SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 16, 2025 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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> Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

> > 10:30 A.M.

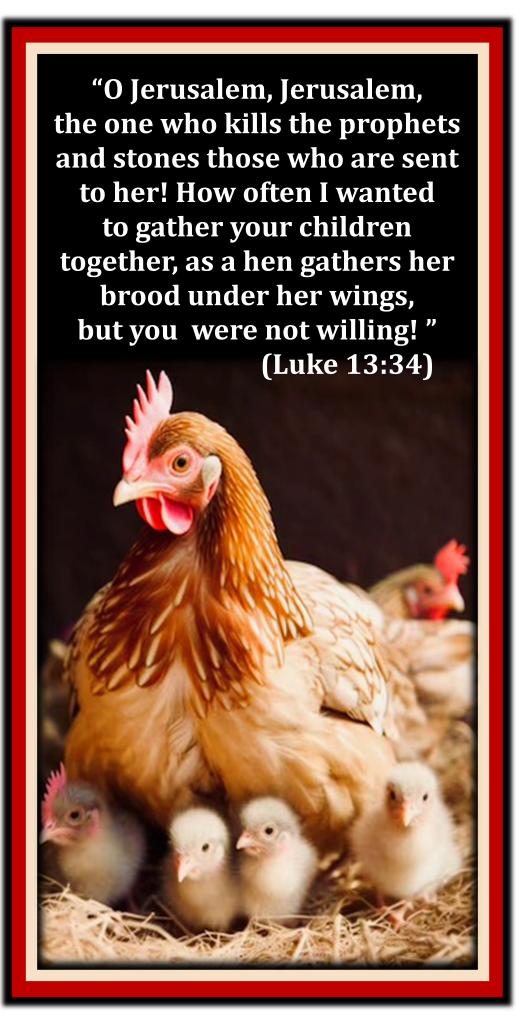
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# **WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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, as false prophets and teachers have arisen among Your people in all ages, give me such devotion to the truth of Your Word that I may stand firm in steadfast faith all my days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

AS WE GATHER - How's your faith? Is it firm, steadfast, and strong? Or

do you find that it seems to be growing weak, uncertain, or even in danger of disappearing at times? As we follow our Lord in this Lenten season, leading up to the distressing events of Holy Week, we are warned today that the same opposition, rejection, and betrayal faced by prophets like Jeremiah, and even Jesus, will also face us as His followers. What did He mean when He said. "You will be hated by all for My name's sake"? (Luke 21:17). But rather than a dire prediction, Jesus said, "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matthew 5:11–12). When challenges arise and temptations overwhelm, we are reminded to remember and observe examples of faith, such as the apostle Paul in his many struggles and even our Lord Himself whose faith and confidence in His Father's gracious design made Him endure "the cross, despising the shame" with the prospect of His certain victory and eternal placement at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2). That certainty is ours. Faith hangs on to the promise "I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown" (Revelation 3:11). Or as Paul says, "Therefore, my brothers, . . . my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord" (Philippians 4:1).

# **DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE**

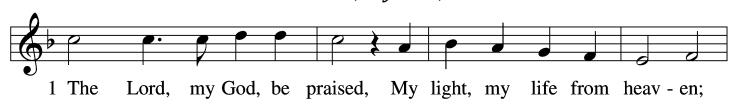
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**PRELUDE** (a quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship) **WELCOME** 

**OPENING HYMN** 

The Lord, My God, Be Praised

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My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;

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## Please stand

## **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,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. C

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

- O almighty God, merciful Father, P
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and  $\mathbf{C}$ 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.

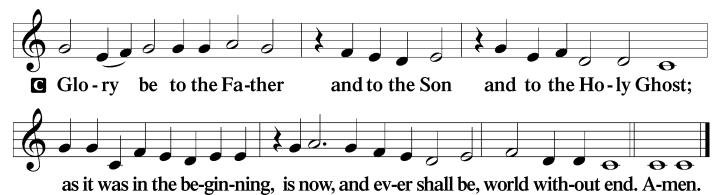
## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**INTROIT** Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9

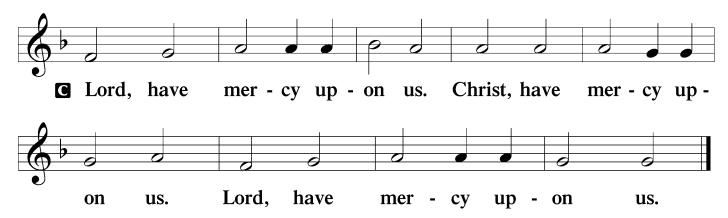
- Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of P those who reproach You have fallen on me.
- O God, why have You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger C smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?
- Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, P the tribe of Your inheritance, which You have redeemed—this Mount Zion where You have dwelt.
- Lift up Your feet to the perpetual desolations. The enemy has C damaged everything in the sanctuary.

P Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

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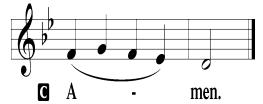


## **SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**



P O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to

the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; "By Your Word and Spirit grant healing and comfort to all who are in sorrow, sickness, or any adversity. Especially we pray for..."; 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**

Jeremiah 26:8-15

(Jeremiah threatened with death)

8 Now it happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, "You will surely die! 9 Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without an inhabitant'?" And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

10 When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the Lord's house. 11 And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, "This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears." 12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying: "The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words that you have heard. 13 Now therefore, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; then the Lord will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you. 14 As for me, here I am, in your hand; do with me as seems good and proper to you. 15 But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the Lord has sent me to you to speak all these

- words in your hearing."
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM** Psalm 4; antiphon: v. 8

- P I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.
- C Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.
- P How long, O you sons of men, will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness and seek falsehood?
- C But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The Lord will hear when I call to Him.
- P Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still.
- C Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.
- P There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.
- C You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the season that their grain and wine increased.
- P I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

# **EPISTLE** *Philippians 3:17–4:1*

(Our citizenship is in heaven.)

17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. 18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working

by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

- 1 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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**HOLY GOSPEL** 

Luke 13:31-35

(Lament over Jerusalem)

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



- 31 On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, "Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You."
- 32 And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.' 33 Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.
- 34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing! 35 See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'"
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

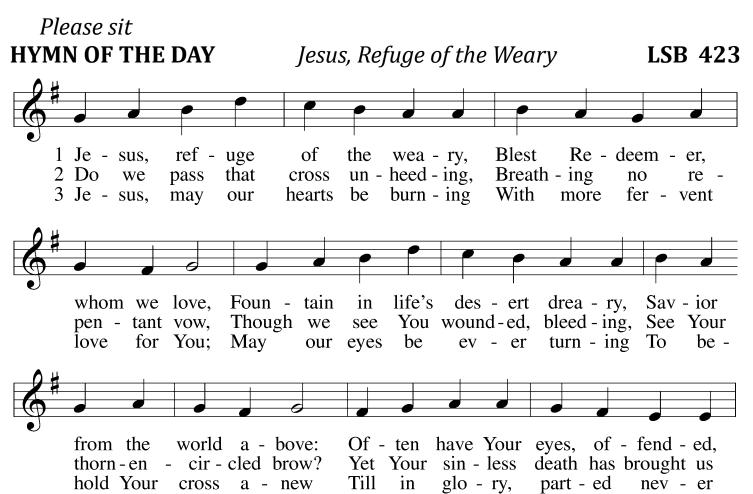


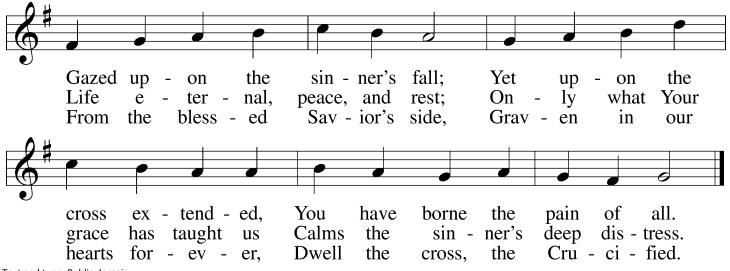
## **NICENE CREED**

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.





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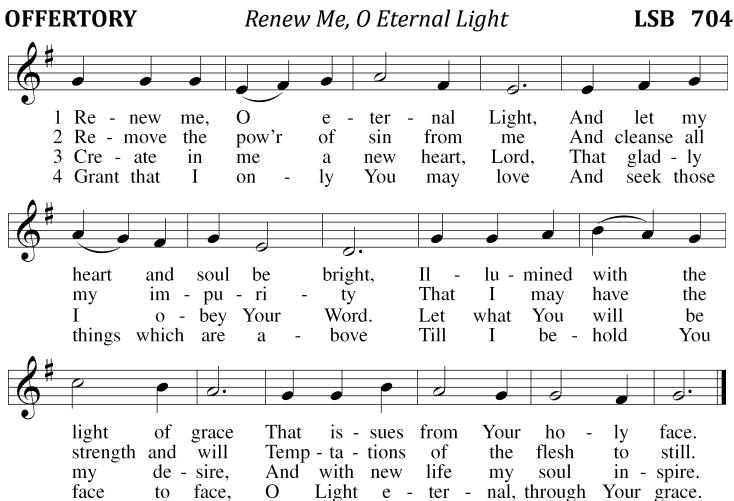
## **SERMON**

"God's fervent desire...for you!"

Luke 13:34

#### **OFFERING**

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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Almighty God, we give You thanks for Your gift and creation of faith in our hearts and minds. By this faith, we greatly rejoice in the power of Your Word and Spirit that gives us strength and confidence to face all the challenges we encounter. We live out that faith in praise of Your goodness and mercy and in love towards all who are in need of Your help and salvation. We ask You to hear our prayers and grant us Your help. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P For Your holy church throughout the world, all Christians redeemed by the blood of Christ, inspire firm and steadfast faith in Your truth that we all may remain faithful in the face of any and every challenge that would seek to cause us to fall. Preserve us and help us counter all false teachings that seek to contradict Your truth. Save us from all temptations of the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh that we may live with integrity and in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Give to all pastors, teachers, and all who serve in Your church Your wisdom and grace that they be instruments of Your mercy to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

P Bless all missionaries and faithful servants of our international fellowship of confessional Lutheran churches throughout all nations, granting them success in their ministries and safety, especially in challenging circumstances. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

P Inspire in our nation justice, honor, and peace. Grant health and wisdom to all who bear office in our land and help them to serve this people according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P By Your Word and Spirit grant healing and comfort to all who are in sorrow, sickness, or any adversity. Be with all those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Give steadfastness of faith to all who endure any and every

challenge to living according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

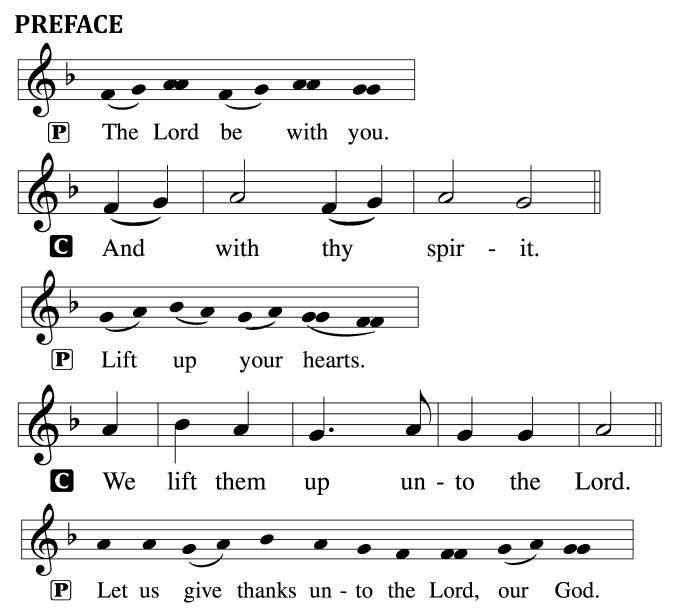
P Remembering all who have served You and have gone before us, now resting from their labors, we ask You to keep us in fellowship with them and with all Your saints and bring us at last to our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

# 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.

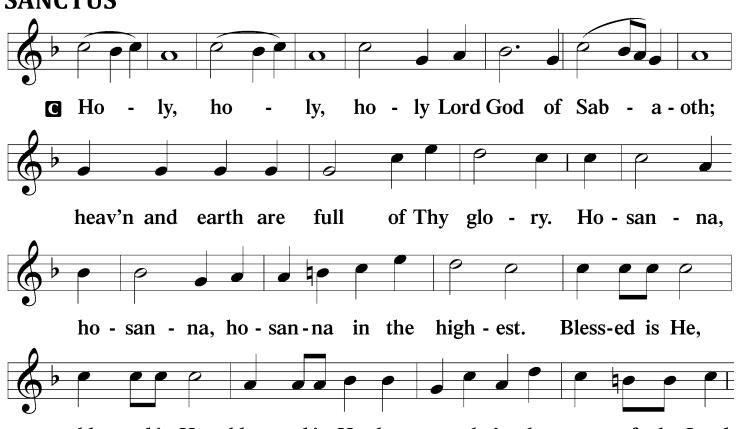
## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +





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:

## **SANCTUS**



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

# **LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

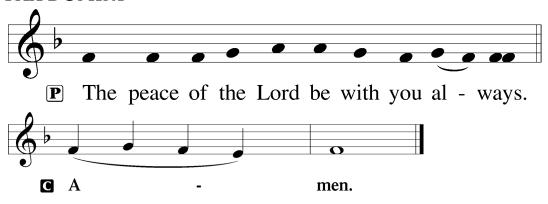
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



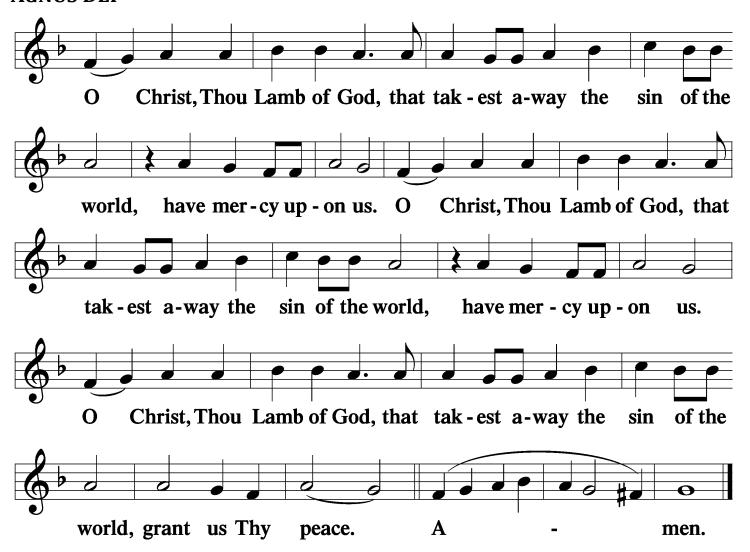
## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- 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 Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.



- ap proach; 1 Your ta - ble Ι
- 2 Lord. Ι con-fess my sins
- 3 Your bod - y and Your blood,
- 4 Search not how this takes place.

Dear Say - ior, hear my prayer. And mourn their wretch-ed bands: Once slain and shed for This won - drous mys - ter - y;



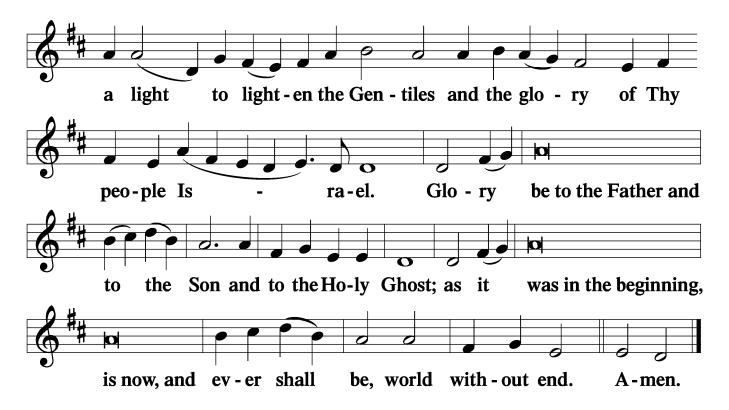
Let Prove hurt - ful un - re - pen - tant heart to con-trite heart is sure to find For - give-ness at Your hands. Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - tv. Are tak - en at God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light. Text and tune: Public domain

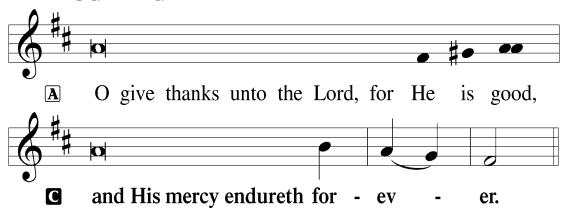
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## **NUNC DIMITTIS**





## **THANKSGIVING**



P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endureth forever. We give thanks to You, almighty God, for sending Your Son, our Lord, to be both a sacrifice for our sin and a model of the godly life. By His body and blood, strengthen our faith to stand steadfast as inheritors of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# **BENEDICAMUS**



# **BENEDICTION**

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# My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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- 1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal va ry,
- 2 May Thy rich grace im part Strength to my faint ing heart;
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran-sient dream, When death's cold, sul len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. My zeal in - spire! Be Thou my guide; Shall o'er me roll. Now hear me while Take all Ι pray; my Thou hast died As for me, Oh. may my Wipe Bid dark - ness day, sor-row's turn to Blest Say - ior. Fear then. in love. and dis-



this day guilt a - way; O let me from Be whol - lv Thine! love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire! tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee side. safe trust re-move; O bear me a-bove, A ran-somed soul!

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## **DISMISSAL**

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

## **POSTLUDE**





## **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.

## March Activities

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

## Lenten Mid-week 3

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 5:00 p.m. Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Service

## Men's Steak Night/Bible Study

Tuesday, March 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Sign-up sheet posted on Church door.)





# Installation of Rev. Edmund Weber

Join us for the installation service
of Pastor Ed Weber
April 6th
3pm

A light reception will be held following the service

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2 Corinthians 5:14–15
For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 4:8 NKJV

# Ash Wednesday Service

3/5/2025 Sunday Worship 81

Plate: \$ 490.00 Envelopes: \$ 258.00 Online \$ 100.00

**Total:** \$ 848.00

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Sunday Worship 78

Plate: \$ 1,616.00

Envelopes: \$ 1,968.00

Envelopes-Other:

On Line .00

Donation: .00

Memorial:

**Total:** \$ 3,584.00

Bible Class: **25** \$ 36.00

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Ezekiel 33:7-20

Psalm 85

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

# Jesus Rescues Us from Death and Brings Us into Heaven

The prophet Jeremiah faithfully preached "all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people" (Jer. 26:8). He called the people to repentance, lest the Lord's judgment come upon them. The violence that Jeremiah suffered for this preaching foreshadowed the cross and Passion of Christ Jesus, who suffered the judgment of God for the redemption of all people. For Jesus "comes in the name of the Lord" (Luke 13:35) in order to lay down His life for the sins of the world. Earthly Jerusalem was blind to His gracious visitation, and it put Him to death like the prophets before Him. Yet, His sacrifice upon the cross became the cornerstone of the new Jerusalem, His Church. He visits us today in mercy with His preaching of forgiveness, to gather us to Himself within that holy city, "as a hen gathers her brood under her wings" (Luke 13:34), for "our citizenship is in heaven" (Phil. 3:20).

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