

FOR US



“For Us He Fights the Tempter”

March 4, 2026

4:30 & 7:00 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour, IN

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

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Welcome to Worship! God's character, His nature, is self-giving love. Everything Jesus does, He does "for us." Jesus is baptized, fasts, is tempted, overcomes temptation, and, in doing so, begins His work of undoing the power of the devil (Mark 1:9-13). It is especially worth noting that because Jesus suffered when tempted, He can "help those who are being tempted" (Hebrews 2:18). He not only helps us in our weakness, but His love for us extends all the way into the grave.

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

THE PRELUDE: 4:30 "By Grace I'm Saved"; 7:00 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

THE HYMN: "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

Hymn 420 v. 1, 6, 7

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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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: Hebrews 2:11-18

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." And again, "I will put My trust in Him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given Me." Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

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

+++ **4:30 THE ANTHEM: "Let Me Learn of Jesus"**

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

THE SECOND READING: Mark 1:9-13

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased." The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him.

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

THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 14:32-52

They went to a place called Gethsemane. And He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." And going a little farther, He fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Remove this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will." And He came and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again He went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer Him. And He came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand." And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas

came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize Him and lead Him away under guard." And when He came, he went up to Him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed Him. And they laid hands on Him and seized Him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture Me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." And they all left Him and fled. And a young man followed Him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

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. 1-3

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.

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THE SERMON: "For Us He Fights the Tempter"

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: "The Day Thou Gavest"

Hymn 886

- 1 The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended, The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended, Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
- 2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, unsleeping While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping, And never rests by day or night.
- 3 As o'er each continent and island The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent, Nor dies the strain of praise away.
- 4 The sun, that bids us rest, is waking Thy saints beneath the western skies,
And hour by hour, as day is breaking, Fresh hymns of thankful praise arise.
- 5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never, Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands and grows forever, Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

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THE POSTLUDE: "All Depends on Our Possessing" -Kevin Hildebrand

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Preacher: Pastor Ralph Blumenberg **Lector:** Pastor William G. Fredstrom

Liturgists: Vicar Max Johnston & Pastor Philip E. Bloch

Organist: Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Woodwinds** (7:00)

7th/8th Grade Handbells & Children's Choir(4:30) **Woodwinds** (7:00)

4:30 p.m. Acolyte: Kooper Smith **Audio:** Aaron Bloch

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 **Elder:** Walter Batman **Counting:** Craig Moore, Luke Nolting, Brian Rohr, Mark Nolting, Chad Cooper, Parker Wiethoff **Acolyte:** Markus Wilde **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 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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