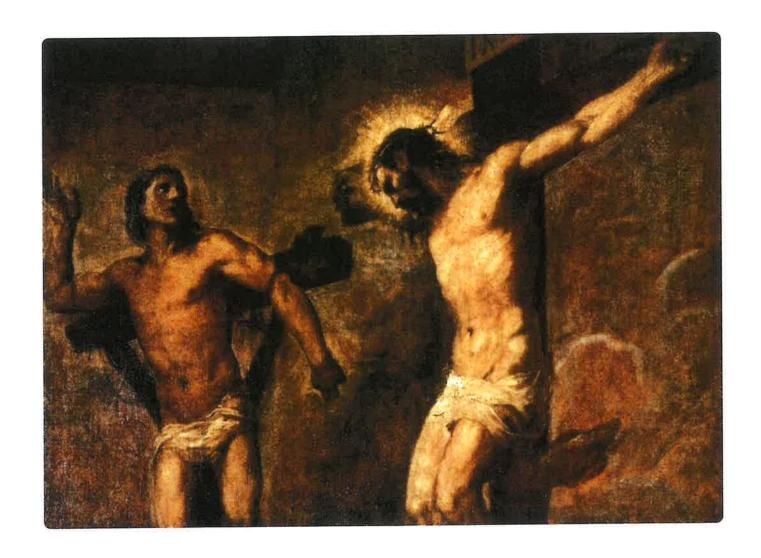
# THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

## JESUS PROMISES



## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### "Station Seven: Jesus Promises"

#### AS WE GATHER

Jesus hangs on the cross between two criminals. One of the condemned men joins in the mockery. The other criminal admits his sin and asks Jesus to remember him. In response to this plea for mercy, Jesus delivers a promise of paradise. Today, he does the same for us.

#### + THE ORDER OF SERVICE AT 11:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M. +

THE PRELUDE

(11:30) "O Dearest Jesus"

(7:00) "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Weber Held

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE OPENING HYMN: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Hymn 436

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the 

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:5)

Leader: For our sake God made Jesus to be sin who knew no sin,

People: so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader: But He was wounded for our transgressions;

People: He was crushed for our iniquities;

Leader: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

People: and with His stripes we are healed.

Leader: Lord Jesus, search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your

Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with

You and with one another.

(We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession)

Leader: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and

iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved

Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Leader:

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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.

People: Amen.

#### (Please be seated)

THE READING: Isaiah 53:7-12

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: (7:00) "Behold the Lamb of God"

Choir

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:32-43

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who

were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Leader:

Thanks be to God. People:

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken Together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "When You Woke That Thursday Morning" Hymn 445 (7:00 - Choir sings vs. 3)

(Sing to the tune of "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling")

THE SERMON

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS (7:00)

(11:30 - Please place your offering in the collection plate as you exit the sanctuary.) Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.

THE OFFERTORY: (11:30) "Were You There" (7:00) "View from the Upper Room"

Burger Choir

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader:

Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You that You have gathered us together to remember the night when Your Son instituted the Supper we are privileged to receive. Lead us to see that our sins caused Jesus' great agony in the garden, that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary,

that He was forsaken by His Father so that we might never be People: forsaken, and that He died so that we may live.

Lord Jesus, grant that especially during this sacred season the Leader: treasured story of Your wondrous love for us would draw us closer to You.

Encourage our hearts and minds as we hold fast to Your Word, People: knowing that all You accomplished during Holy Week was done for our salvation.

Holy Spirit, make us one through this sacred Meal we now prepare our Leader:

hearts to receive, that in the communion of saints we may be strengthened in our fellowship with Christ Jesus and with one another.

People: All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Father and the Son,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

### + THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

THE PREFACE: (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

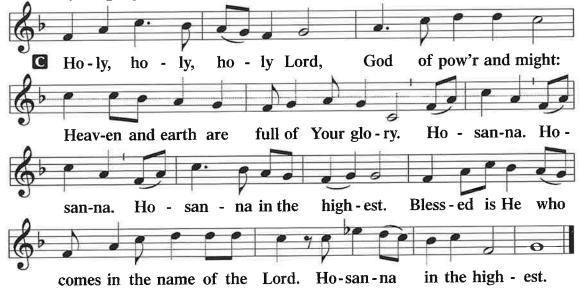
Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all

places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising

You and singing:

THE SANCTUS: (Sung by the congregation)

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

During the Lord's Prayer, the church bell tolls three times to encourage those outside the sanctuary to join with the church in corporate prayer.

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

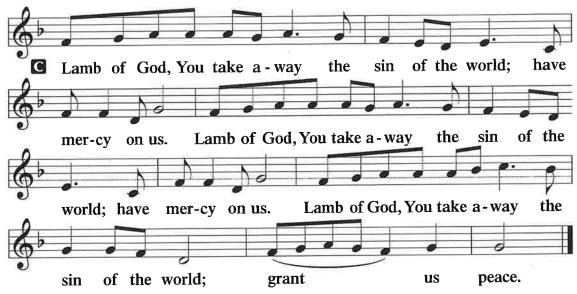
THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

#### THE AGNUS DEI: (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 163



(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (Served at the communion rail at 7:00) When Jesus said, "This is My Body...This is My Blood," He really meant it. As Lutherans, we believe in the real bodily presence of Christ in the Sacrament, not merely in a figurative or symbolic sense. This means that Jesus' body and blood are actually present in the bread and wine received in Holy Communion. In this meal our faith is strengthened and forgiveness is assured. This gift is an act of God's love, which we don't deserve, cannot explain, and don't even fully understand. We humbly believe it. It is a request of our congregation that anyone who wishes to commune with us would share this faith. If you are not receiving the Lord's Supper today but desire a blessing, approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your heart. The individual cups located in the center of each tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those having that medical need. Individually packaged gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please

#### THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"What Is This Bread"

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

ask the Communion Assistant if you have this dietary need.

**Hymn 629** 

Hymn 637

Hymn 618

(Please stand, as you are able) THE DISMISSAL THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB, 166

Leader:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

and forever.

People: Amen.

(11:30) The service concludes, and the congregation dismisses itself in silence.

(7:00) (Please be seated)

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Choir

As Psalm 22 is chanted by the choir, the communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday. The congregation departs in silence.

(The Benediction is omitted. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are considered one service—the very center of the church year cycle, the annual liturgical observance of our Lord's Passover from death to life.)

Liturgist:

Pastor Dan Sheafer

Organ/Piano:

Myra Schmidt

Harp: Bev Williams

Acolyte:

Penny Starnes

Altar Guild:

Becki Elonzae, Sandy Behling, Judy Kalb, John and Donna

Hofrichter

Communion:

(7:00) Brent Harring, Jeff Smith, Jim Wudy, Dennis McFadden

Usher Crew 4:

(7:00) Thim Reed, Mike Shively, Ron Ahrens, Dave Behling,

Christian Behling, Alden Greider, Troy Hockemeyer, Dick

Shively, Rob Stroupe, David Wyss



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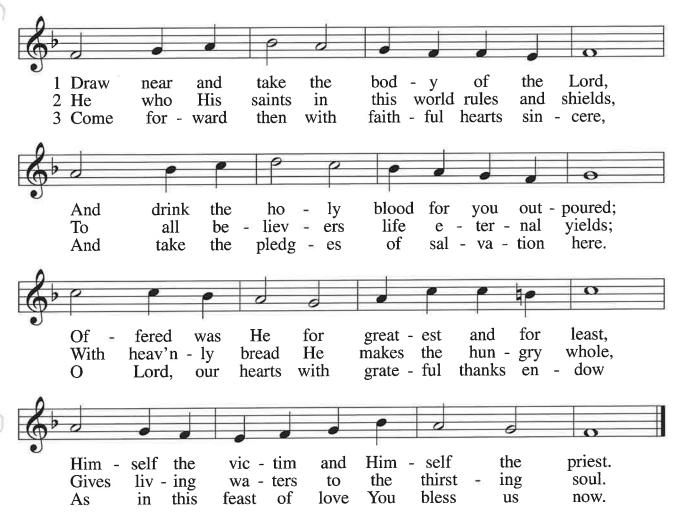
### When You Woke That Thursday Morning 445





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### Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord 637



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### I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood

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