

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

LIGHT OF CHRIST CHINESE LUTHERAN MISSION

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



OBSERVING NATION LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK



## ***Worship Notes***

### ***First Sunday in Lent – March 9, 2025***

*We welcome our members and guests who are worshiping with us today,  
and pray God's rich blessings upon you during this time of worship!*

#### THEME

Believers who confess the name of Jesus strive against evil assaults that distort God-given truths. In the church, the Word of God prevails as it is proclaimed, confessed, and believed. The Word, on Jesus' own lips, repels the onslaught of Satan, who, in the midst of Jesus' anguish, asserts false claims and authority. As we witness the clash between Satan and Jesus, we cling to His own words with heart, mind, and voice: "You shall worship the Lord your God . . ."

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

This morning we follow an adaptation of Setting Four of the Divine Service. During the season of Lent we omit the *Gloria in Excelsis* (or other hymns of praise) from our liturgy, as well as all "alleluias", as we focus on the penitential nature of the season.

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

Our hymn of the day this 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent, often called the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation," was actually written as a hymn of comfort during trying times throughout Europe. Martin Luther's "*A Mighty Fortress*", draws inspiration from Psalm 46. It has been translated into almost every known language, including at least 80 *different* English translations! As our Gospel focuses on Jesus' temptation by the devil, this hymn speaks of how, through Him, we can also stand fast against the wiles of the devil! The tune, EIN FESTE BURG, is also the work of Luther. It presumably first appeared in 1529. As a young student, Luther earned money to pay his school fees by singing in the streets of Eisenach, and he also played the lute. Music was always an important part of his life, and he wrote "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise."

## *As We Observe National Lutheran Schools Week:*

This weekend begins the observation of *National Lutheran Schools Week* at Immanuel. This year's theme is **"Endure"** (*Hebrews 12:1-3*), taken from the theme from this summer's upcoming National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. In these verses we are encouraged to run the race marked out for us, encouraged by the great cloud of witnesses who surround us.

Each day throughout the school week there are sub-themes that build on this:

### Monday: **"Setting Aside Hindrances"**

Identifying and overcome hindrances to our faith in Christ.

(*Hebrews 12:1*)

### Tuesday: **"Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus"**

Maintaining Jesus as the focal point of our lives.

(*Hebrews 12:2*)

### Wednesday: **"Enduring the Cross"**

Reflecting on Christ's suffering and sacrifice for our salvation.

(*Hebrews 12:2*)

### Thursday: **"The Joy Set Before Us"**

Celebrating the joy and hope we have in Jesus Christ.

(*Hebrews 12:2*)

### Friday: **"Running the Race with Perseverance"**

Encouraging perseverance in the Christian faith.

(*Hebrews 12:1-2*)

Our closing hymn this morning, *With Endurance Run Your Race*, written by Dr. Jeffrey Burkart, brings this home to us!



# First Sunday in Lent

Divine Service, Setting Four – Without Communion

## Prelude, Ringing of the Church Bells, & Welcome to Worship

*Stand*

### Hymn - Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay

*LSB 505*



Tri - une God, be Thou our stay; O let us per-ish nev - er!



Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.



Keep us from the e - vil one; Up-hold our faith most ho - ly,



And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum-ble hearts and low - ly.



Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true Chris - tians run - ning



Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning The dev-il's wiles and cun - ning.



A - men, a - men! This be done; O Lord, have mer-cy on us.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### **Invocation, Confession of Sins, and Prayer for Grace**

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**L** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**L** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**L** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### **Introit**

*Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16*

**L** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

**C** I will rescue him and honor him.

**L** With long life I will satisfy him

**C** and show him my salvation.

**L** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place –

**C** the Most High, who is my refuge –

**L** no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

**C** no plague come near your tent.

**L** For he will command his angels concerning you

**C** to guard you in all your ways.

**L** On their hands they will bear you up,

**C** lest you strike your foot against a stone.

**L** You will tread on the lion and the adder;

**C** the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**C** 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.

**L** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

**C** I will rescue him and honor him.

**L** With long life I will satisfy him

**C** and show him my salvation.

### Kyrie

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

*The Lord heard our voice and brought us out.*

<sup>1</sup>When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' <sup>4</sup>Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

<sup>5</sup>'And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Anthem – **Ceaseless Praise** (*Francis Havergal, Joshua Metzger, Henry Malan*)

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee.

Take my moments and my and my days let them flow in ceaseless praise.

You are holy, holy. May I honor You in all I say and do.

You are worthy, worthy, so may I be an offering to You.

Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King.

Take my heart it is Thine own it shall be They royal throne.

You are holy, holy. May I honor You in all I say and do.

You are worthy, worthy, so may I be an offering to You.

May I be an offering to You

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**Epistle**

***Romans 10:8b-13***

***Confess with your mouth; believe in your heart.***

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Holy Gospel**

***Luke 4:1-13***

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

***Jesus is tempted by Satan.***

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup>for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”



<sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is written, '**Man shall not live by bread alone.**'"

<sup>5</sup>And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'**You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.**'"

<sup>9</sup>And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, "'**He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,**' <sup>11</sup>and "'**On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**'"

<sup>12</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

*Sit*

### Children's Message

*Please stand, as you are able, for the singing of the hymn*

Hymn - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;  
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 But for us fights the val - iant One,  
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 He's by our side up - on the plain



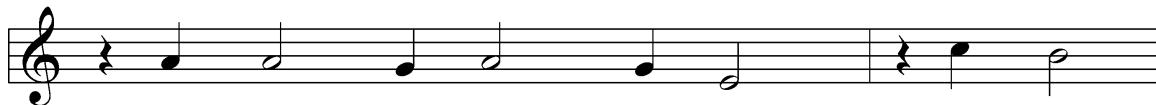
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means  
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
 as he will, He can harm us none.  
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds  
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -  
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.  
 the field for - ev - er.  
 tle word can fell him.  
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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## Sermon

### The Offerings are Gathered

*Stand*

### Offertory

LSB 956



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new



a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way

from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
 and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12  
 Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt.  
 Text and tune: Public domain

### Prayer of the Church

**L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition:*

**L** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*Our prayers conclude:*

**L** Lord God, heavenly Father, see how the adversary continually afflicts us and walks about as a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy would not prevail over us, but instead that we may abide evermore in Your grace and be preserved to life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Collect for the Church

**L** Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**L** The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Hymn - With Endurance Run Your Race

*Tune: NETTLETON*

- 1 With endurance run your race and cast aside sin's heavy load;  
With your eyes fixed on Christ Jesus, Founder of your faith who strode  
On this earth with single purpose, freeing all humanity  
From the weight of our transgressions through His death upon the tree.
- 2 As you run life's race remember how LORD Jesus ran His race.  
For the joy of our salvation He died for you, took your place,  
On that cross of shame and sorrow, suffering through His pain and strife  
Gladly bearing your offences that you'd gain eternal life.

- 3 **Ponder how the world despised Him when, for His sake, you endure Satan's tauntings and afflictions or the bane of sin's allure. Jesus died, yet He is risen! Seated on His throne above, At the right hand of the Father with enduring grace and love.**
- 4 **Therefore, let us not grow weary; neither tremble nor grow faint! With a great cloud we're surrounded by each witness, every saint: Those of old, who came before us, with the faithful living now, Who proclaim Christ Jesus' glory, and before their Savior bow!**
- 5Δ **Saints of every race and nation, lift your voices, hands, and hearts To the LORD who grants salvation, Who from us shall ne'er depart. Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit, Who, through water and the Word, Calls us, keeps us, ever faithful in the true faith God's conferred! Amen! Amen! Amen!**

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## **Silent Prayer**

*Sit*

## **Announcements, & Postlude**

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# Midweek Lenten Services

## “Witnesses of Christ”

March 12

**Mary, the Sister of Martha and Lazarus**

March 19

(No morning service due to Spring Break)

**Malchus**

March 26

**Peter**

April 2

**Barabbas**

April 9

**Pontius Pilate**

EVENING SERVICES WILL BE PRECEDED  
BY A LENTEN HYMN SING AT 6:45 PM

*You may prepare for next weekend by reading:*

**Jeremiah 26:8-15**

*Jeremiah prophesies again Jerusalem.*

**Psalms 4**

*“The LORD hears when I call to Him.”*

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

*“Our citizenship is in heaven.”*

**Luke 13:31-35**

*Jesus weeps over Jerusalem.*

**Serving This Morning:**

Liturgist: Vicar Joshua Horst  
Preacher: Seminarian Steven Steingraber  
Organist: Lori Steingraber  
Choir: Immanuel Lutheran School Faculty & Staff  
Elders: 8:00 - Luke Burkemper 10:30 - Pete Seddon  
Acolytes: 8:00 - Timo Finnegan & Oscar Niewald  
10:30 - Carmen Farra & Angela Wang  
Ushers: Team C - Andy Kruse & Gregg Knehans, Head Ushers

*Chancel Flowers*

*The flowers in the chancel this weekend are given to the praise and glory of God on the baptismal birthday of Jack Thomas Mohrmann!*

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL  
THE CHART IS AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!**