

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Third Sunday after Epiphany*



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Opening Hymn #780 sts.1-2,4-5 “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”



1 O Splen-dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -
 2 Come, ver - y Sun of truth and love, pour down your
 4 O joy - ful be the pass - ing day, our thoughts as
 5 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, all praise to



ter - nal bring - ing light, O Light, of light the
 ra - diance from a - bove, and shed the Ho - ly
 pure as morn - ing ray, our faith like noon-day's
 Christ e - ter - nal - ly, whom with the Spir - it



foun - tain - spring, O Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
 Spir - it's ray on all we think or do to - day.
 glow - ing height, our souls un-dimmed by shades of night.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Text: Ambrose of Milan, 340–397, abr.; tr. Composite Tune: Nicolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561 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: 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.**

Lord, Have Mercy

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

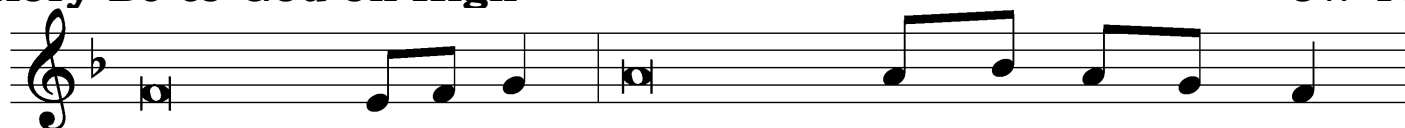
M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: 
A - men.

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Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



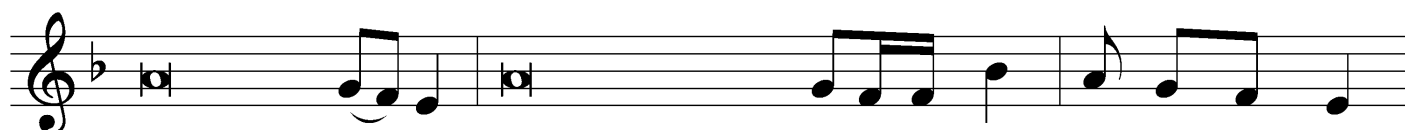
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



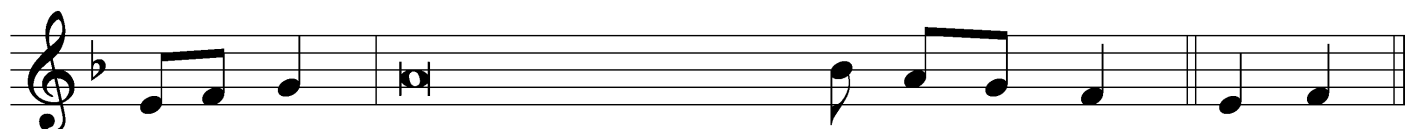
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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

Isaiah 8:19-9:4

¹⁹When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. ²¹Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. ²²Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

²The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27B sts.1,4 (early service)*“O LORD, You Are My Light”*

1 O LORD, you are my light and my sal - va - tion near;
4 Up - lift - ed on a rock a - bove my foes a - round,
then who will cause me fright or fill my heart with fear?
a - mid the bat - tle shock my song shall still re - sound.
While God my strength, my life sus - tains, se - cure from fear my
Then joy - ful of - f'ings I will bring; the LORD God's praise my
soul re - mains, se - cure from fear my soul re - mains.
heart shall sing, the LORD God's praise my heart shall sing.

*Text (st. 1): Psalter, 1887, alt.; (st. 4): Psalter, 1912, alt.
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Choir Anthem (late service)*“Your Light Has Come”***Second Reading***1 John 2:3-11*

³We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.

⁴Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

⁷Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

⁹Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. ¹⁰Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 9:2



Refrain



M: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

C: Refrain

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 4:12-23

¹²When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²²and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

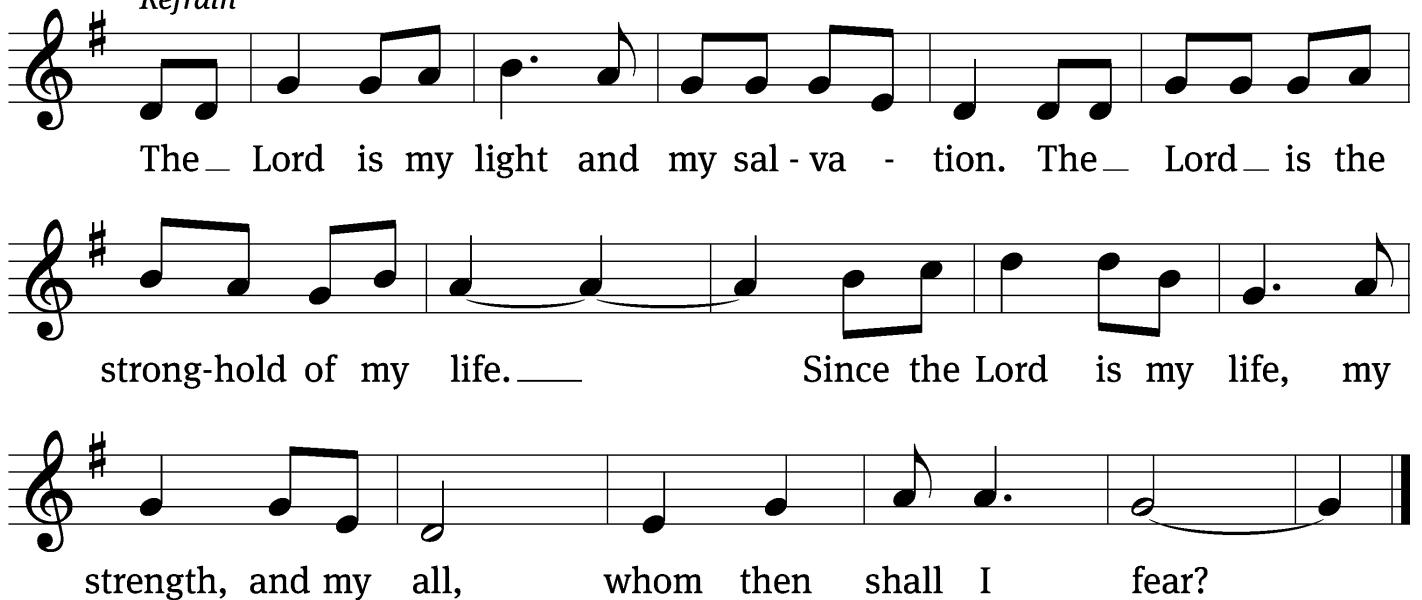
Be seated.

Hymn #825

"The Lord Is My Light"

*Pastor will sing the first stanza

Refrain

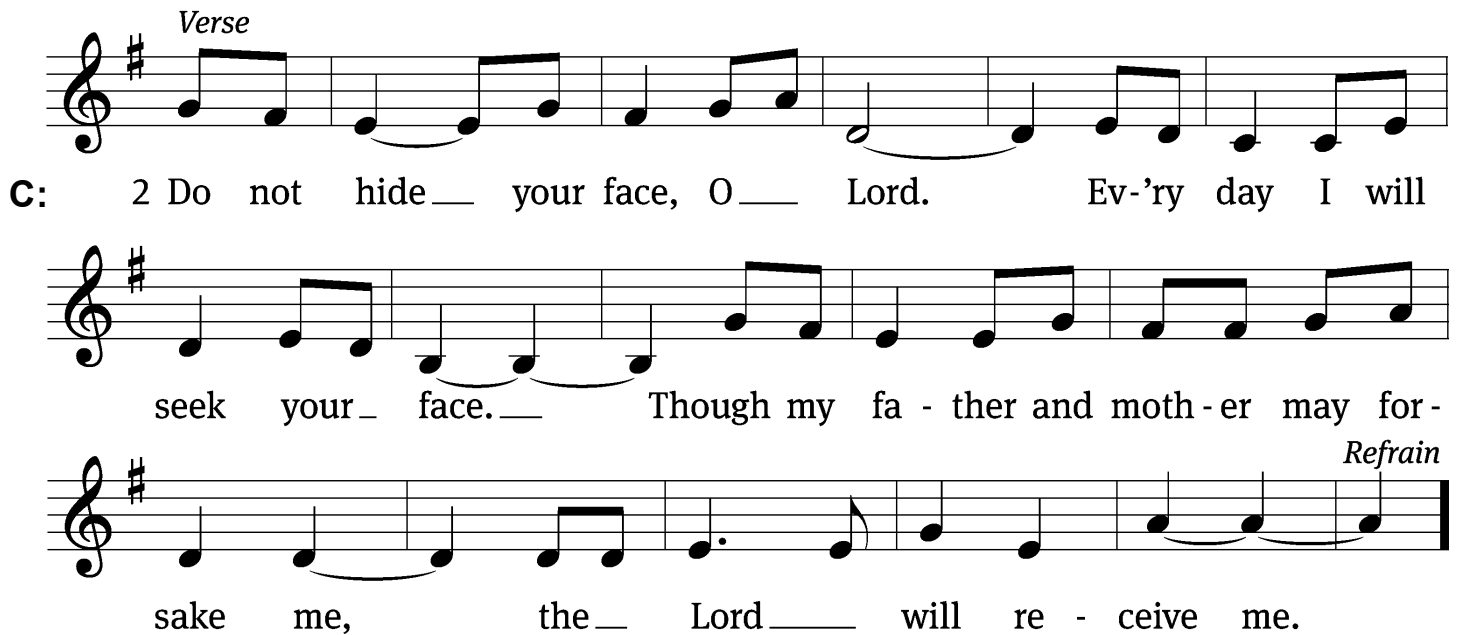


The_ Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion. The_ Lord_ is the
strong-hold of my life.____ Since the Lord is my life, my
strength, and my all, whom then shall I fear?

M: 1. There is one thing I ask of the Lord: to dwell in his house forever,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord all the days of my life.

C: Refrain

Verse



C: 2 Do not hide__ your face, O__ Lord. Ev-'ry day I will
seek your_ face.____ Though my fa - ther and moth - er may for -
sake me, the_ Lord____ will re - ceive me.

Refrain

Verse 3 is on the next page.

Verse

3 Teach me, Lord, and keep me on your paths;— guide me,
 Lord,— a - long a lev - el way.— I will gaze on the
Refrain
 good-ness of the Lord in the land of all the liv - ing.

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Sermon Text

St. Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon

Please stand.

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

M: 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:** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Light which the darkness cannot overcome. Banish the darkness of sin, guilt and fear from our lives and let your light shine forth. You, Lord, are our lamp.
- C: Lord, turn our darkness into light.**
- M:** Open our lips to speak your praise to those around us. Give success to the work of missionaries as they proclaim your Word. Give your Word of love, peace and forgiveness the power to break hard hearts and lead people in your way. You, Lord, are our lamp.
- C: Lord, turn our darkness into light.**
- M:** You called your first disciples from their boats and nets to catch people for you. Lord of the harvest, send new workers into your harvest field. Call young people and lead them to your service of preaching and teaching your Word. You, Lord, are our lamp.
- C: Lord, turn our darkness into light.**
- M:** We give you thanks for faithful pastors. Give them knowledge, wisdom and boldness as they speak your Word. Give them faithfulness, courage and persistence as they shepherd your people. You, Lord, are our lamp.
- C: Lord, turn our darkness into light.**
- M:** Lift the darkness of sadness and uncertainty from those who must suffer pains of mind or body [especially...]. Give them light and hope with the promise of your constant presence and your purpose to work all things for the good of those who love you. You, Lord, are our lamp.
- C: Lord, turn our darkness into light.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

- M:** Shine in our hearts with the most precious Light of your grace. Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten us when we hear the promises of your Word. Shine within us. Shine through us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.**

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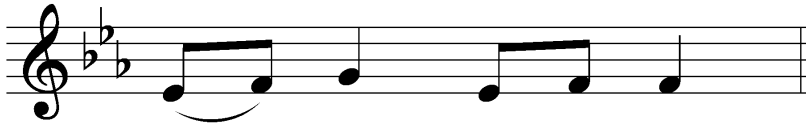
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Please stand.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Visitors: please see communion statement on page 16 of the bulletin.)

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.

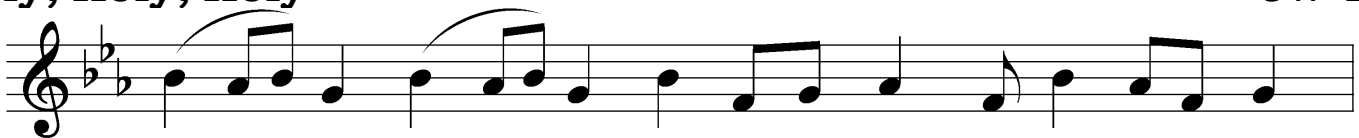


C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,



bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes. The text is: "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." The word "A" is positioned below the staff, and a long horizontal line connects it to the word "men." at the end of the system.

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.

Be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn #662

“Draw Near”

The Choir will sing the verses, the congregation sings the Refrain.

Refrain

Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y of your Lord.

Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you out-poured!

- 1 Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Saved by his body and his holy blood,
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God. (Refrain)
- 2 Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,
has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.
He gave his life for greatest and for least,
himself the off'ring and himself the priest. (Refrain)
- 3 Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere
and take the pledges of salvation here.
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,
gives all believers life that never ends. (Refrain)
- 4 With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,
in this great feast of love be with us now. (Refrain)

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Distribution Hymn #381

“The People Who in Darkness Walked”



1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious
2 To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is
3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the Ev - er - last - ing
4 His right - eous gov - ern - ment and pow'r shall o - ver all ex -
5 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, and make us yours a -



light; the heav'n - ly dawn broke forth on those who
giv'n, and on his shoul - ders ev - er rests all
Lord, the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the
tend; on judg - ment and on jus - tice based, his
lone, for you are with the Fa - ther and the



dwelt in death and night, who dwelt in death and night.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, all pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, the God by all a - dored.
reign shall have no end, his reign shall have no end.
Spir - it ev - er one, the Spir - it ev - er one.

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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 #311 sts.1-2

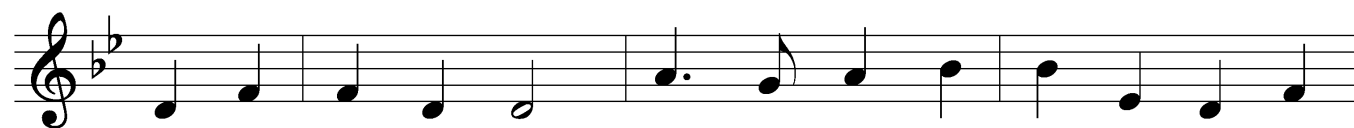
"Dawning Light of Our Salvation"



1 Long in dark - ness Is - rael wan - dered; long in mor - tal
2 He shall raise a might - y Sav - ior; born of Da - vid's



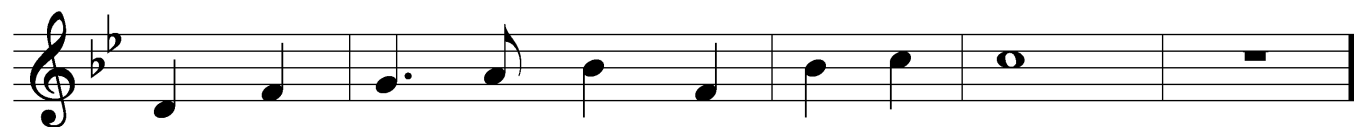
shad - ows we walked in bond - age and self - pit - y, trod in
lin - eage, he comes in cov - 'nant love to claim us, from our



paths of sin and grief. In the proph - ets' words he told us,
sins to set us free. Light to those who dwell in dark - ness,



long the God of Is - rael spoke; he a - lone in strength would
life to those from death who flee, joy un - to the earth, and



save us from the hands of all our foes.
glad - ness, to your path - ways dawn - ing peace!

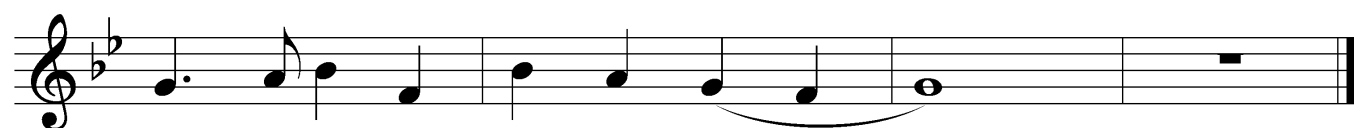
Refrain



Ev - 'ry val - ley be ex - alt - ed! Ev - 'ry moun - tain



be made plane! Crook - ed ways re - pent and straight - en;



all cre - a - tion bend in praise!

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Please stay for a short video about our upcoming Witnessing Seminar.

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.

Annual Euchre Tournament will be held here at Immanuel on Saturday, Jan.31 at 6:00 PM. Please sign up to attend and indicate if you will bring a snack and if you have a card table you can let us borrow that night. Thank you!

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14343 W Sprague Rd, Strongsville, OH would like to invite you to the installation of Pastor Stephen Schmidt on February 1, 2026 at 4:30 pm. The installation service will be followed by a welcome dinner. Please let our office or Pastor Krueger know by Jan 25 if you will attend the dinner.

Join us for a Witnessing Workshop February 7 from 9 AM – noon. *Lunch will be provided.* God's people want to tell others about the peace, joy and forgiveness we have in Jesus. But many Christians are unsure how to do this. Join us as we learn some simple, practical ways to reach out to the lost souls God has brought into our lives. Please sign up in the back.

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 or contact one of our LSGOO committee members. (Don Lucas, Howard Wilch, Don Baker)

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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.

BIBLE STUDY	<i>Sunday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Today's Readings	9:20 AM
	<i>Wednesday</i>	Adult Bible Study	James	10:00 AM
	<i>Thursday</i>	Zoom Bible Study	Jesus' Blessings	7:00 PM

January Greeters		<u>East Doors</u>	<u>North Doors</u>
1-25	8:00	Volunteer	Bob H.
	10:30	Diane L.	Laura & Mike B.

January Ushers: 8:00 Bob H., Howard W. 10:30 Matt M., Paul W.

February Greeters		<u>East Doors</u>	<u>North Doors</u>
2/1	8:00	Howard & Nancy W.	Volunteer
	10:30	Jan S.	Pam W.
2/8	8:00	Volunteer	Bob H.
	10:30	Tim P.	Diane L.
2/15	8:00	Karl & Lynn F.	Volunteer
	10:30	Anna R.	Brad & Sarah S.
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.

Calendar	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Evangelism Board, 11:45 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM
	Tuesday	District Council, Maumee
	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study, 10:00 AM Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	Saturday	Euchre Tournament, 6:00 PM
	Sunday	Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Pastor Installation in Strongsville, 4:30 PM Confirmation, 6:30 PM

LET'S GO

LOVE • LISTEN • LEAD

LEARN TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS



God's people want to tell others about the peace, joy, and forgiveness they have in Jesus. But many Christians are unsure how to do this. Join us as we learn some simple, practical ways to reach out to the lost souls God has brought into our lives.

WHERE: Immanuel Lutheran Church

WHEN: February 7 9 AM - Noon



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.