

FOR US



“For Us He took on Flesh”

February 25, 2026

4:30 & 7:00 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour, IN

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

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Welcome to Worship! Why did Jesus have to come among us as a human being? Why didn't He come as an angel or some other kind of being that is stronger and more powerful than us? While angels may be a source of endless fascination to the Christian and to the world, they have no power to save us. In this week's sermon, we will hear why taking on the "robe of [our] human frame" was not only a good idea but also necessary for our salvation. Angels are wonderful, but they are not Jesus. He came as one of us so that He could redeem us as His own.

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+++ 4:15 AND 6:45, HYMN SING

THE PRELUDE: 4:30 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" -Arnold Sherman

7:00 "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee" -Kevin Hildebrand

THE HYMN: "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

Hymn 545

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth, Living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
- 2 Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die, Crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring, Speak to us, Your love outpouring.
- 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
Deaf we are: our healer be; Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken, Heal the world, by sin now broken.
- 4 Word that speaks God's tender love, One with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above, God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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THE OPENING RESPONSES: page 229

L O Lord, open my lips,

C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C **make haste to help me, O Lord 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.**

Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Micah 5:2-5

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore He shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of His brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth. And He shall be their peace.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God!**

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 1

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are My Son, today I have begotten You"? Or again, "I will be to Him a father, and He shall be to Me a son"? And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "Let all God's angels worship Him." Of the angels He says, "He makes His angels winds, and His ministers a flame of fire." But of the Son He says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions." And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of Your hands; they will perish, but You remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe You will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will have no end." And to which of the angels has He ever said, "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 14:12-31

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, "Where will You have us go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?" And He sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is My guest room, where I may eat the

Passover with My disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, He came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me, one who is eating with Me.” They began to be sorrowful and to say to Him one after another, “Is it I?” He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with Me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” And as they were eating, He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is My body.” And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, “This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to Him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” But he said emphatically, “If I must die with You, I will not deny You.” And they all said the same.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSORY FOR LENT, page 231

L: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

L: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

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THE HYMN: “O Love, How Deep”

Hymn 544 v. 1&2

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals’ sake!

2 He sent no angel to our race, Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame, And to this world Himself He came.

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THE SERMON: “For Us He Took on Flesh”

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: "My Soul Rejoices"

Hymn 933

- 1 My soul rejoices, My spirit voices – Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior Has shown me favor – Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing, Join in confessing God, who is solely
Mighty and holy – O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely Shall rest securely On all who fear Him,
Love and revere Him – O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
- 2 His arm now baring, His strength declaring – Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters – Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; The meek exalted. Full are the hungry;
Empty, the wealthy – O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token All that was spoken To Abr'ham's offspring
God is fulfilling – O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

THE 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.

THE INTRODUCTION TO COLLECTS

L O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

THE BENDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "All Praise to Thee, My God This Night"

Hymn 883

- 1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, Beneath Thine own almighty wings.
- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

- 3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die that so I may Rise glorious at the awe-full day.
- 4 Oh, may my soul in Thee repose, And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make To serve my God when I awake!
- 5 When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No pow'rs of darkness me molest.
- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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THE POSTLUDE: "Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing" -Kevin Hildebrand

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Preacher: Vicar Max Johnston **Lector:** Pastor Philip E. Bloch

Liturgists: Pastor William G. Fredstrom & Pastor Ralph Blomenberg

Organist: Mr. Paul Scheiderer **7th/8th Grade Handbells**(4:30) **Brass** (7:00)

4:30 p.m. Acolyte: Cash McNeely Elder: Joe Bullard **Audio:** Jeff Hopkins

7:00 p.m. Ushers: Joe Brooks, Dennis Klinge, Matt Pumphrey, Mackenzie Pumphrey, Jeff Schneider, Larry Stahl, Mike Stuckwisch, Max Whitsett, Kameron Williams, Mason Williams, Jeremiah Clay

Counting: Jeff Hubbard, Kevin Foster, Charles Fox, Greg Hackman, Grant Schneider, Craig Flinn

Acolyte: Kelsie Napier **Audio/Video:** Kelly Luecke

Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall, sponsored by the Youth Board. 5:00- 6:15 p.m.

Immanuel Midweek Services, Wednesdays, 4:30 & 7:00 P.M.

March 4 "For Us He Fights the Tempter"

March 11 "For Us He Searches"

March 18 "For Us He Heals"

March 25 "For Us He Suffers"

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 2 Maundy Thursday "For Us He Sacrifices"

Communion 4:30 and 7; stripping of the altar

April 3 Good Friday – "For Us He Gave His Dying Breath"

Noontime, 12:15

Children 4:30

Tenebrae 7:30

EASTER SERVICES *Sunday 6:30, 9, 11:15; Monday at 7*

April 5 Easter – "For Us He Lives!"

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