"For Us He Searches"

March 4, 2026

4:30 & 7:00 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour, IN

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP March 11, 2026

Welcome to Worship! Jesus talks all about seeking us in our texts this week. He does not wait passively until we get up the gumption to ask Him for help. Nor does He act out of selfish gain. Praying, teaching, working. In all these things, Jesus seeks us out and looks for ways to help us. This work is often overlooked because it is so ordinary. Water, bread and wine, the folly of preaching. In all these ordinary works, Jesus continues His ministry among us. This ministry of forgiveness means that Jesus continues to strengthen and help us.

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

THE PRELUDE: 4:30 "Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow" -Kevin Hildebrand
7:00 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

THE HYMN: "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" **Hymn 423**

1 Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.

2 Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding, See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.

3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never From the blessèd Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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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 FIRST READING: Romans 10:8-17

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 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. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame." 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. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

THE EPISTLES READING: Mark 1:35-39

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him, and they found Him and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." And He said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And He went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 14:53-15:5

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. And Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against Him, saying, "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?" But He remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? You have heard His blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned Him as deserving death. And some began to spit on Him and to cover His face and to strike Him, saying to Him, "Prophesy!" And the guards received Him with blows. And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster

crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And he broke down and wept. And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led Him away and delivered Him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "You have said so." And the chief priests accused Him of many things. And Pilate again asked Him, "Have You no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against You." But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

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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.

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THE HYMN: "O Love, How Deep" **Hymn 544 v. 1-4**

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.

3 For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew; For us the tempter overthrew.

4 For us He prayed; for us He taught; For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus Still seeking not Himself but us.

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THE SERMON: "For Us He Searches"

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord" **Hymn 935**

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice; Tender to me the promise of His Word; In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name! Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done; His mercy sure, from age to age the same; His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might! Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word! Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord To children's children and forevermore!

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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: "Glory Be to Jesus" **Hymn 433**

1 Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!

2 Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!

3 Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!

4 Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

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THE POSTLUDE: 4:30"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" – Kevin Hildebrand
7:00 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

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Preacher: Pastor Philip E. Bloch **Lector:** Pastor William G. Fredstrom
Liturgists: Vicar Max Johnston & Pastor Ralph Blomenberg
Organist: Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Brass** (7:00)

4:30 p.m. Acolyte: Eli Akin **Audio:** Jeff Hopkins

7:00 p.m. Ushers: Kurt Fenneberg, Brent Kilgas, Ben Thompson, Brian Burbrink, Baron Bullard, Dale VonDielingen, Greg Wehmiller, Roger Wehmiller, Will Borcherding, Tony Combs, Gary Schneider, Jay Hubbard, Daniel Luecke, Jed Strange **Elder:** Walter Batman **Counting**: Craig Moore, Luke Nolting, Brian Rohr, Mark Nolting, Chad Cooper, Parker Wiethoff **Acolyte:** Carter Hallett **Audio/Video:** Grant VonDielingen, Walter Batman

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 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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