

ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 18, 2026  
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*Sunday School*  
10:30 am

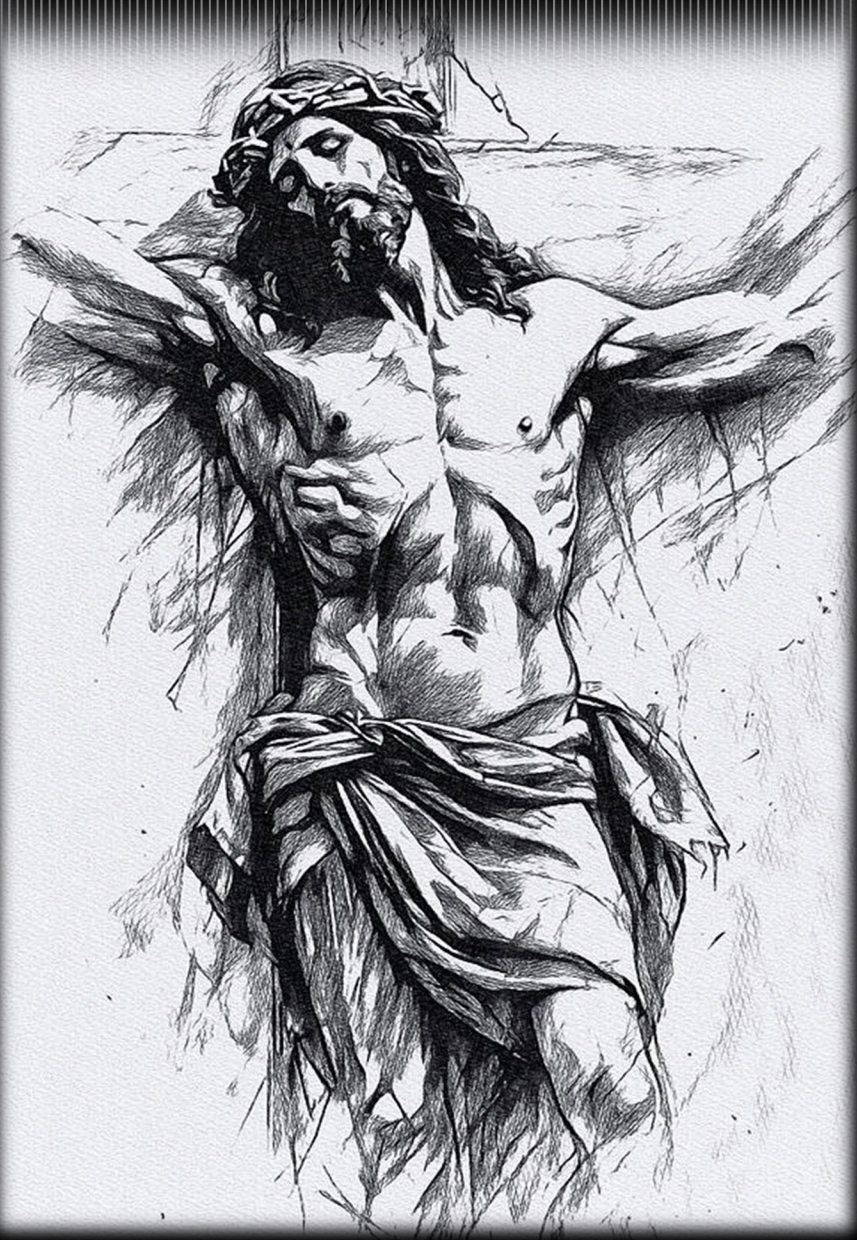
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# *Jesus' Personal Passion Prophecies...*



# ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 18, 2026

## **WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors here today. 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.

**AS WE GATHER**      We are beginning Lent, the forty days we set aside to focus on our Lord's Passion as we lead up to Easter. The Lord calls us to "Return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning," and Joel calls for a "solemn assembly" (Joel 2:12, 15). It is time to "to receive the grace of God" (2 Corinthians 6:1). And it is a time for active dialogue between each of us and our Father in heaven, as Jesus instructs in the Gospel.

**PRELUDE**      *(A Quiet Time for Prayer and Meditation)*

**OPENING HYMN**      *Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear*      **LSB 908**



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your  
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants  
△ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -  
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.  
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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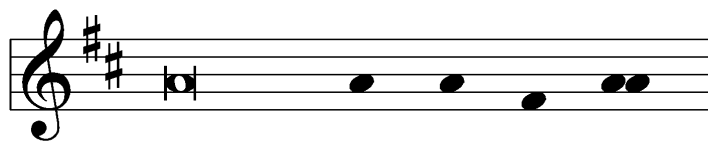
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### INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

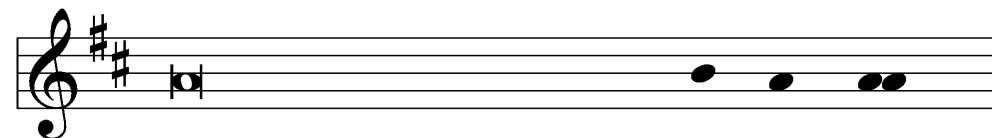
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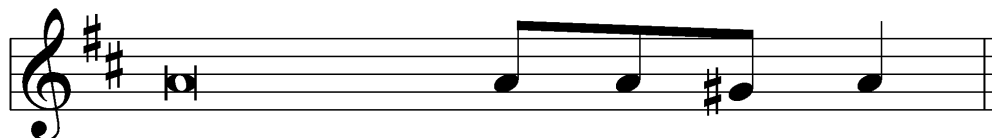
**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



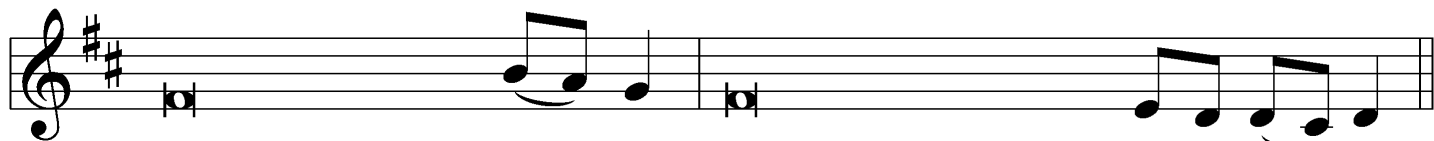
**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Lamb of our sal—va—tion.

## **PSALM**      *Psalm 25*

**P** To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**C** **O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me.**

**P** Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

**C** **Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.**

**P** Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.

**C** **Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, for they are from of old.**

**P** Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord.

**C** **Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He teaches sinners in the way.**

**P** The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way.

**C** **All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

**P** For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

**C** **Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.**

- P He himself shall dwell in prosperity, and his descendants shall inherit the earth.
- C The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.**
- P My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.
- C Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, for I am desolate and afflicted.**
- P The troubles of my heart have enlarged; bring me out of my distresses!
- C Look on my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins.**
- P Consider my enemies, for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.
- C Keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.**
- P Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.
- C Redeem Israel, O God, out of all their troubles!**

*Please sit*

## **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

- P The pastor may apply ashes to the forehead or wrist of each worshiper who desires, while speaking to them the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19) Yet Jesus promised, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." (John 11:25)

**Penitent responds, "Amen."**

## **FIRST READING**      *Matthew 16:21-28*

21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. 28 Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

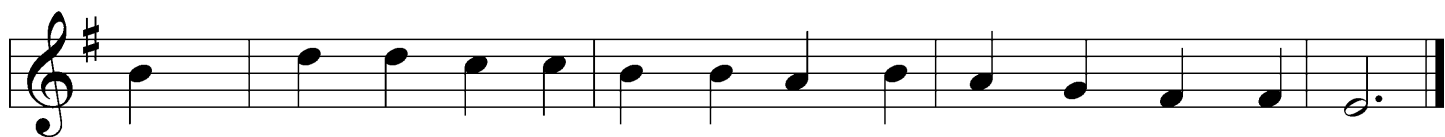
## HYMN

## *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

LSB 610



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;  
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;  
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;  
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.  
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.  
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!  
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.  
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

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## **Harmony of the Gospels Reading of the Passion and Death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

Matthew 26:30-46

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written:

'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

32 But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

33 Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."

34 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

35 Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!"  
And so said all the disciples.

36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." 37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

40 Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." 43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

44 So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Refrain is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of the following notes: a whole note F#4, followed by a quarter rest, then an eighth note G#4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note G#4. This is followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D#4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *All Depends on Our Possessing*     **LSB 732 vs. 1,2,4,5**

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not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.  
guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.  
I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.  
be it ev - er; I com - mit to Him my way.

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**SERMON**      *"...Refute Earthly Expectations"*      Matthew 16:21-23

**OFFERING**

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**OFFERTORY**      *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*      **LSB 609 vs. 1-5**



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -  
5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scar - let



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;  
my trans - gres - sion, It shall be as white as snow



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my  
By Thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion; For these words I



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
now be - lieve: Je - sus 9 sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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## KYRIE

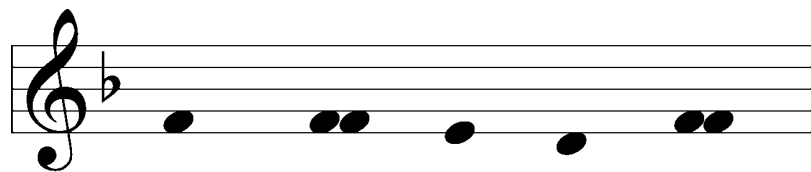


**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

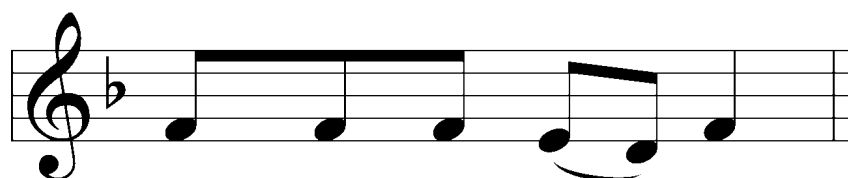
## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## COLLECTS



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with your spir - it.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. O almighty and eternal God, we implore you to direct, sanctify, and govern our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments that through your mighty protection, both now and ever, we may be preserved in body and in soul; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

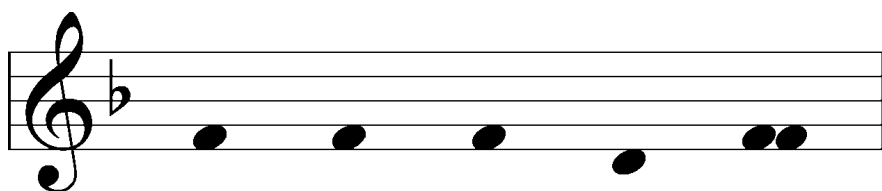
**C** Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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

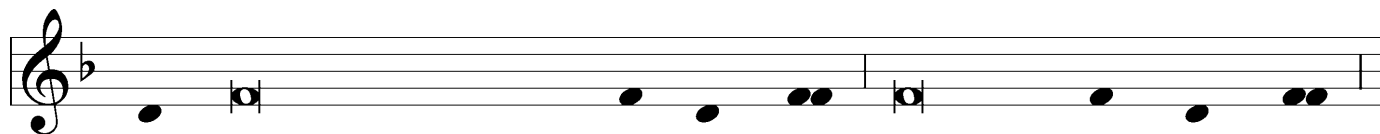


**L** Let us bless the Lord.

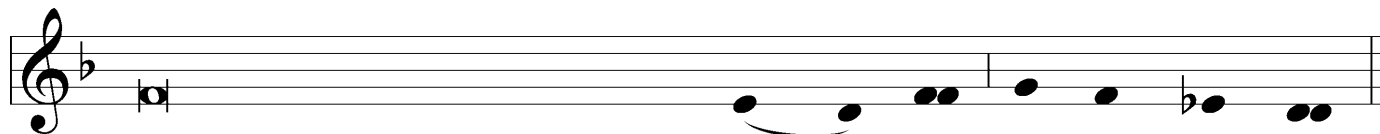


**C** Thanks be to God.

# BENEDICTION



**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

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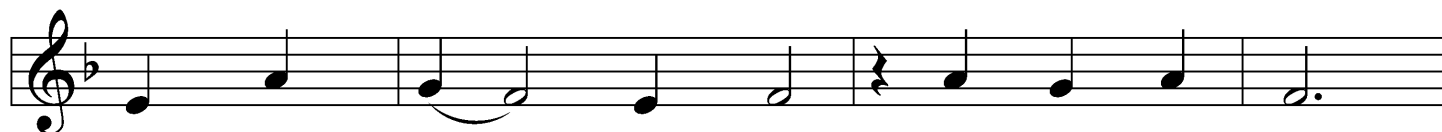
## SENDING HYMN

*Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide*

**LSB 585**



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bid, For round us  
2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear  
3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of  
4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword



falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,  
Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure  
fire and make us bold To shine Your Word  
of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that



that sav - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.  
till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.  
of sav - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.  
Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied in act and song.