

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

11:30am Modern Divine Service

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

Embrace ~ Educate ~ Engage

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting of the Saints

Opening Song

"Jesus Messiah"

Verse 1

He became sin, who knew no sin.
That we might become, His righteousness.
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

Chorus

Jesus Messiah, name above all names.
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners.
The ransom from heaven.
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

Verse 2

His body the bread, His blood the wine.
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Chorus

Jesus Messiah, name above all names.
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners.

The ransom from heaven.
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

Bridge

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You.
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world.

(small interlude)

Chorus

Jesus Messiah, name above all names.
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners.
The ransom from heaven.
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

Ending

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.
The Lord of all, the Lord of all.

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Invocation

P: Let us begin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

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

P: 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . .

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him,

“How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

Children’s Message

Please stand

Song of the Day

“God So Loved”

Verse 1

**Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more**

Verse 2

**Come all you sinners, come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for**

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love
Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Verse 4

**Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world**

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Sermon

Rev. Dr. Arthur Spomer, pastor emeritus

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**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.

Service of the Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

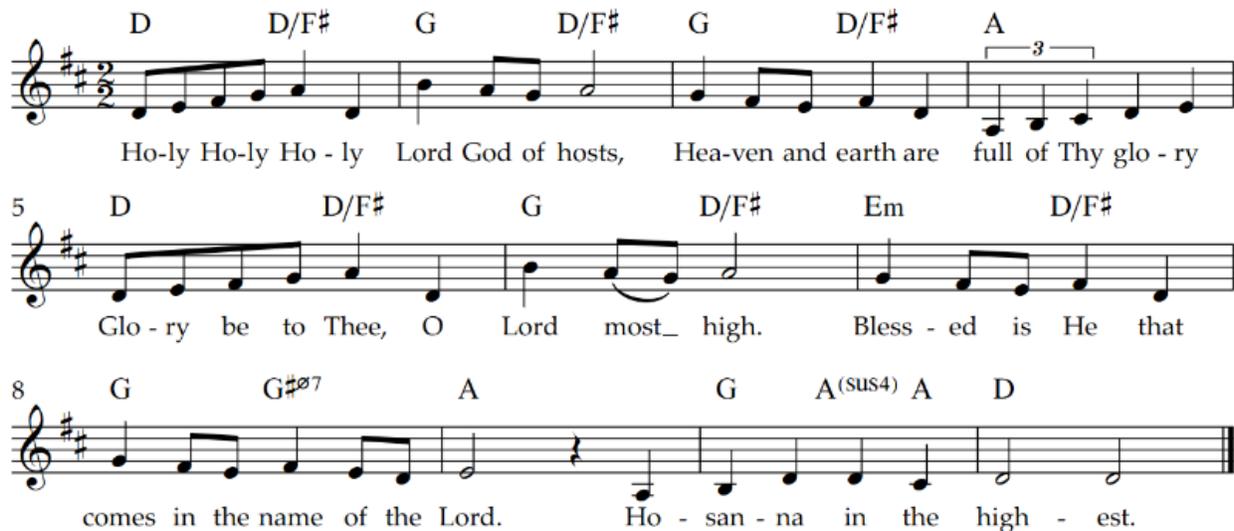
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Sanctus

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D D/F# G D/F# G D/F# A

Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho - ly Lord God of hosts, Hea-ven and earth are full of Thy glo - ry

5 D D/F# G D/F# Em D/F#

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord most_ high. Bless - ed is He that

8 G G#7 A G A(sus4) A D

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei

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D F#m/C# G(add2) D/A A

5 D F#m/C# G(add2) D/A A

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world

9 D F#m/C# G(add2) D/A A D

Lamb of God Lamb of God Have mercy on us. Lamb of

13 G E/G# A A/G F#m Bm

God You take away the sins of the World. Grant us

17 G D/G A A7 D

Peace. Oh Grant us peace.

Please be seated

Silent Prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Song

“Living Hope”

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free.
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope. *Sing 2x*

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me. *Repeat verse 3*

Tag
Jesus, Yours is the victory.

Chorus
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free.
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope. *Sing 2x*

Ending
Jesus Christ, my living hope.
O God, You are my living hope.

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Please stand

Communion Dismissal

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Song

"Sing Wherever I Go"

Chorus

All my life, all I know
God's been good, good to my soul
Mountain high, valley low
I'm gonna sing wherever I go. *Repeat*

Verse 1

God is for me, He's not against me
I will hold to the plans He has for me
When I'm broken, He will fix me
I will call on the name of the Lord

Chorus

All my life, all I know
God's been good, good to my soul
Mountain high, valley low
I'm gonna sing wherever I go.

Verse 2

He's my heart song in my sorrow
He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow
And when the storms rise all around me
I will call on the name of the Lord

Chorus

All my life, all I know
God's been good, good to my soul
Mountain high, valley low
I'm gonna sing wherever I go. *Repeat Chorus*

Tag

I got joy, joy, joy
Deep in my soul
I will sing, sing, sing
Wherever I go

Chorus
All my life, all I know
God's been good, good to my soul
Mountain high, valley low
I'm gonna sing wherever I go. *Repeat Chorus*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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