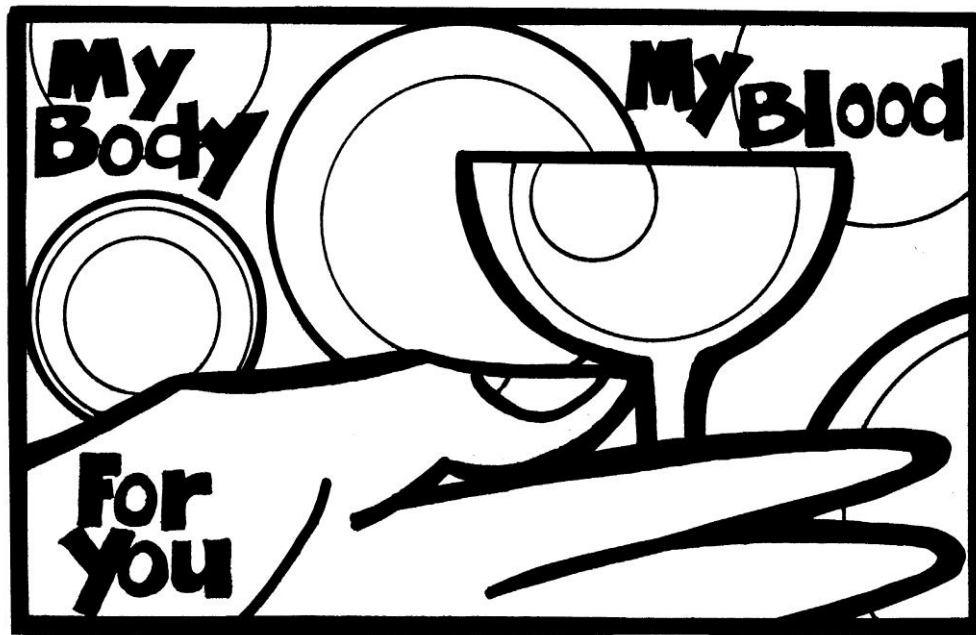


Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

*April 2, 2026
Holy Thursday*



1 COR. 11:24-25

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Opening Hymn #417

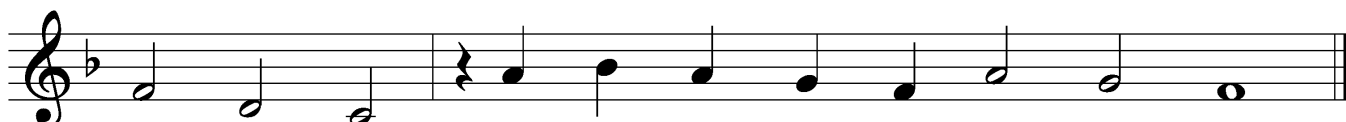
"It Was a Dark and Dismal Night"



1 It was a dark and dis - mal night when pow'rs of
2 Be - fore the mourn - ful scene be - gan, he took the
3 "This is my bod - y, slain for sin; re - ceive and
4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end, in mem - 'ry
5 Je - sus, your feast we cel - e - brate; we show your



earth and hell a - rose a - gainst the Son, our
bread and blessed and broke. What love through all his
eat the liv - ing food." Then took the cup and
of your dy - ing friend; meet at my ta - ble
death; we sing your name till you re - turn and



God's de - light, and friends be - trayed him to his foes.
ac - tions ran! What won - drous words of grace he spoke!
blessed the wine: "This is my all - a - ton - ing blood."
and re - cord the love of your de - part - ed Lord."
we shall eat the mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt *Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–c. 1561* *Text and tune: Public domain*

Please stand.

Invocation & Confession

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

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. We should not doubt this absolution but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion, first instituted on this night, the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

As we begin the solemn celebration of our Lord's passion, let us confess our sins to him, receive his absolution, and be reconciled to God and each other in Christian love.

**M: 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.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, has reconciled us to God, and has promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

**C: Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,
in our words, and in our actions.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading

Exodus 24:1–11

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance,
²but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him.”

³When Moses went and told the people all the LORD’s words and laws, they responded with one voice, “Everything the LORD has said we will do.” ⁴Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. ⁶Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey.”

⁸Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank. (NIV)

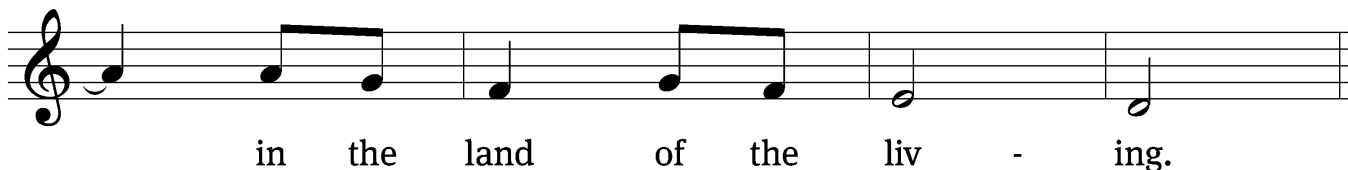
M; The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116B (*sing as indicated*)

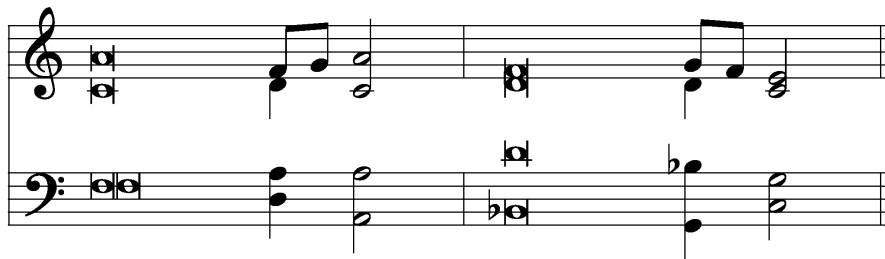
“I Will Walk in the Presence of the Lord”

Refrain



Psalm verses are printed on the next page.

Tone



I love the LORD, for he / heard my voice;
he heard my cry for / mercy.
Because he turned his / ear to me,
I will call on him as long / as I live.
The LORD is gracious and / righteous;
when I was brought low, he / saved me. *Refrain*

What shall I return / to the LORD
for all his good- / ness to me?
I will lift up the cup of sal- / vation
and call on the name / of the LORD.
Precious in the sight / of the LORD
is the death of his faithful / servants.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-28

²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.
(NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem

"And When It Was Evening"

Please stand.

Holy Gospel

St. John 13:1-15,34

¹It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

³⁴"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn #401

"There Is a Fountain"

The choir will sing stanza 1.



1 There is a foun - tain filled with blood drawn
2 The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that
3 Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall
4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream your
5 When this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies



from Im - man - uel's veins, and sin - ners plunged be -
foun - tain in his day; and there have I, as
nev - er lose its pow'r till all the ran - somed
flow - ing wounds sup - ply, re - deem - ing love has
si - lent in the grave, then in a no - bler,



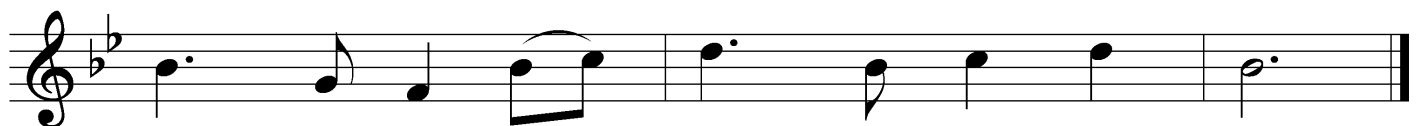
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vile as he, washed all my sins a - way:
Church of God be saved, to sin no more:
been my theme and shall be till I die:
sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to save:



lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their
washed all my sins a - way, washed all my
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to
and shall be till I die, and shall be
I'll sing your pow'r to save, I'll sing your



guilt - y stains, and sin - ners plunged be -
sins a - way, and there have I, as
sin no more, till all the ran - somed
till I die, re - deem - ing love has
pow'r to save, then in a no - bler,



neath that flood lose all their guilt - y stains.
vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.
Church of God be saved, to sin no more.
been my theme and shall be till I die.
sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to save.

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Sermon Text

Zechariah 13:1–3

¹“On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.

²“On that day, I will banish the names of the idols from the land, and they will be remembered no more,” declares the LORD Almighty. “I will remove both the prophets and the spirit of impurity from the land. ³And if anyone still prophesies, their father and mother, to whom they were born, will say to them, ‘You must die, because you have told lies in the LORD’s name.’ Then their own parents will stab the one who prophesies. (NIV)

Sermon Theme

“A Cleansing Fountain”

Please stand.

The Blessings of the Lord’s Supper & The Power of the Lord’s Supper

M: *Second: What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?*

C: That is shown us by these words: “Given” and “poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.”

Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament.

For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

M: *Third: How can eating and drinking do such great things?*

C: It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words “Given” and “poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.”

These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking.

And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.

Be seated.

Prayer of the Church

M: Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God, pictured in the ancient Passover feast, and you have fulfilled all things by giving your own body and pouring out your own blood on the cross. Just as the Passover lambs assured the Israelites of God’s promise to deliver them from death,

C: strengthen our belief that the bread is your real body and the wine is your real blood, given to us for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

M: Prepare us to receive this sacrament remembering your death and repenting of our sins.

C: Unite us by our oneness of faith throughout this congregation and our synod, and love us to the end that we may love others as you have loved us.

M: We rejoice in our fellow believers who have been instructed in your Word and confirmed in the Lutheran faith, who are now ready to receive Holy Communion.

C: Equip them with every spiritual blessing for doing your will.

M: We pray for those absent from the sacrament because of their own neglect.

C: Call them in your mercy to return and renew their faith.

M: Keep in your care those unable to receive the sacrament often because they are homebound, hospitalized, imprisoned, serving in the military, or otherwise separated from the fellowship of believers. Encourage them so that they do not lose hope.

**C: Be gracious to us all and nourish us with this feast,
that we remain faithful unto death,
and become partakers of the wedding feast of the Lamb. Amen.**

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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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Please stand.

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

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first four measures of the melody. The second staff contains the next six measures, with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,' written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

God of might. Heav-en 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: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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 + 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 + 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.

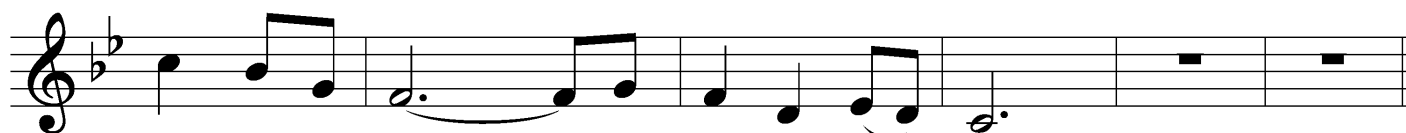
C: Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

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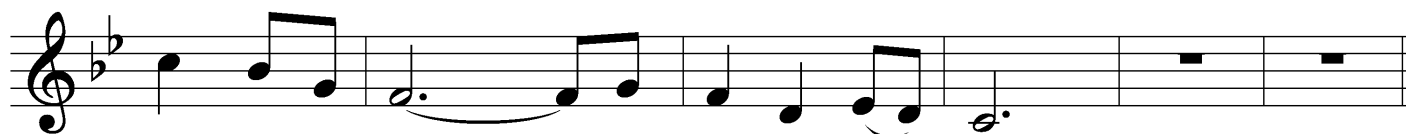
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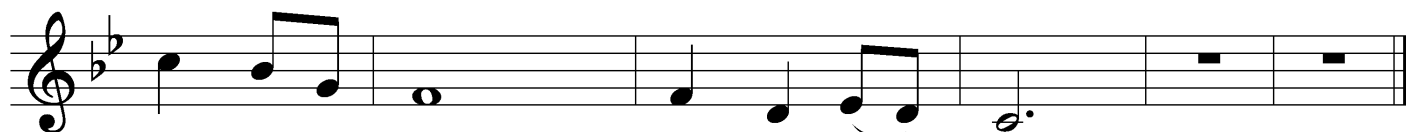
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Be seated.

Distribution Hymn #659

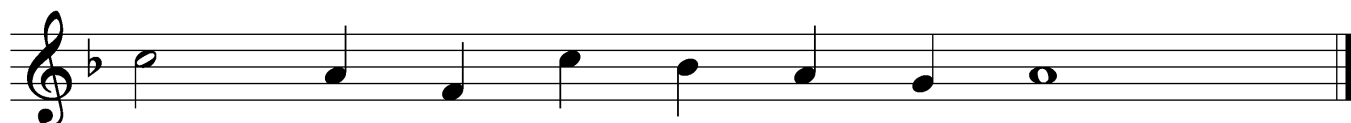
“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, turned a - way God's
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, he, this pre - cious
 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; take heed how you
 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion if sal - va - tion



wrath for - ev - er; by his bit - ter grief and woe
 food sup - ply - ing, gives his bod - y with the bread
 are pre - par - ing, for if you do not be - lieve,
 you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup - pose



he saved us from the e - vil foe.
 and with the wine the blood he shed.
 judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.
 you need not him who died and rose.

- 5 Christ says, “Come, all you that labor,
 and receive my grace and favor;
 those who feel no pain or ill
 need no physician’s help or skill.”
- 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
 that this food is to be taken
 by the souls who are distressed,
 by hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
 unto us such food has given
 and, to mend what we have done,
 gave into death his only Son.
- 8 If your heart this truth professes
 and your mouth your sin confesses,
 surely you will be his guest
 and at his banquet ever blest.

*Text: John Hus, c. 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941
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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 you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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.**

Stripping of the Altar

The altar, which symbolizes Christ, is stripped in token of Jesus' abandonment by his disciples in Gethesmane, so that he would face Good Friday alone.

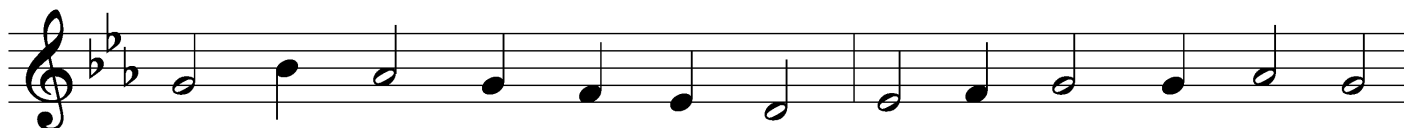
The closing hymn will be sung during the stripping of the altar.

Closing Hymn #420

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”



1 Je - sus, I will pon-der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
 2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
 4 Grant that I your pas-sion view with re - pent - ant griev - ing;



with your Spir - it me en - dow for such med - i - ta - tion.
 bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.
 let me not bring shame to you by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
 make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails did wound you,
 Ah! I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
 How could I re - fuse to shun ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death that I may not per - ish.
 how for them you died, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
 this in - deed the cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
 since for me God's on - ly Son suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm
 and my conscience grieve me,
 let your cross my fear disarm,
 peace of conscience give me.
 Help me see forgiveness won
 by your holy passion.
 If for me he slays his Son,
 God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;
 help me bear my crosses,
 learning humbleness from you,
 peace mid pain and losses.
 May I give you love for love!
 Hear me, O my Savior,
 that I may in heav'n above
 sing your praise forever.

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Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society will hold its Spring Missions Collection on Sunday, April 12 after both services. The Home Mission is 100 Missions in 10 Years and the World Mission is Pakistan. **Checks should be made payable to LWMS Ohio Circuit.** Please give checks/cash to the ladies holding the baskets at the exits that day.

The LWMS Spring Rally will take place on **May 2** at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Maumee (2250 Holland Sylvania Road, Maumee, OH 43537). The speaker will be Rev. Jeffrey Duquaine who serves at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Willoughby, OH. If you would like to attend there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church or you can RSVP at 419-867-7352. There is a new schedule we are using and it is included on the flyer by the office and by the sign-up sheet.

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

Holy Week Services are (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. Please sign-up for Easter breakfast.

Our Assistance Fund is running low, as we've helped a few needy people in the past year. We give limited help for food or gas, or other physical needs to indigent people. If you would like to support this, please designate your offering to our Assistance Fund.

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	Defending Faith	7:00 PM

Calendar	Thursday	Holy Thursday Worship, 7:00 PM
	Friday	Good Friday Worship, 7:00 PM
	Sunday	Easter Worship Worship & Holy Communion, 7 & 9:30 AM Breakfast, 8-9 AM

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.