

# FOR US



*“For Us He Suffers”*

March 25, 2026

4:30 & 7:00 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour, IN

## MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

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**Welcome to Worship!** Jesus foretells His own betrayal, death, and resurrection in today's text (Mark 8:31-9:1). This shows us that the way of salvation only comes through the path of suffering (Hebrews 2:10). Jesus' suffering, His Passion, does not simply mean that He sympathizes with us. Rather, it means that He participates in our suffering, and we in His. His betrayal, the crown of thorns, the shameful cross – all of these lead to how Jesus "gave His dying breath," as we sing in the series hymn. In the Passion reading, we will also hear how He dies (Mark 15:33-47) and what that means for us today.

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

**THE PRELUDE: 4:30** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

7:00 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" -Kevin Hildebrand

**THE HYMN: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Froth"**

**Hymn 438**

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of sinners bearing  
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing;  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer, He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,  
The mockery, and yet replies, "All this I gladly suffer."
- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior,  
Whom God the Father chose to send To gain for us His favor.  
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said, "And free My children from their dread  
Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,  
But by Your passion they will share The fruit of Your salvation."
- 3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what You command Me.  
My will conforms to Your decree, I'll do what You have asked Me."  
O wondrous Love, what have You done! The Father offers up His Son,  
Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong You are to save!  
You lay the One into the grave Who built the earth's foundation.
- 4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,  
Your blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure!  
When I appear before Your throne, Your righteousness shall be my crown;  
With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought,  
As Your own bride shall we be brought To stand in joy beside You.

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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: Hebrews 2:1-12**

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will. Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that You are mindful of him, or the son of man, that You care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, He left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, "I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise."

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

### **THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

#### **THE EPISTLES READING: Mark 8:31-9:1**

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." And He called to Him the crowd with His disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the

holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

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

**THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 15:33-47**

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, He is calling Elijah." And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down." And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that in this way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. When He was in Galilee, they followed Him and ministered to Him, and there were also many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem. And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that He should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether He was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid.

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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. 1-5**

- 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.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death; For us He gave His dying breath.

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### **THE SERMON: "For Us He Suffers"**

### **THE OFFERTORY HYMN: "My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord"**

**Hymn 934**

- 1 My soul now magnifies the Lord; My spirit leaps for joy in Him.  
He keeps me in His kind regard, And I am blest for time to come.
- 2 For He alone who shows such might Has done amazing things to me.  
His mercy flows; His name like light Remains in time perpetually.
- 3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scatters those of proud intent  
And casts them down from high estate, Then gives the low His nourishment.
- 4 He feeds the hungry as His own; The wealthy leave with empty hands.  
He gives His help to Israel; His gracious promise always stands.

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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: "Abide with Me"**

**Hymn 878**

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's  
pow'r? Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O  
abide with me.
- 3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea. Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
- 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to  
the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O  
Lord, abide with me.

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**THE POSTLUDE: "Lamb of God Pure and Holy" -George P. Telemann**

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**Preacher:** Vicar Max Johnston **Lector:** Pastor Ralph Blomenberg

**Liturgists:** Pastor Philip E. Bloch & Pastor William G. Fredstrom

**Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbells(4:30) Woodwinds(7:00)**

**4:30 p.m. Acolyte:** Lillian Motsinger **Elder:** Joe Bullard **Audio:** Jeff Hopkins

**7:00 p.m. Ushers:** Kurt Fenneberg, Larry Harlow, Troy Hehman, Cary Bell, Andrew Bell, Dave Boggs,  
Ryan Williams, Eli Williams, Caleb Williams, Wes Baker, Luke Baker, Brayden Myers **Counting:** Mark  
Nichols, Matt Lambert, Joe Bullard, Kevin Lister, John Thomas, Kyle Gentry **Acolyte:** Travis Wischmeier  
**Audio/Video:** Daniel Luecke

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

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**April 2 Maundy Thursday "For Many Means for You"**

*Communion 4:30 and 7; stripping of the altar*

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

*Noontime, 12:15 p.m. Children, 4:30 p.m. Tenebrae, 7:30 p.m.*

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

**April 5 Easter – "For Us He Lives on High to Reign!"**

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