

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Midweek Lent 5*



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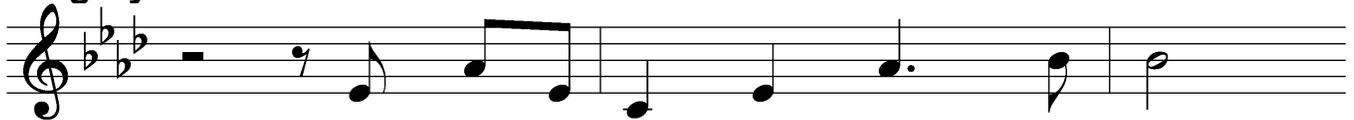
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Opening Hymn #395

"What Grace Is This"



- 1 What grace is this! My Lord and King
- 2 What grace is this— that ver - y God
- 3 What grace is this! Though Lord of all,
- 4 What grace is this! Rude ag - o - nies!



has set his face to suf - fer - ing. My God e -
 would stoop to lift a cross of wood and walk a
 he yields to Pon - tius Pi - late's law and lets the
 With com - mon thieves he hangs and bleeds. The sin - less



ter - nal dies to bring e - ter - nal life to me.
 road of rock and blood, a sin - ner's road, for me.
 Ro - man ham - mers draw a rush of blood for me.
 Son bears each mis - deed; he pays for all, for me.

- 5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths
 and gently laid in manger-trough,
 he's taken, dead, from wretched cross
 and wrapped again for me.
- 6 What grace is this? How can it be?
 He wears this raw humility
 to lift me to eternity.
 Such grace—sweet grace—for me.

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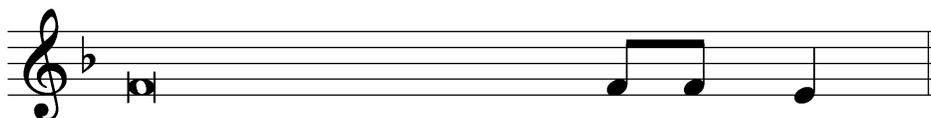
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Please stand.

Opening Sentences

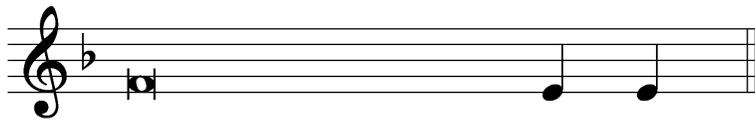
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M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



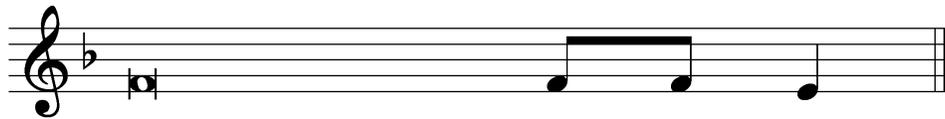
C: **the light no darkness can o - ver - come.**

M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



C: **and the day is almost o - ver.**

M: Be our light and scatter the darkness,

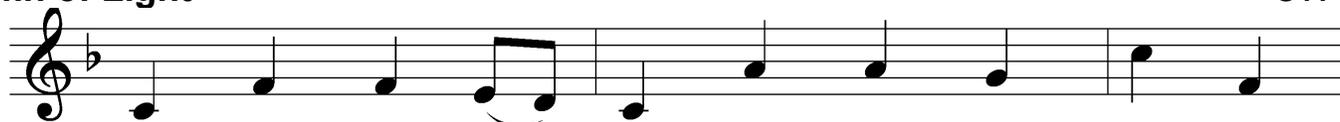


C: **and hear our evening prayer and praise.**

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Hymn of Light

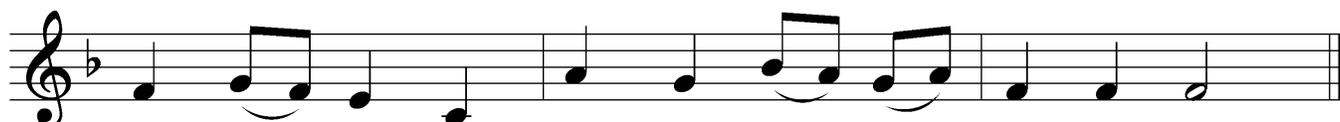
CW 216



1 Glad - d'ning light of pur - est glo - ry, shin - ing
2 In the fad - ing light of eve - ning, as the
3 For your gift of life un - end - ing, joy - ful



down from heav'n on high, from the ev - er -
set - ting sun de - parts, Fa - ther, Son, and
voic - es ev - er sing hymns of praise that



liv - ing Fa - ther— hail, most bless - ed Je - sus Christ!
Ho - ly Spir - it— we a - dore you, Lord our God.
right - ly hon - or, Son of God, your sav - ing name.

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M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us, and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. By your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: the maker of heaven and earth.

M: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection.

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C: we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

Choir Anthem

“Just As I Am”

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God (O Lamb of God) I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot O Lamb Of God (Lamb of God) I come.

Just as I am, poor wretched blind; sight riches, healing of the mind, all that I need in thee to find, O Lamb of God, Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God (O Lamb of God) I come.

Passion History Reading

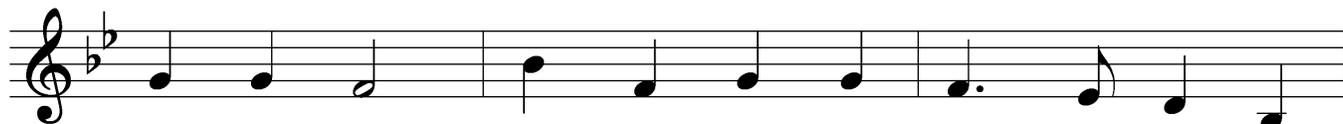
Matthew 27:1-26

Hymn #546

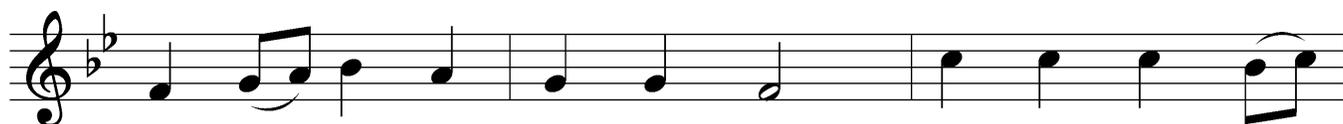
“Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus”



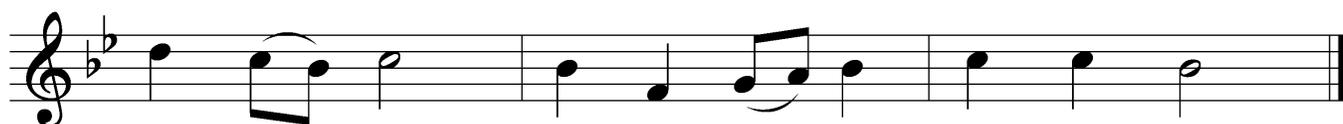
1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Je - sus, bears the name a -
 2 Since we have a priest who suf - fered, know - ing weak - ness,
 3 Sac - ri - fice and suf - f'ring o - ver, now he sits at
 4 Love's ex - am - ple, hope's at - trac - tion, faith's be - gin - ning



bove all names, reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing
 tears, and pain, who like us was tried and tempt - ed,
 God's right hand, crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,
 and its end, pi - o - neer of our sal - va - tion,



oth - er ti - tles, pow'rs and claims— since to heav'n our
 un - like us, with - out a stain— since he shared our
 his pre - em - i - nence long-planned; such a great High
 might - y ad - vo - cate and friend; Je - sus, high in



Lord has passed, let us hold our wit - ness fast!
 low - ly place, let us bold - ly seek his grace.
 Priest we have, strong to help, su - preme to save.
 glo - ry raised, our as - cend - ed Lord be praised!

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Sermon Text

Zechariah 6:6-13

⁹The word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁰“Take silver and gold from the exiles Heldai, Tobijah and Jedaiah, who have arrived from Babylon. Go the same day to the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah. ¹¹Take the silver and gold and make a crown, and set it on the head of the high priest, Joshua son of Jozadak. ¹²Tell him this is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD. ¹³It is he who will build the temple of the LORD, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.’ (NIV)

Sermon

“The Kingly Priest”

Please stand.

Catechism Review: The Second Article (Redemption)

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

All this he did that I should be his own,
and live under him in his kingdom,

and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

Be seated.

FRIENDSHIP CARD is available by the entrances. If you are watching on-line please go to
the description link and sign in.

FREEWILL OFFERING The offering plate is located by the back entrance. You may also give
electronically via our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

Prayer

M: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: listen to my cry.

M: Keep me as the apple of your eye;

C: hide me in the shadow of your wings.

M: In righteousness I shall see you;

C: when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

M: Be present, O Merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so
that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest
in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give
to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be
set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that
we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C: A - men.

Closing Hym #790

"Before the Ending of the Day"



1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of the
2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight, from all the ter - rors
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done through Je - sus Christ, your



world, we pray. Your grace and peace to us al - low
of the night, from all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep
on - ly Son, whom with the Spir - it we a - dore



and guard and keep your peo - ple now.
on heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.
for - ev - er and for - ev - er more. A - men.

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We thank Pastor Nicholas Lilienthal of Abiding Word Lutheran (ELS) in Bowling Green for preaching for our service this evening.

Join us this Lent as we walk with the Old Testament prophet Zechariah through the events of Holy Week. The themes for worship:

March 18: The Kingly Priest (Zechariah 6:9-13)

March 25: The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth (Zechariah 8:14-17)

Sunday, March 29: Look Up to See Your King! (Zechariah 9:9-10)

Thursday, April 2: A Cleansing Fountain (Zechariah 13:1-3)

Easter for Kids is this Saturday, March 21, 9:30 to noon.

Sign up children age 4 through grade 6 at our website,

www.immanuelfindlay.org.

And if you'd like to volunteer, or bake some cookies to drop off please sign up in back.



Easter Flower sign-up is out in the narthex. The flowers are listed on the sign-up sheet and the price for each flower is \$11.00. All of the flowers are bulbs and can be replanted to enjoy for years to come.