

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*Ash Wednesday Service*

February 17, 2021



*Prelude*  
*Ringing of the Bell*

**P** Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially focused upon the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ as we confess our sin and uncleanness before God.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time for special devotion, self-denial, and for humble repentance.

Let us hear from God's word what this Lenten season is about. And may we hear the warning of sin as well as God's invitation for us to repent and to return back to Him:

**First Reading**

*Joel 2:12–19*

<sup>12</sup>“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
<sup>13</sup>and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the LORD, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster.

<sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
for the LORD your God?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
consecrate a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;  
<sup>16</sup>gather the people.

Consecrate the congregation;  
assemble the elders;  
gather the children,  
even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her chamber.

<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep  
and say, “Spare your people, O LORD,  
and make not your heritage a reproach,  
a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples,  
‘Where is their God?’”

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD became jealous for his land  
and had pity on his people.  
<sup>19</sup>The LORD answered and said to his people,  
“Behold, I am sending to you  
grain, wine, and oil,  
and you will be satisfied;  
and I will no more make you  
a reproach among the nations.”

## Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10*

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

## Opening Prayer

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, -for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit- might richly bless this Lenten season for us. May come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises which You have laid up for those who are

repentant. Cleanse us by the pure washing away our sins through the sacrificial blood of Christ. We pray through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Imposition of Ashes

### Hymn for Imposition #LSB 419

*Savior, When in Dust to Thee*

1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -  
 2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of  
 3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -  
 4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -

dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies  
 want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress  
 ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
 pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode

Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy  
 In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -  
 Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that  
 Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to

pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing  
 te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O  
 veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten  
 heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing

from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

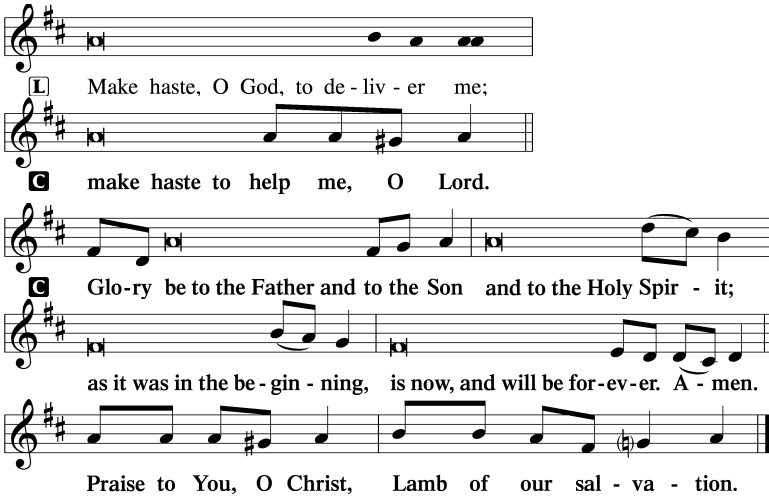
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*Stand*

## Opening Versicles

**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,

**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de-liv-er me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal-va-tion.

**Psalm**

*Psalm 51:1-13*

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.**  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!

**For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.**  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
**so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.**

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
**and in sin did my mother conceive me.**  
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.  
**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
 and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
 and sinners will return to you.**

*Sit*

**Hymn #LSB 435**

*Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho-ly moun-tain, Sin-ners, ru-ined  
 2 Come in pov-er-ty and mean-ness, Come de-filed, with-  
 3 Come in sor-row and con-tri-tion, Wound-ed, im-po-  
 4 They that drink shall live for-ev-er; 'Tis a soul-re-  
 by the fall; Here a pure and heal-ing foun-tain  
 out, with-in; From in-fec-tion and un-clean-ness,  
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt-y, free re-mis-sion,  
 new-ing flood. God is faith-ful; God will nev-er  
 Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per-  
 From the lep-ro-sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
 Here the trou-bled, peace may find. Health this foun-tain  
 Break His cov-e-nant of blood, Signed when our Re-  
 pet-ual tide, O-pened when our Sav-ior died.  
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
 will re-store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
 deem-er died, Sealed when He was glo-ri-fied.

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**Old Testament Reading**

*2 Kings 5:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. <sup>2</sup>Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>4</sup>So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." <sup>5</sup>And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. <sup>6</sup>And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make

alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me.”

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.” <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha’s house. <sup>10</sup>And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” <sup>11</sup>But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, “Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants came near and said to him, “My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” <sup>14</sup>So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

## Epistle Reading

*Revelation 7:9–17*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his  
presence.



<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their  
shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 8:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. <sup>2</sup>And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” <sup>3</sup>And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

<sup>5</sup>When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, <sup>6</sup>“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” <sup>7</sup>And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” <sup>8</sup>But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup>For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” <sup>10</sup>When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. <sup>11</sup>I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, <sup>12</sup>while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” <sup>13</sup>And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

# Sermon Hymn LSB 606

# *I Lay My Sins on Jesus*

1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;  
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;  
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;  
 He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.  
 He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.  
 His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.  
 I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains  
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;  
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;  
 Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.  
 He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
 Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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## Sermon

## *The Blood of Christ Cleanses*

## Prayers of the Day

### Collect

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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, the power,  
 And the glory forever and ever.  
 Amen.**

## Benediction

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart #LSB 594 *sts. 1-4* *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized  
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness



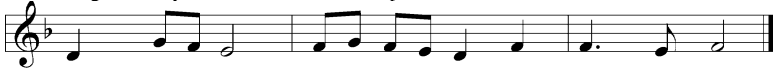
Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
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To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
did re - lease me In a dear for -  
come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.

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## Lenten Midweek Series 6:30pm

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# *The Blood of Christ:*

Feb. 24<sup>st</sup>

March 3<sup>rd</sup>

March 10<sup>th</sup>

March 17<sup>th</sup>

March 24<sup>th</sup>

**Maundy Thursday (April 1<sup>st</sup>)**

**Good Friday**

**Easter Sunday - 9:00am**

Pardons

Gives Access

Speaks

Sanctifies

Redeems

Brings Together

Takes Away Anger

Conquers

