

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



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Lent Midweek Service Four

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Prelude
Ringing of Bells
Welcome

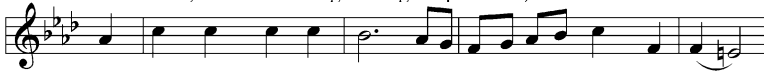
Hymn of Invocation #LSB 798 *sts. 1-4* *The God of Abraham Praise*



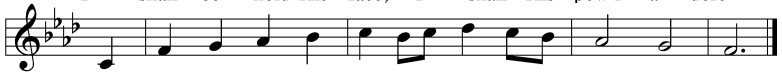
1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2 The God of A-br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com-mand
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.

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Stand

Opening Versicles

- L** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
- C** slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.
- L** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
- C** let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
- L** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- C** He was bruised for our iniquities.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalm 84

¹How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, yes, faints

for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

**³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.**

⁴Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

**⁵Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

⁶As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

**⁷They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.**

⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!

**⁹Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!**

¹⁰For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor.

**No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.**

**¹²O LORD of hosts,
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!**

Sit

Old Testament Canticle

Refrain

☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."
Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the
Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.
Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.
 The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 14:1–7

¹Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God,
 for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.

²Take with you words
 and return to the LORD;
 say to him,

“Take away all iniquity;
 accept what is good,
 and we will pay with bulls
 the vows of our lips.

³Assyria shall not save us;
 we will not ride on horses;
 and we will say no more, ‘Our God,’
 to the work of our hands.
 In you the orphan finds mercy.”

⁴I will heal their apostasy;
 I will love them freely,
 for my anger has turned from them.

⁵I will be like the dew to Israel;
 he shall blossom like the lily;
 he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon;

⁶his shoots shall spread out;
 his beauty shall be like the olive,
 and his fragrance like Lebanon.

⁷They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow;
 they shall flourish like the grain;
 they shall blossom like the vine;
 their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 10:11–22

¹¹And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat

down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Reading

Matthew 27:45–54

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

L This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day #LSB 728 *sts. 1-3, 5*

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - don,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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Sermon

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Reflection Hymn #LSB 547

The Lamb

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.

Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His
 own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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Stand

Prayers of the Church

Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

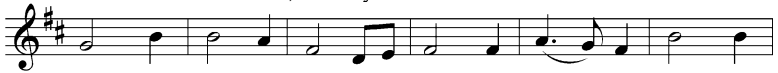
L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and preserve you.

C Amen.

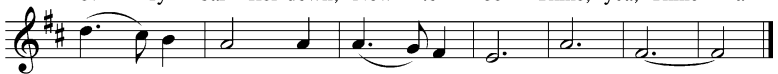
Departing Hymn #LSB 570 *sts. 1-2,5-6 Just as I Am, without One Plea*



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
5 Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,
6 Just as I am; Thy love un - known Has bro - ken



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise I be -
ev - 'ry bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine a -



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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