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First Sunday In Lent*



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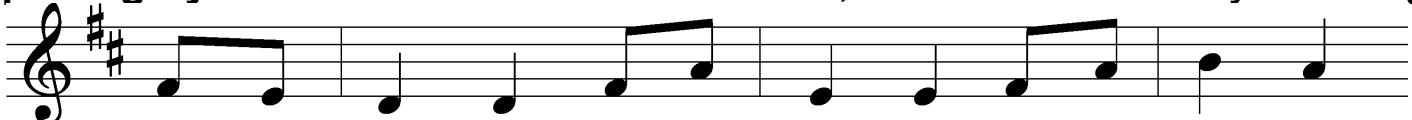
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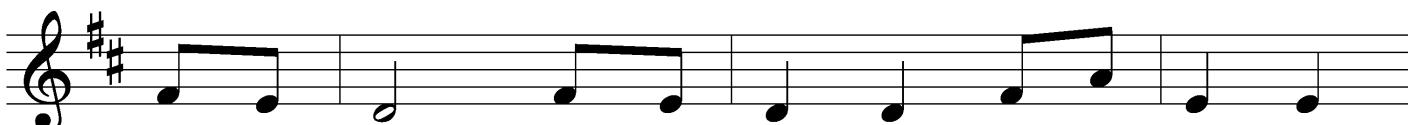
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Opening Hymn #708

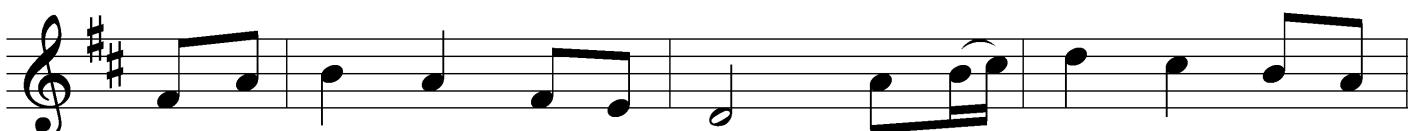
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”



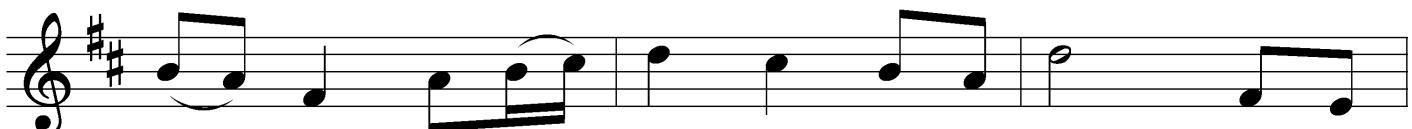
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-’ry blessing, tune my heart to
 2 Hith - er - to thy love has blessed me, thou hast drawn me
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I’m con -



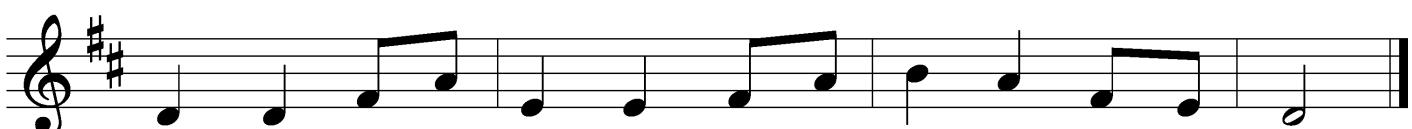
to this place; and I know thy hand will lead me
 strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,



safe - ly home by thy good grace. Je - sus sought me when a
 bind my wan-d’ring heart to thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I



stran - ger, wan - d’ring from the fold of God; he, to
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here’s my



res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre-cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, Harrisburg, 1813, ed. John Wyeth

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Please stand.

Invocation & Confession

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son **+** and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **+** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

Hymn #652 sts.1-2 (The refrain repeats after stanza 2)

"Lord, Have Mercy"

The hymn continues on the next page.

Refrain I

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on us. 2 For

Refrain II

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on us. 1 2 Fine (last time)

Lord, have mer - cy on us. on us.

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Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 17:1–7

¹The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?”

³But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

⁴Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

⁵The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?” (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95, Hymn #609 (early service) “We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer”

*Sing from hymnal or display.

Choir Anthem (late service)

“Touch Me With Ashes”

Second Reading

Romans 5:1–8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

²⁵The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he." (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn #893 sts. 1,10,3

"For All the Faithful Women"



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,
2 Re - call the out - cast wom - an with whom the Lord con - versed;
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un - known



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their sto - ry told.
Christ gave her liv - ing wa - ter to quench her deep-est thirst.
in whom thro' all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave;
Like hers, our hearts are yearn - ing; Christ of - fers us his Word.
we of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing and fer-vent prayer we raise



to you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.
Then may our lips be burn - ing to wit - ness to our Lord.
that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

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Sermon Text

St. John 4:5-26

Sermon

"Well, Well, Well"

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated.

Prayer of the Church

M: O Lord, Rock of our salvation, pour out your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that we may be assured in the hope of your glory. We are the people of your pasture.

C: We are the flock under your care.

M: Open our eyes to the many blessings you give us day after day. Give us grateful hearts that without doubt and without grumbling we may praise you for your goodness. We are the people of your pasture.

C: We are the flock under your care.

M: As your Son shared the living water of the gospel with the Samaritan woman, move us to share your living water with those who thirst, that they may see Jesus as their Messiah. We are the people of your pasture.

C: We are the flock under your care.

M: Look on all the schools of our land and bless those who teach and those who learn, that they may grow in true knowledge, wisdom and skill as they learn about the wonders of your world. We are the people of your pasture.

C: We are the flock under your care.

M: Bless the proclamation of your Word in this place that it may remain the foundation for our faith and life, and that we may continue to worship you in Spirit and in truth. We are the people of your pasture.

C: We are the flock under your care.

M: When we were still powerless, Christ died for us. In your mercy, help those who are weak, hurting or in need [especially...]. Bring peace to their hearts with the message of your grace in Christ, and let their sufferings yield the fruits of perseverance, character and hope. We are the people of your pasture.

C: We are the flock under your care.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Lord, refresh us with the living water of the Word of Jesus. Pour out your Spirit on us and on those who hear the Word from our lips. Make us grow in wisdom, knowledge and faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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The Sacrament

Visitors: Please see communion statement on back page of the bulletin before joining us at the Lord's table.

Please stand.

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical notation consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and common time. The lyrics for this section are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might." The second staff continues the melody. The third staff begins with "Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -". The fourth staff continues. The fifth staff begins with "na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who". The sixth staff concludes with "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -". The final measure of the sixth staff ends with a large Roman numeral "8", indicating a repeat of the first section.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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.**

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \pm body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \pm blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

The musical score consists of seven staves of music in common time with a treble clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with repeat signs and endings. The lyrics are:

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A - men. A - men.

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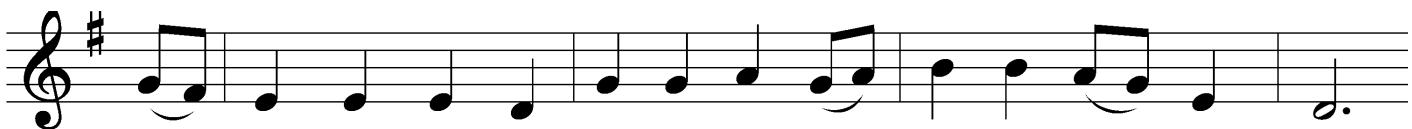
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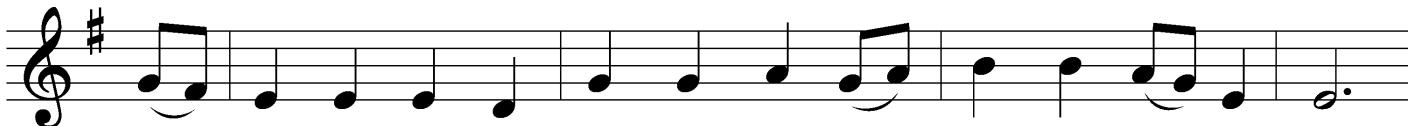
Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn #703

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



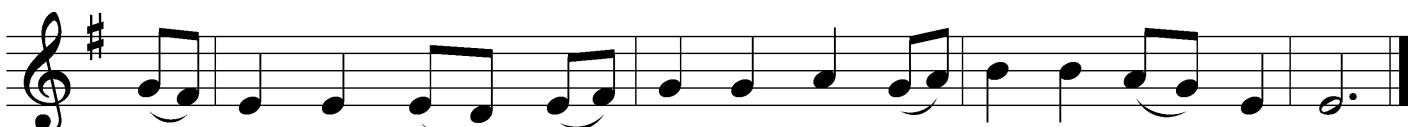
1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light.



lay down, O weary one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."



I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

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Distribution Hymn #874

“Preserve Your Word, O Savior”

1 Pre - serve your Word, O Sav - ior, to us this lat - ter
 2 Pre - serve your Word and preach - ing, the truth that makes us
 3 Pre - serve in wave and tem - pest your storm-tossed lit - tle

day, and let your king - dom flour - ish; en - large your
 whole, the mir - ror of your glo - ry, the pow'r that
 flock; as - sailed by wind and weath - er, may it en -

Church, we pray. O keep our faith from fail - ing, keep
 saves the soul. Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, this
 dure each shock. Come take the helm, our pi - lot, and

hope's bright star a - glow; let noth - ing turn us
 spring of heav'n - ly grace, sus - tain us while here
 set the course a - right; then we will reach the

from you while wan-d'ring here be - low.
 liv - ing un - til we see your face.
 har - bor in your e - ter - nal light.

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M: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

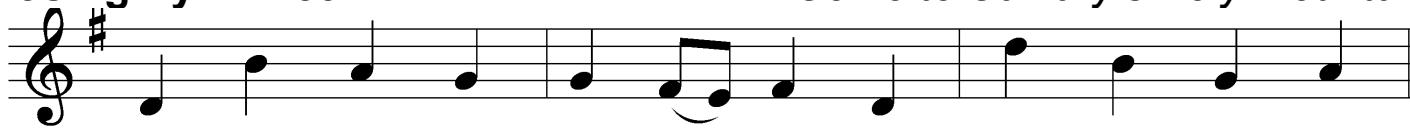
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #394

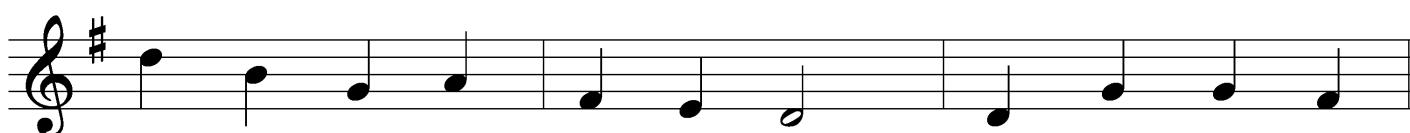
"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"



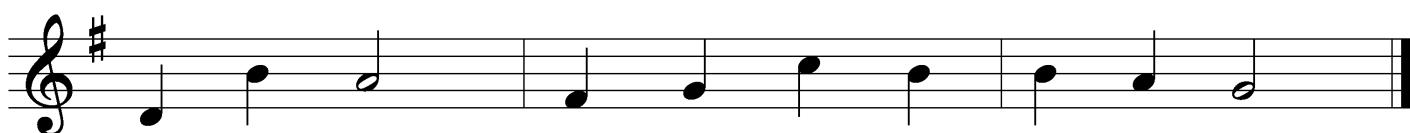
1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, wound - ed, par - a -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'tis a soul - re -



by the fall; here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; from in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
lyzed, and blind; here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



flows to you, to me, to all, in a full, per -
from the lep - ro - sy of sin, wash your robes and
here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
break his cov - e - nant of blood, signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; you shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; they that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

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Voters' Meeting The Quarterly Voter's meeting will be held after the late service today at 11:45 AM. A copy of the Voter's Packet is in the mailbox of our members. Please bring the packet with you to the meeting as no additional packets will be provided.

Thank you for all the support and prayers during my recent surgery. Martha Betts

Holy Communion will be offered to members every Sunday during the seasons of Lent and Easter, as we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection for us!

Newsletter If you are not able to access the digital copy of February and March's newsletter there are a few paper copies by the bulletins. We will hopefully be able to mail out the April and May Newsletter in a more timely fashion.

Lenten Services We will have a 7:00 PM services on Wednesdays through Holy Week. We will have a meal at 5:30 PM before each of the Lenten services. Please sign up for the meal so enough can be prepared. Sign-up sheets for all the meals are at the back of the church.

Holy Week Services are (Apr. 2) Holy Thursday @ 7 PM, (Apr. 3) Good Friday at 7 PM and (Apr. 5) Easter Sunday services are at 7 AM and 9:30 AM with Breakfast at 8 AM. We will not have Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Easter for Kids: We'd like to hold an Easter outreach events for families on Saturday, March 21st. If you can help organize this, please speak with Pastor or Vicar or Nate Weihrauch or Brad Sorn.

Tax Credit Scholarship (Yes- it's almost tax time again) Members of Immanuel Lutheran and Preschool are reminded to take advantage of the excellent tax credit opportunity available through the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio (LSGOO). Singles can direct up to \$750 and married filers up to \$1500 of Ohio tax liability to this program. The money donated goes directly to the Immanuel Lutheran Preschool scholarship fund and counts toward what you owe for your 2025 taxes for your State of Ohio tax liability. These scholarship funds are then reviewed and may be provided for tuition in behalf of the parents/guardians that have applied for a LSGOO scholarship. The process is very simple and can be done in large as a single donation or spread out during the year. FYI – so far this year this program has provided over \$15,000 in scholarship dollars for tuition, helping 13 children in our preschool. For more information go to www.lsgoothio.org or contact one of our LSGOO committee members. (Don Lucas, Howard Wilch, Don Baker)

Kroger will give money back to our church and preschool on any purchases you make. Go to kroger.com, sign into your Kroger card account (or set one up); in the search bar type Community Rewards; then either search for Immanuel Lutheran or type LW765. Click enroll and it's done. This does not affect the points you receive for shopping.

New Vicar: Our Council and Voters plan to apply for a vicar for the 2026-27 school year. If you would like to help, mark your contribution for our Vicar Fund.

BIBLE STUDY	<i>Sunday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Hard Sayings	9:20 AM
	<i>Wednesday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Psalms	10:00 AM
	<i>Thursday</i>	Zoom Bible Study	Baptism	7:00 PM

February Greeters	<u>East Doors</u>	<u>North Doors</u>
2/22	8:00 Bob H.	Volunteer
	10:30 Denny & Sharon P.	Laura & Mike B.

February Ushers: 8:00 Don L., Nate W. 10:30 Don B., Kris A.

March Greeters	<u>East Doors</u>	<u>North Doors</u>
3/1	8:00 Volunteer	Volunteer
	10:30 Deana H.	Kay M.
3/8	8:00 Howard & Nancy W.	Volunteer
	10:30 Jim & Jamie T.	Helen R.
3/15	8:00 Volunteer	Volunteer
	10:30 Becky F.	Marjorie H.
3/22	8:00 Volunteer	Volunteer
	10:30 Pam W.	Jan S.
3/29	8:00 Volunteer	Volunteer
	10:30 Diane L.	Tim P.

March Ushers **8:00 AM:** Mike W., Eldon B. **10:30 AM:** Kris G., Denny P.

Calendar	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Voters' Meeting, 11:45 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM
	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study, 10:00 AM Choir Practice, 4:00 PM Lenten meal, 5:30 PM
	Thursday	Lenten Service, 7:00 PM
	Saturday	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	Sunday	Young Adults, 5:30 PM Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM



It is Finished!

Jesus came to keep all of God's commandments perfectly and to fulfill all the promises about the Savior contained in the Old Testament so that he could triumphantly say about his redemptive work for our salvation, "It is finished!"

This Lenten season we will look at some of Zechariah's prophecies pointing to the events of Jesus' Holy Week passion, death, and resurrection. We'll see what Jesus' fulfillment of those prophecies means for us—now and in eternity.

Join us Wednesdays at 7:00 pm starting February 18th. A meal will be provided each week at 5:30 pm.

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

There are visitor welcome packets available in the narthex.

There are children's books, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

Silence is golden. Please silence cell phones before worship.

Bulletin Board: If you would like items displayed, please contact the office.

When receiving communion, it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.

Celebrating Communion in Love—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.