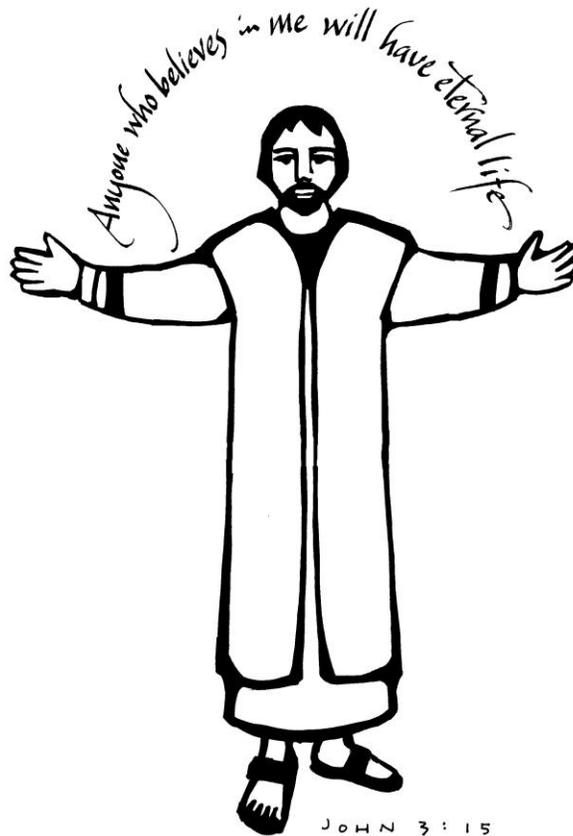


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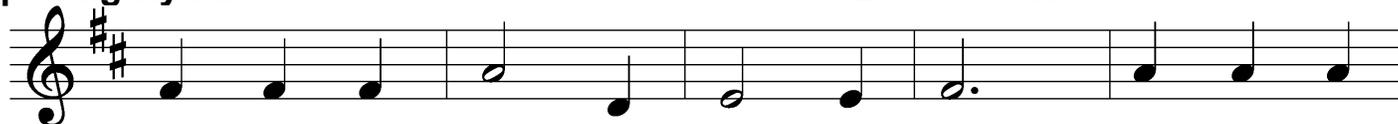
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# Opening Hymn #570

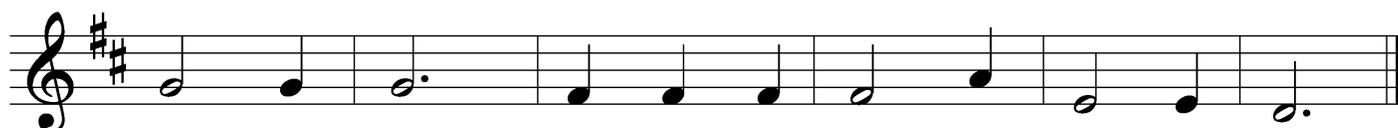
“God Loved the World So That He Gave”



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; his Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives the



Son the lost to save that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in  
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the  
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares that we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood; bap - tized, you are a child of God.

**5** If you are sick, if death is near,  
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;  
this is the anchor of my faith!

**6** Glory to God the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessèd Trinity,  
be praise now and eternally!

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*Please stand.*

**Invocation & Opening Sentences** (Psalm 105:8; 121:2)

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

**C: Amen.**

M: The LORD our God remembers his covenant forever,

**C: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

M: My help comes from the LORD,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

**Confession and Absolution**

M: Today we will hear the great promises God gave to Abram of old. We recall the promises we have made to others---to spouse, to children, to friends, and co-workers, and to God, especially those promises we have broken, that prove our unfaithfulness. Apart from God's mercy and grace our sin cripples even our best intentions, and we fail in our love of God and neighbor. Therefore let us confess our sin and flee for refuge to our God, who promises forgiveness and new life in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and give us new life according to your own word and promise. Amen.**

M: "Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them" (Romans 4:8)  
Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

1 For what we have done and left un - done we fall on your  
 (2 For) what you have done, your life of love you per - fect - ly

count - less mer - cies. For sins that are known and  
 lived, we praise you. Though tempt - ed and tried, you

those un - known we call on your name so ho - ly.  
 fixed your eyes; you fin - ished the work God gave you.

For en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes; for  
 And there on the tree, a King a - mong thieves, you

scorn - ing our ver - y neigh - bor. In  
 bled for a world's be - tray - al. You

thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how  
 loved to the end, our mer - ci - ful friend; how

deep - ly we need a Sav - ior. Refrain I  
 pure and for - ev - er faith - ful. Refrain II

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  
on us. 2 *Fine (last time)*

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**Prayer of the Day**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## First Reading

Genesis 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup>The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup>“I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.”

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup>He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

<sup>6</sup>Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup>From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. (NIV)

M; The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 121C

*“Help Comes Only from the LORD”*

Help comes on - ly from the LORD,  
the mak - er of heav'n and earth.

- 1 I look high to the hills.  
From where shall come my help?  
My help comes only from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth. (Refrain)

- 2 God will not let you fall,  
 the guardian of your life never sleeps.  
 No, never sleeps, nor slumbers,  
 the guardian of Israel true. (Refrain)

Verse

3 God is your help and shade, ev - er near to pro -  
 tect and guide you. The sun shall not strike you by  
 day; the moon shall not harm you by night. *Refrain*

Verse

4 God pro - tects your life, yes, guards your  
 bod - y and soul; your go - ing out, your com - ing  
 in, both now and for - ev - er - more. *Refrain*

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## Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5,13-17

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? <sup>2</sup>If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. <sup>3</sup>What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

<sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. <sup>5</sup>However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup>For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup>because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup>As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

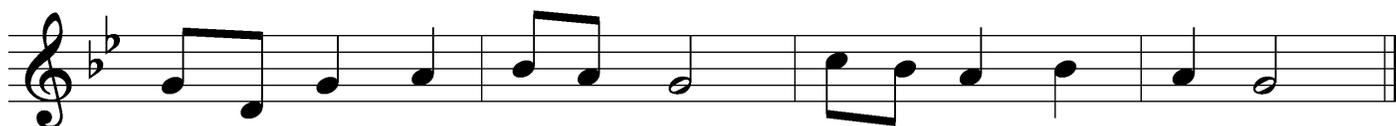
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## Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16



*Refrain*



C: Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

M: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

C: **Refrain**

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## Holy Gospel

St. John 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

<sup>4</sup>“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup>You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup>“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup>I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

(NIV)

**M:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated.*

**Hymn #613***“The God of Abraham Praise”*

1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise, at whose su - preme com-mand  
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise, whose all - suf - fi - cient grace  
 4 He by him-self has sworn; I on his oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.  
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at his right hand.  
 shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.  
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM, by earth and heav'n con - fessed,  
 I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,  
 He deigns to call me friend; he calls him - self my God.  
 I shall be - hold his face; I shall his pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.  
 and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
 And he shall save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.

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**Sermon Text***Genesis 12:1-8***Sermon***“God Keeps His Promises”**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:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**M:** Lord, your Son said that we must be born of water and the Spirit, and you have graciously given us new birth in the waters of Holy Baptism. Sustain our faith in you, and turn us from the old things of the flesh, so that we fix our eyes on the Son of Man through faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**M:** Lord, you established rulers and earthly authorities to protect us. Bless our president, our governor, the Congress of the United States, the legislature of this state, and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Give them wisdom as they guide our land. Protect our nation's troops who face danger and distress. Help us to preserve our liberty and to use it for the welfare of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**M:** Almighty God, you sent your own Son to heal and give everlasting life. By your Word and Spirit, lift up your people from their sorrows. Heal them according to your gracious will, and deliver them from the pain of death to eternal life. [*Hear us, we pray, especially for \_\_\_\_\_.*] Sustain them in their afflictions. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, you made your servant Abraham the father of us all through faith, and you promised him many descendants. Equip us with your Spirit so that we are bold and unwavering witnesses, carrying your name and your Gospel to every place, that more people may be brought into the family of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**M:** All these things, and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

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## The Sacrament

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Please stand.

### Preface

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M: The Lord be with you.



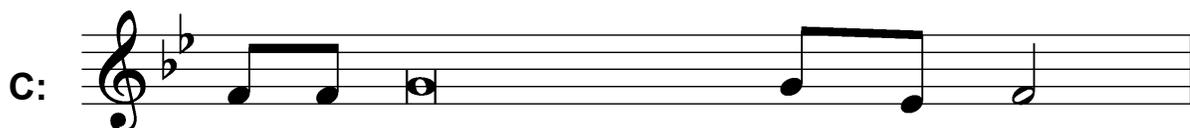
C: **And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

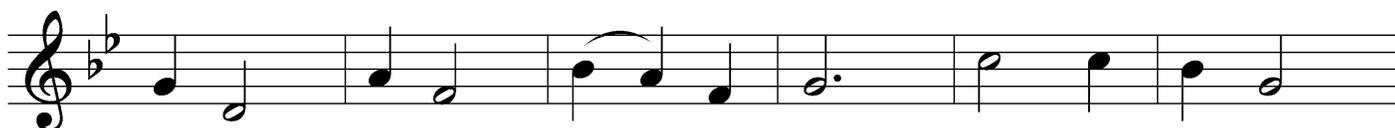
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**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



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:** Almighty God, Maker of all things and giver of all gifts, you created us for yourself, but we chose to go our own way. When our rebellion led only to death, you did not condemn us as we deserved but sought us out in mercy and love. Through the prophets you sent forth your promise. Through Abraham and Moses you called your people to covenant life within this promise. In the fullness of time, you sent your own Son to release from sin's captivity all who suffer its death. He lived in obedience as we could not, and he died in our place the death we should have died. He rose in triumph to restore us to you for all eternity.

Assembled in his name, we await the gift of himself and the grace that nurtures us to eternal life, as he has promised. Recalling all that he accomplished on our behalf, we rejoice in his gifts, and we wait for his coming again to bring to completion all that he began. Sustain us in the time of trial, and equip us with your Spirit, that we may faithfully live out the new life of our Baptism, and be ready to receive Jesus when he comes again in glory.

**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  $\dagger$  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  $\dagger$  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.

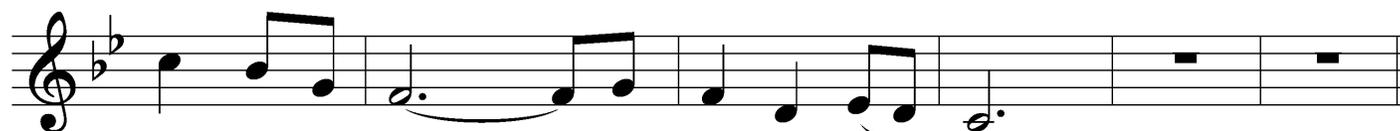
**C:** Amen.

## Jesus, Lamb of God

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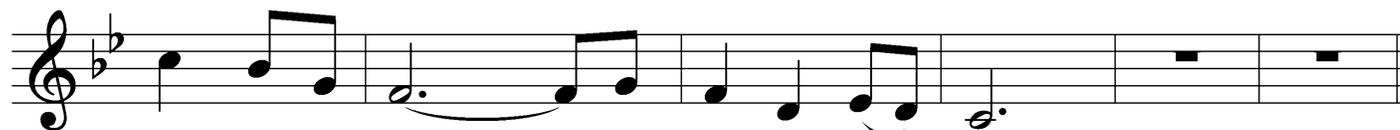
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



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



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



sin of the world; 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 #557**

*“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”*

1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joi-ce, with ex - ul - ta - tion  
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly  
3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -  
4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world's foun -

spring-ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly  
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my  
tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg-ment fought, no hope for  
da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for

rap - ture sing - ing, pro-claim the won - ders God has done, how  
moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life  
me re - main - ing. My fears in-crcased till sheer de - spair left  
my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought

his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!  
had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.  
my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.

*Additional verses are printed on the next page.*

- 5** He spoke to his beloved Son:  
    “It’s time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of my crown,  
    and bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
slay bitter death for them that they  
    may live with you forever.”
- 6** The Son obeyed his Father’s will,  
    was born of virgin mother,  
and, God’s good pleasure to fulfill,  
    he came to be my brother.  
No garb of pomp or pow’r he wore;  
a servant’s form like mine he bore  
    to lead the devil captive.
- 7** To me he spoke, “Hold fast to me,  
    I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I myself will be;  
    for you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, your friend divine,  
and evermore you shall be mine;  
    the foe shall not divide us.
- 8** “The foe will shed my precious blood,  
    me of my life bereaving;  
all this I suffer for your good;  
    be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict’ry win;  
my innocence shall bear your sin,  
    and you are blest forever.
- 9** “Now to my Father I depart,  
    the Holy Spirit sending  
and, heav’nly wisdom to impart,  
    my help to you extending.  
He will a source of comfort be,  
teach you to know and follow me,  
    and in all truth will guide you.
- 10** “What I on earth have lived and taught  
    be all your life and teaching;  
so shall my kingdom’s work be wrought  
    and honored in your preaching.  
Take care that no one’s man-made laws  
should e’er destroy the gospel’s cause;  
    this final word I leave you.”

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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: Gracious Lord, you called Abraham to be your servant and promised that he would become the father of many. He received your promise by faith and was counted righteous in your sight through your gift of grace. We have received your promise through Baptism where we were born anew by water and the Spirit to be your sons and daughters. We have also received with thanksgiving the body and blood of your Son, given for the forgiveness of our sins. Help us receive this gift by faith and live it out in faithfulness and obedience all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 #519

"There Is a Redeemer"



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, hope\_ for sin - ners slain.  
there I'll serve my King for-ev - er in\_\_\_ that ho - ly place.

### Refrain



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us your Son



and leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

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**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 for Kids** is planned for Saturday, March 21, 9:30 to noon. Sign up children age 4 through grade 6 at our website, [www.immanuelfindlay.org](http://www.immanuelfindlay.org). If you can hand out flyers to friends with children, they are available at the back table. And if you'd like to volunteer, please sign up in back.



**The Tom Green Family** would like to thank you for the prayers for Tom's surgery success. We would also like to ask for prayers for his future therapy success.

**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.

**This Thursday** we begin a new Bible study of how we can answer some common attacks on the Bible. Join us for "Defending the Faith" at 7 PM on Zoom; check with Pastor for a link. Copies of the lesson are available in the entryway.

**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.

**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.lsgoohio.org](http://www.lsgoohio.org) or contact one of our LSGOO committee members. (Don Lucas, Howard Wilch, Don Baker)

**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

**March Greeters**

**3/8** 8:00  
10:30  
**3/15** 8:00  
10:30  
**3/22** 8:00  
10:30  
**3/29** 8:00  
10:30

**East Doors**

Howard & Nancy W.  
Jim & Jamie T.  
Volunteer  
Volunteer  
Volunteer  
Pam W.  
Volunteer  
Diane L.

**North Doors**

Volunteer  
Helen R.  
Volunteer  
Marjorie H.  
Volunteer  
Jan S.  
Volunteer  
Tim P.

**March Ushers** **8:00 AM:** Mike W., Eldon B. **10:30 AM:** 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>Tuesday</b>	Panned Giving Committee, 7:00 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 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.