repentance and faith. For "with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved" (Rom. 10:10). Our confession of Christ includes the prayer of faith, which is not disappointed, "for 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'" (Rom. 10:13). The Lord is not oblivious to "our affliction, our toil, and our oppression" (Deut. 26:7), but has mercy upon us. He has brought us out of bondage through the "signs and wonders" of Holy Baptism, "with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm" (Deut. 26:8), and now He leads us by His Spirit even in the wilderness.

	<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>		
	March Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Dan Wehling		
Altar Guild:	RoseAnn Cisneros/Maribel Perez/Cheyanne Zink		
Music:	Doris Pickering/Pam Terral		
This Week	First Sunday in Lent		
Usher:	Ken Eilers		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am	
Next Week	Second Sunday in Lent		
Usher:	Don Vogel		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am	