FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 6, 2025
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Missouri Synod



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> Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

> > 10:30 A.M.

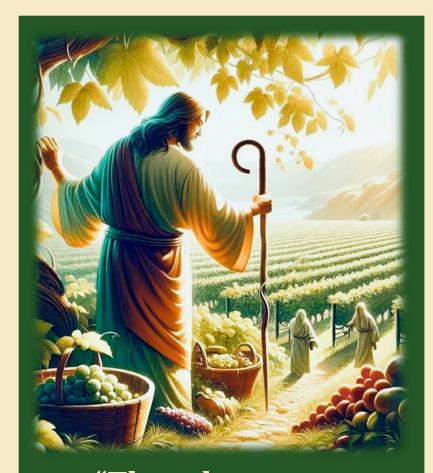
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"Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do?
I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.' "
(Luke 20:13)

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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, I thank You that through faith in Jesus You have made me part of Your chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for Your own possession, that I may proclaim Your praises to one another and to the world; 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 - There is a hymn that refers to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, calling it an "old, old story" ("I Love to Tell the Story" by Arabella Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911). The fact that God's plan of salvation began thousands of years ago, and that the Bible is the record of events in ancient history, does not mean that old equals irrelevant. Today, God says through His prophet Isaiah, "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old" (Isaiah 43:18). But before you throw away your old Bible, your old catechism, or your old hymnal, listen up! "Behold, I am doing a new thing; . . . do you not perceive it?" (v. 19). In the pattern of the exodus of old and the deliverance from the Babylonian captivity of old, and as "the old rugged cross" of Christ made His resurrection from the dead possible, the "new thing" of God's doing today is all about freeing you from the slavery of sin, death, boredom, worry, and fear; re-creating you "that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness" (explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, Small Catechism); renewing your life today by the forgiveness of your sins and in the sure and certain hope of new bodies for old in the new creation that awaits, as that old hymn concludes,

And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

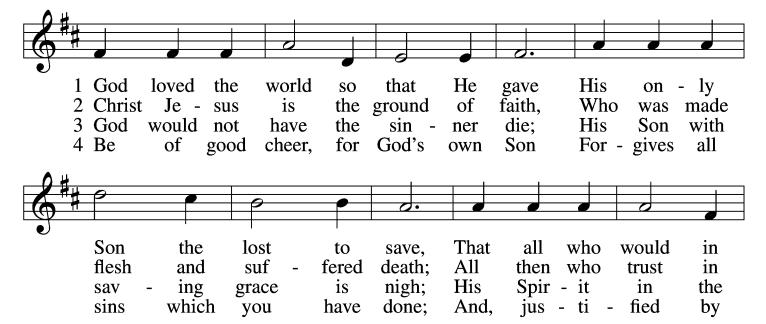
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PRELUDE (a quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship) **WELCOME**

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OPENING HYMN





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

- 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.
- △ 6Glory 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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INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name

- of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

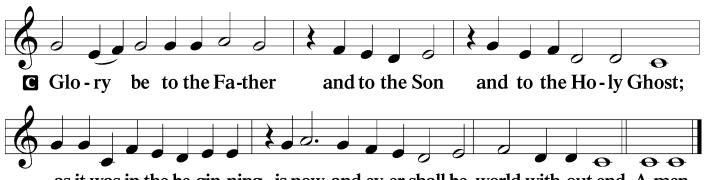
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 3:3-6; antiphon: v. 8

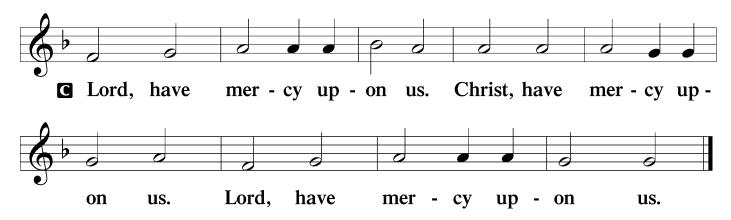
- P Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your blessing is upon Your people.
- C But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head.
- P I cried to the Lord with my voice, and He heard me from His holy hill.
- C I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.
- P I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.
- C Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your blessing is upon Your people.

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

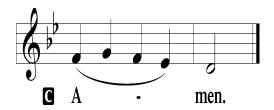
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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 *Isaiah 43:16–21*

("Behold, I am doing a new thing.")

16 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea and a path through the mighty waters,

17 Who brings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; they are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick):

18 "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

19 Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

20 The beast of the field will honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches, because I give waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen.

21 This people I have formed for Myself; they shall declare My praise.

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

PSALM Psalm 126; antiphon: v. 3

- P The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.
- C When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream.
- P Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."
- C The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.
- P Bring back our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the South.
- C Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.

- P He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.
- C The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.

EPISTLE Philippians 3:(4b-7) 8-14 (Righteousness through faith in Christ)

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 20:9-20

(The parable of the wicked tenants)

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



9 Then He began to tell the people this parable: "A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. 10 Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that

they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. 12 And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out.

13 "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.' 14 But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.' 15 So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others." And when they heard it they said, "Certainly not!"

17 Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone'?

18 Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

19 And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people—for they knew He had spoken this parable against them.

20 So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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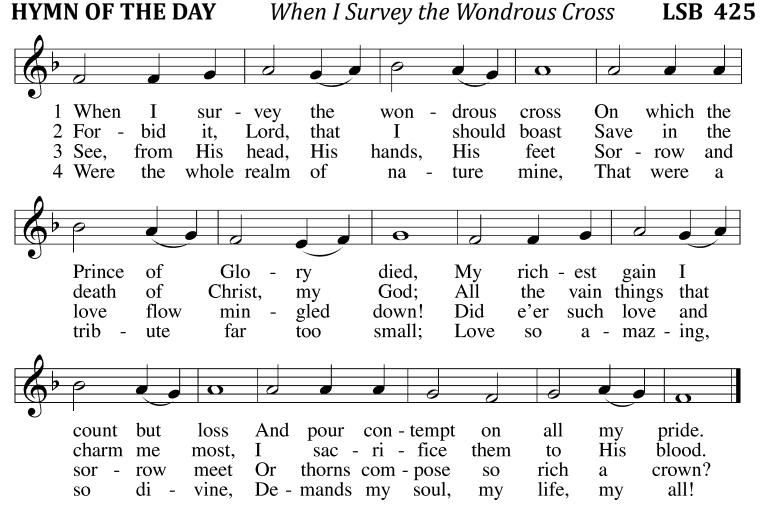
All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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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SERMON

Luke 20:10-12

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OFFERTORY When to Our World the Savior Came LSB 551 vs. 1-4







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SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" [American Sign Language] PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

O God, our Creator and Redeemer, we give thanks to You for Your whole world of nature and that You continue to sustain it in summer and winter, in seedtime and harvest, through times of trouble and in times of peace. We pray for peace continually that we may attend to Your Word and worship and proclaim Your majesty. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We give You thanks especially for our redemption from sin and everlasting death. Though even as You count us as Your redeemed people, still we struggle to be faithful. In Your mercy, You remain true to Your promises and continue to provide the everlasting invitation, salvation, and healing through the forgiveness of sins for the sake of Christ. Bless and empower Your whole church on earth with steadfast faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for all those in the authority of government, that they may be guided in the way of truth and justice, providing for the peace and safety of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray also for all who are ill, the hungry, those in bondage, all who travel, those recovering from flooding, and especially we pray for... Grant that the prayers of all who turn to You in their need graciously come before You, so that they may receive Your help, provision, and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy,

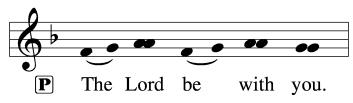
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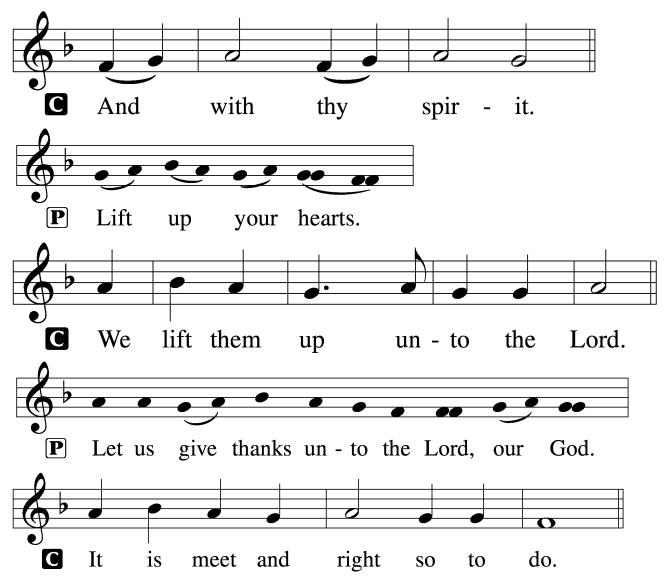
P Almighty and eternal God, we adore You as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus, and with the whole church on earth and all the hosts of heaven we ascribe to You honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise. For all Your works of mercy of old, we praise You. For Your gifts of deliverance, renewal of life and hope, and the promise of eternal life through the cross and resurrection of Your Son, we praise You. Hear us for His sake, living and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

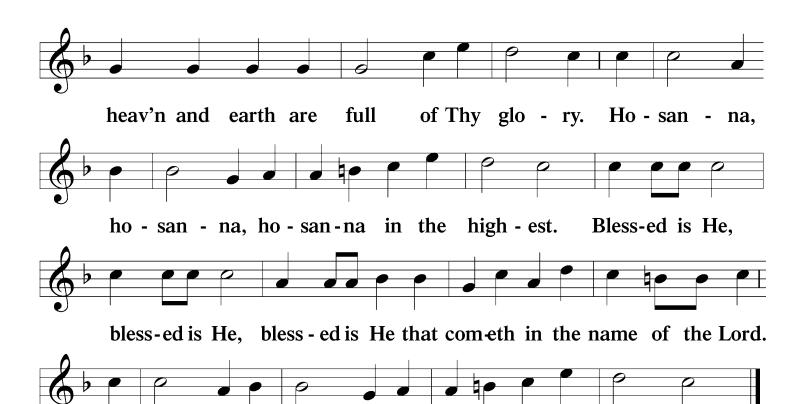




P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared 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-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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."





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SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared LSB 622

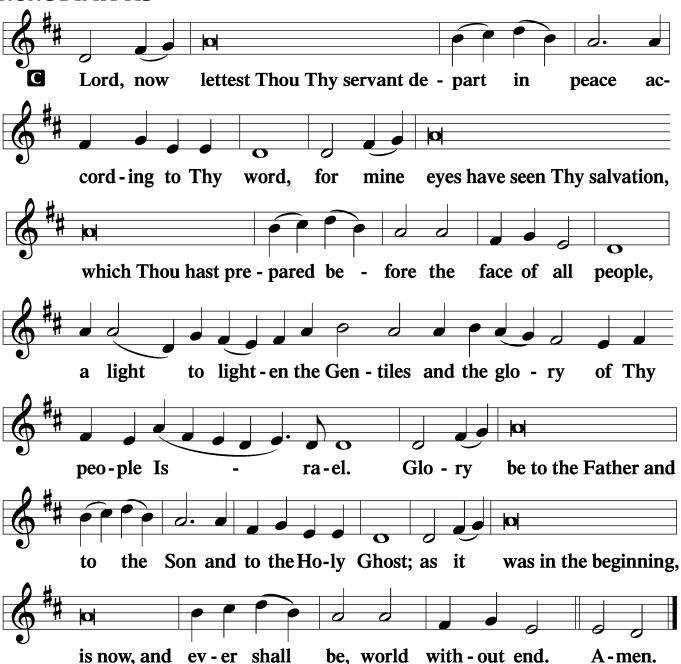




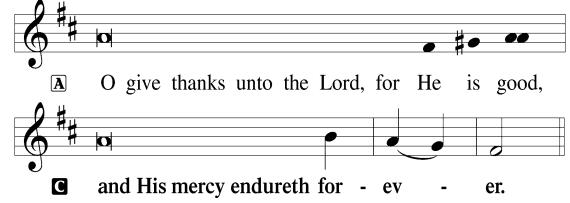
- 5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces: Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.
 I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
 Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust,
 And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears
 Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages. Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me When living and when dying.

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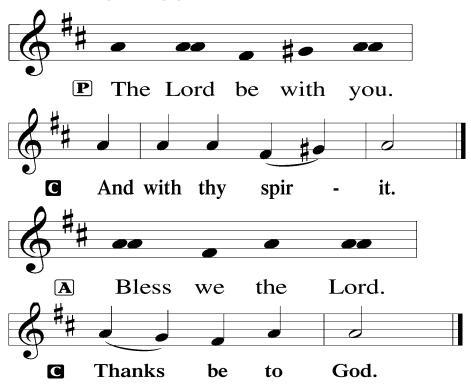
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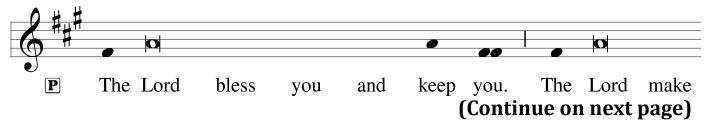
P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endureth forever. We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have made us Your own people, a new creation in Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His body and blood You have strengthened our faith, thus enabling us to tell forth Your praises. Enlighten our paths and guide our steps that we may live according to Your gracious will in faithfulness to You and love for one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

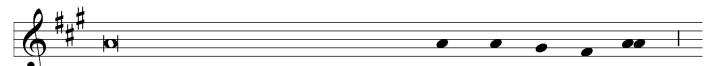


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BENEDICTION





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



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



Please sit

SENDING HYMN

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912



- 1 Christ is Him a - lone build: our On cor - ner - stone, we
- gain from heav'n The grace which we 2 Here may we im - plore,
- \triangle 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints The courts of heav'n are filled. On His a - lone And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of a - bove. pres-ent grace And joys that day When all the blest To end-less rest Are called a - way. joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo-rious name. pro - claim In

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE





Installation of Rev. Edmund Weber

Join us for the installation service

of Pastor Ed Weber

April 6th

3pm

A light reception will be held

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for April to June 2025 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.

April Activities

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

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

Lenten Mid-week 6 Wednesday, April 9, 2025

>5:00 p.m. Soup Supper

>6:00 p.m. Service

First Quarterly Voters' Meeting Tuesday, April 15th, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Week Services:

> Holy Thursday Service (with Communion) at 6:00 p.m., April 17th

>Good Friday Service at 6:00 p.m., Friday, April 18th

Easter Sunday, April 20th:

>Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m., basketball court, followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

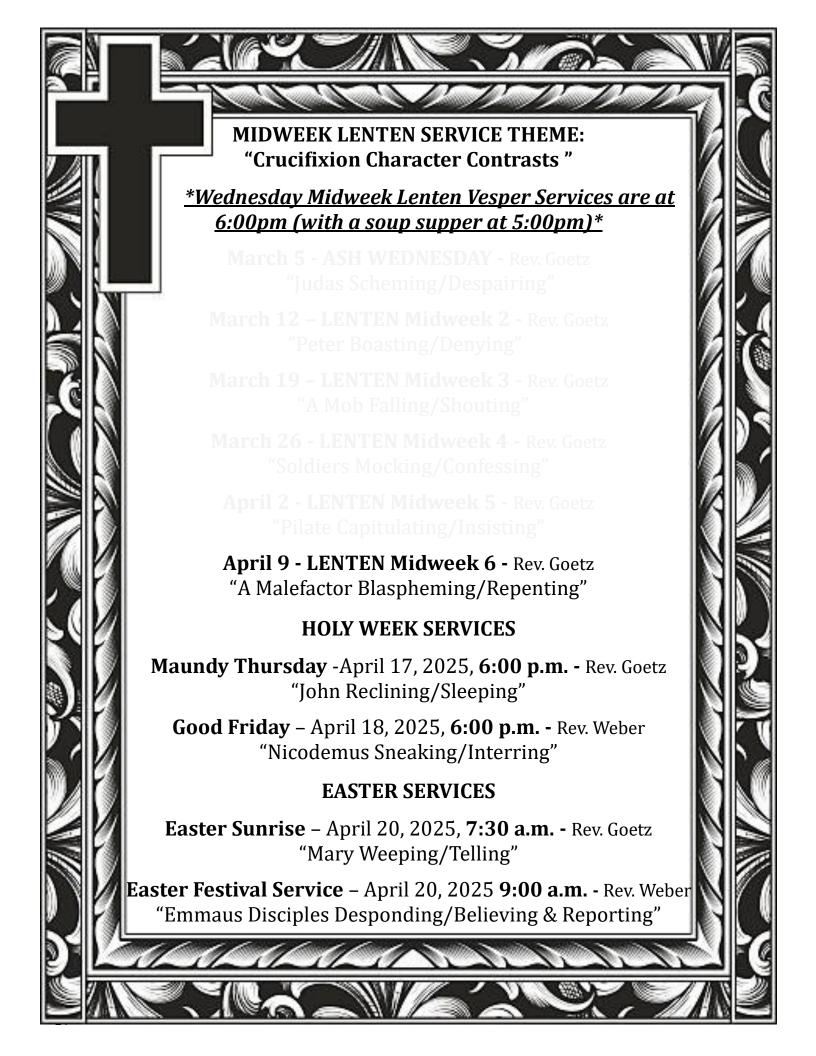
> Easter Festival Service at 9:00 a.m.

Weber Family will be out visiting family in Florida, April 21st thru 30th

178th Anniversary of the LCMS, Saturday, April 26th

Immanuel School:

- > <u>Science Day</u> was recognized, Friday, April 4th
- > No Classes Friday, April 18th and Monday, April 21st
- > Earth Day will be recognized, Tuesday, April 22nd





Galatians 6:14

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

> The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.

> > Psalm 126:3 NKJV

Sermon Notes	
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3/23/2025

Sunday Worship 85

Plate: \$ 488.00

Envelopes: \$ 2,558.00

Envelopes-Other: **Sch** \$ 2,000.00

Donation: **Legacy** \$ 19,910.44

Memorial:

Total: \$ 24,956.44

Bible Class: **29** \$ 24.00

Mid-Week 4 Service

3/26/2025

Worship Service 47

Plate: \$ 295.00

Envelopes: \$ 228.00

Online

Total: \$ 523.00

3/30/2025

Sunday Worship 58

Plate: \$ 392.00

Envelopes: \$ 1,383.00

Envelopes-Other:

Donation: **Cemetery** \$ 250.00

Grant \$ 20,000.00

Memorial:

Total: \$ 22,025.00

Bible Class: **28** \$ 40.00

God's Beloved Son Has Redeemed Us

Our life and works apart from Christ, no matter how they may glitter to the eyes of the world, are ultimately rubbish and have no righteousness. Rather, in the scandalous cross of Jesus, we find our righteousness alone "through faith in Christ" (Phil. 3:9). By such faith, we "know him and the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3:10). For the same God who brought Israel out of Egypt has done a "new thing" for us in Christ Jesus (Is. 43:19). He has sent His beloved Son into His vineyard to be killed by sinful men and to become "the stone that the builders rejected." Yet, the One rejected by men "has become the cornerstone" of His Church (Luke 20:17). Through the waters of Holy Baptism, He provides us daily refreshment in our earthly pilgrimage, "a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Is. 43:19).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	April Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Ken Eilers	
Altar Guild:	S Wehling/C Zink/M Perez	
Music:	Doris Pickering/Pam Terral	
This Week	Fifth Sunday in Lent	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Palm Sunday	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am