

# *Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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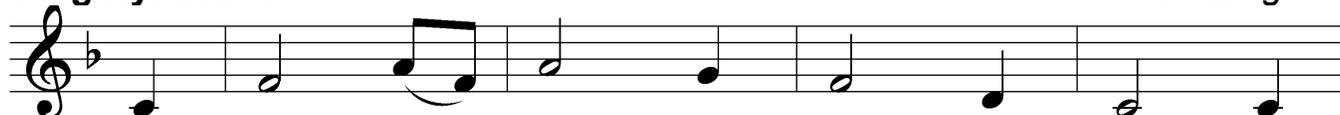
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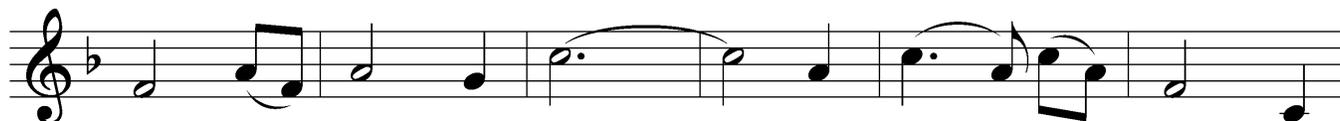


## Opening Hymn #576

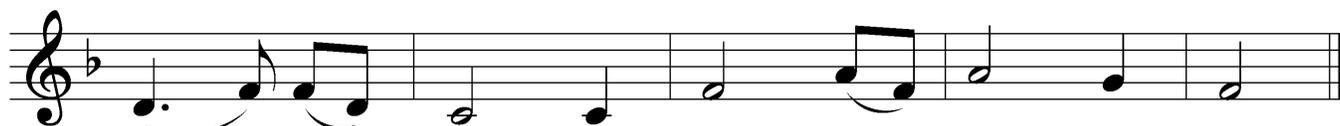
“Amazing Grace”



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*Text (sts. 1–3): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 4): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, Richmond, 1790*

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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: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

C: **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us  
should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,  
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.  
It also means that a new person should daily arise  
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**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: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(Early service continues with hymn 646, p.4)*

### **Sacrament of Baptism** *(late service)*

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Michael Joseph Gorman, Jr., I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✝ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this child has been baptized into the family of believers, the holy Christian Church. It is our privilege and responsibility to care for the children of our congregation, to remember them in our prayers, to encourage their parents in their God-given work, and to demonstrate a Christian life. If you are willing to do so, answer: "Yes, and we ask God to help us."

**C: Yes, and we ask God to help us.**

M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Michael as your own child and made him a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to him and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

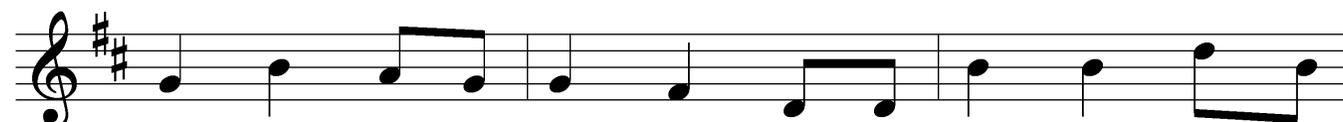
C: Amen.

### Hymn #646

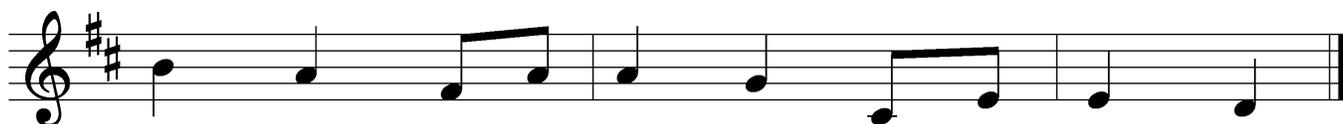
*"See This Wonder in the Making"*



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God him -  
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens as the  
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, far more  
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; home we



self this child is tak - ing as a lamb safe in his  
door of heav - en o - pens and the Fa - ther beams, "Be -  
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to your arms we  
take a new-born crea - ture, now God's pre - cious son or



keep - ing, his to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.  
lov - ed, heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"  
place him, with your love and peace em - brace him.  
daugh - ter, born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

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### Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, by your almighty power you opened the eyes of the blind and showed yourself to them. Turn our eyes away from worthless things, and lead us to love you sincerely; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Be seated.*

## First Reading

Isaiah 42:14-21

<sup>14</sup>“For a long time I have kept silent,  
I have been quiet and held myself back.  
But now, like a woman in childbirth,  
I cry out, I gasp and pant.  
<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste the mountains and hills  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn rivers into islands  
and dry up the pools.  
<sup>16</sup>I will lead the blind by ways they have not known,  
along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;  
I will turn the darkness into light before them  
and make the rough places smooth.  
These are the things I will do;  
I will not forsake them.  
<sup>17</sup>But those who trust in idols,  
who say to images, ‘You are our gods,’  
will be turned back in utter shame.  
<sup>18</sup>“Hear, you deaf;  
look, you blind, and see!  
<sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant,  
and deaf like the messenger I send?  
Who is blind like the one in covenant with me,  
blind like the servant of the LORD?  
<sup>20</sup>You have seen many things, but you pay no attention;  
your ears are open, but you do not listen.”  
<sup>21</sup>It pleased the LORD  
for the sake of his righteousness  
to make his law great and glorious. (NIV)

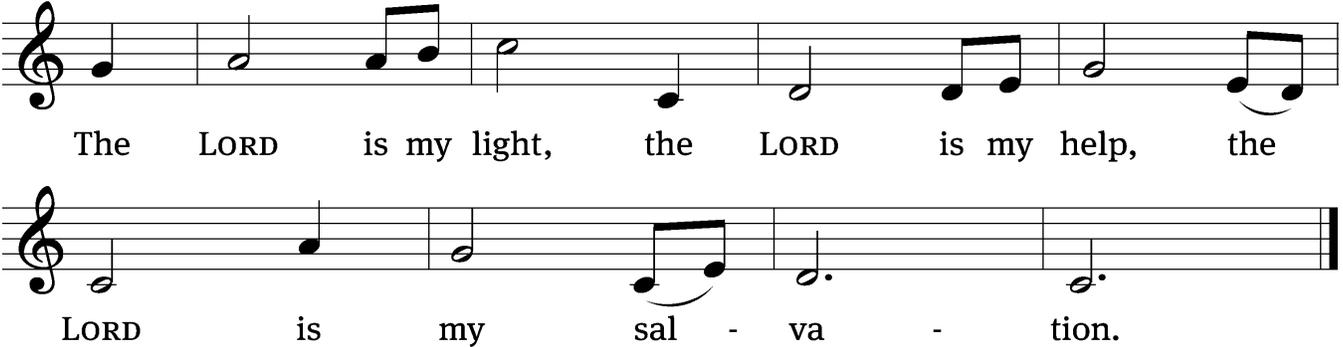
M; The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 27A** (sing as indicated)

“The Lord Is My Light”

*Refrain*



C: The LORD is my light, the LORD is my help, the LORD is my salvation.

*Psalm Tone*



M: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom / shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I / be afraid?  
One thing I ask / from the LORD,  
this only / do I seek:

C: **that I may dwell in the house / of the LORD  
all the days / of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty / of the LORD  
and to seek him in his / temple. Refrain**

C: **He will hide me in the shelter of his / sacred tent  
and set me high up- / on a rock.  
I remain confi- / dent of this:  
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land / of the living.  
Wait / for the LORD;  
be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.  
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in / the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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**Second Reading**

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

<sup>8</sup>For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup>and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup>It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. <sup>14</sup>This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.” (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Choir Anthem

*“Just As I Am”*

*Please stand.*

## Holy Gospel

*St. John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39*

<sup>1</sup>As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

<sup>3</sup>“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

<sup>6</sup>After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. <sup>7</sup>“Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.”

<sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.”

But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided.

<sup>17</sup>Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>34</sup>To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

<sup>36</sup>“Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

<sup>37</sup>Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

<sup>38</sup>Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.” (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

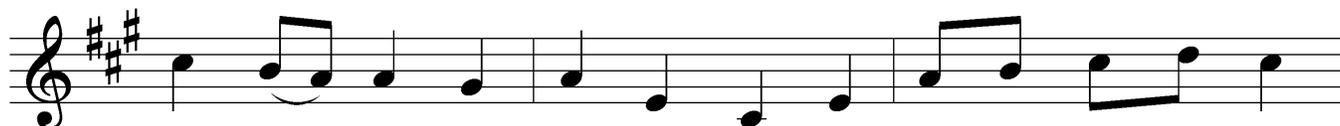
*Be seated.*

# Hymn #681

"Christ Is with Me"



1 We were bur - ied with him in - to death, that as he was raised  
2 I have now been graft - ed to the vine, draw - ing life from roots  
3 I have now been cru - ci - fied with Christ, I no long - er live,



by God's glo - ry, we might walk in life made new by grace;  
rich in mer - cy, bear - ing fruit as I a - bide in him,  
Christ lives in me; now I live by faith in God's own Son—



hav - ing died with Christ, we shall live with him.  
fruit for - ev - er fresh, glo - ri - fy - ing God.  
one who loved me so, gave him - self for me.

## Refrain



Christ is with me ev - 'ry - where I go;



nev - er to leave me, this I know.

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## Sermon Text

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

## Sermon

*"Live As Children of Light"*

*Please stand.*

## Apostles' Creed

**C:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Be seated.*

## Prayer of the Church

M: O Lord, our light and our salvation, make your Word great and glorious among us. Open our eyes to the truths of your Word, that we may know you, accept your teaching as true, and put our full trust in you. Lord, awaken us with your light,

**C: and Christ will shine on us.**

M: Shine the light of your gospel on people who live in the darkness of sin and unbelief. Use us to bring your Word to them, and by your Spirit turn their trust from idols to you. Lord, awaken us with your light,

**C: and Christ will shine on us.**

M: Bring peace to our world, Lord, according to your good purpose. Bless the members of our armed forces who serve to protect us. Give wisdom to the leaders of our nation and other nations that freedom may be preserved and peace may reign. Lord, awaken us with your light,

**C: and Christ will shine on us.**

M: We give thanks for the many people who work for the good of others, highway workers, engineers and planners, sanitation and waste disposal workers. Give them hearts willing to serve and keep them safe as they carry out their duties. Lord, awaken us with your light,

**C: and Christ will shine on us.**

M: Have mercy on those who struggle with feelings of guilt, despair, and the heaviness of life's troubles. Give them hope in your goodness, and patience to wait for your good purpose. Lord, awaken us with your light,

**C: and Christ will shine on us.**

M: Your Son, Jesus, gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, strength to the infirm, and healing to the sick. In your mercy, give healing to those who wait for you [*especially...*]. Lord, awaken us with your light,

**C: and Christ will shine on us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Gracious Father, you gave your only Son to be the light for the blind, the way for those who stray, and the resurrection of the dead. Enlighten the darkness of human hearts and minds, bring sinners to repentance, that we may live in you and for you; 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

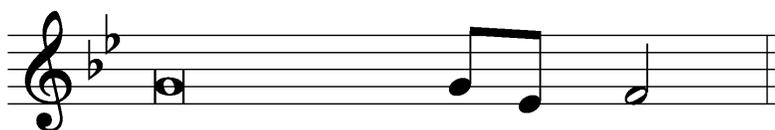
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M: The Lord be with you.



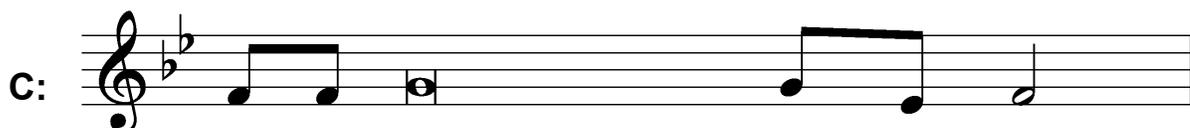
C: **And al - so with you.**

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

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:** We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.

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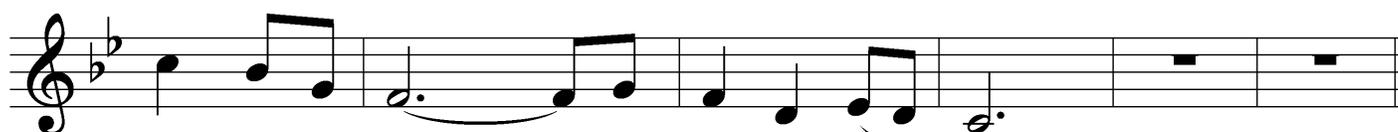
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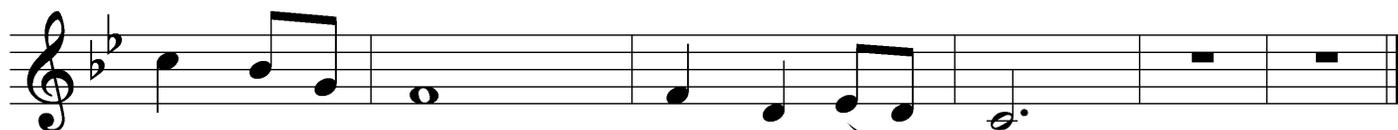
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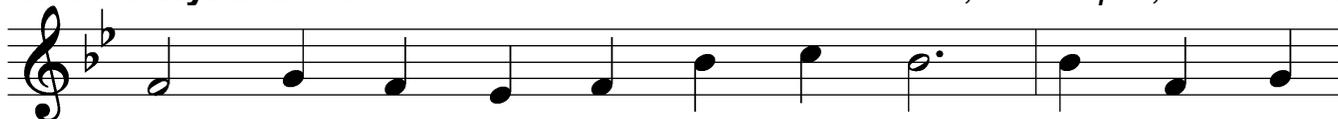
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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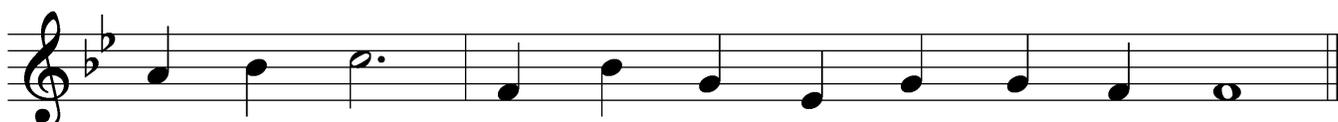
*Be seated.*

**Distribution Hymn #691***“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise and See”*

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise and see this great and  
 2 Al - though life's heart-aches, trials, and sin com - bine to  
 3 Come, share that life formed by his cross and for Christ's  
 4 For you no long - er live, but he who washed you



glo - rious mys - ter - y, this shin - ing prom - ise,  
 grieve your hope with - in, re - jice! Your Sav - ior's  
 sake, come suf - fer loss; his Spir - it works your  
 clean and set you free; bap - tized in Christ, you



ev - er new: the hope of glo - ry—Christ in you.  
 grace is great, made per - fect in your weak - ened state.  
 life to fill with all good things to do his will.  
 now are saved, for - ev - er on his palms en - graved.

5 Christ offers you, with nail-scarred hand,  
 true manna for this desert land:  
 his body and his blood divine  
 beneath the sacred bread and wine.

6 Our Savior never leaves his own  
 as orphans, hungry and alone;  
 he promises with certainty:  
 “I am in you and you in me.”

7 Such precious gifts do not disdain;  
 do not receive God's grace in vain,  
 but cherish, as his children true,  
 the hope of glory—Christ in you.

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**Distribution Hymn #573***“Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness”**Sing from hymnal or display.*

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 #405

### "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



that life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures have no pow'r to hide your face.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, and my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

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**Today we bring the gift** of Holy Baptism to Michael Joseph Gorman Jr, born on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> to Rachel Clifton and Michael Gorman. Sponsor is Matthew Neer, and Witnesses are Stephanie Thurman and Laurie Meadows. We ask God's blessing on young Michael.

**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. Sign-up sheets for all the meals are at the back of the church.

**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.

**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 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 of Lent and Easter, as we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection for us!

**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. 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.

<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	<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

<b>March Greeters</b>	<b><u>East Doors</u></b>	<b><u>North Doors</u></b>
<b>3/22</b> 8:00	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30	Pam W.	Jan S.
<b>3/29</b> 8:00	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30	Diane L.	Tim P.
<b>March Ushers</b>	<b>8:00 AM:</b> Mike W., Eldon B.	<b>10:30 AM:</b> Kris G., Denny P.

<b>Calendar</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM
	<b>Wednesday</b>	Adult Bible Study, 10:00 AM Lenten meal, 5:30 PM <b>Lenten Service, 7:00 PM</b>
	<b>Thursday</b>	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
	<b>Sunday</b>	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM (Palm Sunday) Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 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.

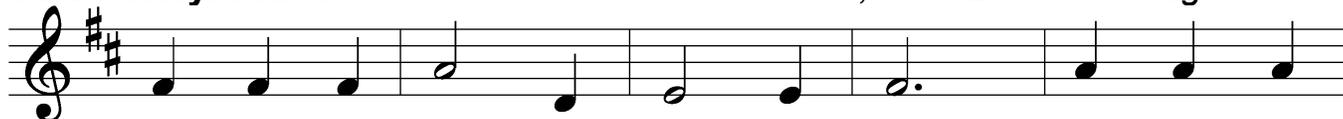
**Bulletin Board:** If you would like items displayed, please contact the office.

**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.

Distribution Hymn #573

“Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness”



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty  
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a  
 3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, which at the  
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in  
 word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly ab - solved through  
 ver - y throne of God pleads for the cap - tives'  
 on the o - cean shore, you have for all a



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.  
 these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
 lib - er - ty, was al - so shed in love for me.  
 ran - som paid, for all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise  
 to claim my mansion in the skies,  
 this then shall be my only plea:  
 Jesus has lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!  
 Your boundless mercy has for me,  
 for me and all your hands have made,  
 an everlasting ransom paid.

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