

# FOR US



“For Us He Heals”

March 18, 2026

4:30 & 7:00 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour, IN

## MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

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**Welcome to Worship!** We talked about angels during Midweek of Lent 1. Tonight, we will talk about the darker side of the story – that is, demons. Demons are fallen angels who rebelled against God and His giving of Himself to us. Demons, with Satan chief among them, seek to undermine everything God is and does, even today. In our sermon tonight, we will hear how Jesus heals a man with a demon (Mark 5:1-13) and how that work of healing continues today.

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

**THE PRELUDE: 4:30** “Glory Be to Jesus”

7:00 “Faith of Our Fathers” -Charles Callahan

**THE HYMN: “O Christ, You Walked the Road”**

**Hymn 424**

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation’s pow’r And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung’ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation’s hour To fight our ancient foe.

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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 8:9-11**

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

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

## **THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

### **THE SECOND READING: Mark 5:1-13**

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and bruising himself with stones. And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before Him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure You by God, do not torment me." For He was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." And he begged Him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged Him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." So He gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered the pigs, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea.

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### **THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 15:6-32**

Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered Him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" And they cried out again, "Crucify Him." And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify Him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified. And the soldiers led Him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed Him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on Him. And they began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they were striking His head with a reed and spitting on Him and kneeling down in homage to Him. And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the purple cloak and put His own clothes on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him. And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was

coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry His cross. And they brought Him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it. And they crucified Him and divided His garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified Him. And the inscription of the charge against Him read, "The King of the Jews." And with Him they crucified two robbers, one on His right and one on His left. And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked Him to one another, saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with Him also reviled Him.

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.**

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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 Heals"**

### **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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## 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: “Now Rest Beneath Night’s Shadow”

**Hymn 880**

- 1 Now rest beneath night’s shadow The woodland, field, and meadow;  
The world in slumber lies. But you, my heart, awaking  
And prayer and music making, Let praise to your Creator rise.
- 2 The radiant sun has vanished, Its golden rays are banished  
From dark’ning skies of night; But Christ, the Sun of gladness,  
Dispelling all our sadness, Shines down on us in warmest light.
- 3 Now all the heav’nly splendor Breaks forth in starlight tender  
From myriad worlds unknown; And we, this marvel seeing,  
Forget our selfish being For joy of beauty not our own.

- 4 Lord Jesus, since You love me, Now spread Your wings above me  
And shield me from alarm. Though Satan would devour me,  
Let angel guards sing o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.
- 5 My loved ones, rest securely, For God this night will surely  
From peril guard your heads. Sweet slumbers may He send you  
And bid His hosts attend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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**THE POSTLUDE: "Abide O Dearest Jesus" -Friedrich W. Marpurg**

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**Preacher:** Pastor William G. Fredstrom

**Liturgists:** Vicar Max Johnston & Pastor Ralph Blomenberg

**Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Flute(4:30):** Kate Stahl **Violin(4:30):** Aubrey Stahl

*Pastor Bloch is on vacation.*

**4:30 p.m. Acolyte:** Caroline Downey **Elder:** Joe Bullard **Audio:** Aaron Bloch

**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:** Mark Nichols, Matt Lambert, Joe Bullard, Kevin Lister, John Thomas, Kyle Gentry **Acolyte:** Emeilia Hobson **Audio/Video:** Daniel 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 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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