



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Savior Who Gives Himself in Our Place

One of the newest jobs offered today is being a “tasker.” A tasker does jobs that people don’t have the time or the inclination to do—like holding a place for you in line for a concert, sports event, or for a sale. Websites and apps invite potential customers to describe their task, choose their tasker from a list provided, and thus get their job done. They even list locations where taskers may be hired across the United States or internationally. Taskers then choose from a list of jobs where they will take the customer’s place.

Throughout the season of Lent, we tell and retell how Jesus, the very Son of God, took our place and became a sacrifice to pay the price of our sins. This greatest of tasks He did not do for any material payment but because of His love for us!

HYMN.....My Faith Looks Up to Thee.....Page 702



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a -bove, A ran -somed soul!

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INVOCATION

(Pastor:) In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(People:) **Amen.**

PSALMPsalm 32

(Pastor:) Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

(People:) **Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to
You at a time when You may be found; surely in the
rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you
should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.**

Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

**Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast
love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.**

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

**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.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT

(Pastor:) The Lord be with you.

(People:) **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of love, You lifted up Your Son on the cross so that You could draw all people to Him. Fill us with thanksgiving for this incredible love that we dare to believe is ours. Help us to be faithful servants of Your new covenant, reaching out to all those whom You claim; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN INTRODUCTION

(Reader 1:) Although located in the “Redeemer” section of the hymnal, the contemporary hymn “The Lamb” is appropriate to the Lenten season as it highlights the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Recalling the story of Abraham’s sacrifice of a ram on the mountain in place of his son Isaac, the hymn’s refrain is an ascription of praise that echoes the heavenly praise of Christ the Lamb recorded in the book of Revelation: “Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation” (Rev 5:9). The praise of the Lamb is a never-ending song for His faithful people.

(Reader 2:) Although some hymns are written over a long period of time and are frequently revised, “The Lamb” was not. Author Gerald Coleman wrote the text during a three-hour summer school class at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in the mid-1980s. The author felt that the work should remain as he initially wrote it. The text has never been amended or changed. A gifted musician as well as an inspired writer, Coleman composed the tune for the text and named it *Winter* in honor of a Nebraska family who had shown him Christian hospitality.

HYMN.....The Lamb.....Page 547, vs 1-4



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.



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.

Refrain

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

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READING.....Genesis 22:1-18

¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. ⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay

your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

¹⁵ And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven¹⁶ and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

(Pastor:) This is the Word of the Lord.

(People:) **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

(Pastor:) Let us pray.

Gracious Father in heaven, in countless ways we have sinned against You, but You have been merciful to us and have forgiven our transgressions. As Your Son covered Himself in our guilt that our sins may be covered in His redeeming blood, help us to find our peace in Him, who gave Himself for us, for in Him we are protected from trouble, and Your grace is our hiding place; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(People:) **Amen.**

READING.....Galatians 3:7-14

⁷ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of

Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. ¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹² But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— ¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

(Pastor:) This is the Word of the Lord.

(People:) **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE.....Romans 10:17

(People:) **Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.**

GOSPEL.....John 3:16-17

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

(Pastor:) This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(People:) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN....A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth....Page 438



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your right - eous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30).....“Glory Be to Jesus”Page 433 ALL SCHOOL CHOIR & CONGREGATION

Vs 1: PreK-8th

Vs 2: 8th

Vs 3: 2nd-4th

Vs 4: 7th

Vs 5: 5th-6th

Vs 6: Congregation



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6 **Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!**

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HYMN (7:00)...“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”...

...Page 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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APOSTLES' CREED.....(inside back cover of hymnal)

(People:) **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life † everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY...“Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow

Thankfulness”...Page 788, Vs 1, 4, 6



1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,
4 Teach us, O Lord, true thank - ful - ness di - vine,
6 O - pen our eyes to see Your love's in - tent,



For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,
That gives as Christ gave, nev - er count - ing cost,
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;



For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,
That knows no bar - ri - er of “yours” and “mine,”
May thank - ful - ness be days in ser - vice spent,



While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:
As - sured that on - ly what's with - held is lost.
Re - flec - tion of Christ's life and love and light.

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RESPONSIVE LITANY

(Pastor:) Hear our prayer, O Lord.

(People:) **Let our cry come to You.**

Gracious God, heavenly Father, as You did not withhold Your Son, Your only Son,

but gave Him up for us,

grant us peace and assurance

in the knowledge of Your saving love.

For this is love—not that we have loved You but that You have loved us

and have given Your Son as the atoning sacrifice for

our sins.

Grant that this Good News spread throughout creation that more people in every place may know that You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son,

that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Hear us, O Lord, as we silently bring You our private petitions.

(Silent prayer)

(Pastor:) Trusting in Your mercy, we pray as Your Son taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

(People:) **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.

BENEDICTION

(Pastor:) The Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.

(People:) **Amen.**

HYMN.....Not All the Blood of Beasts.....Page 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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DISMISSAL

(Pastor:) Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

(People:) **Thanks be to God.**



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Preacher Rev. Noel Herr

Elder Luke Henning (7:00)

Organist Brenda Matasovsky (8:30)

Lori Kruger (7:00)

Acolyte 7th-8th graders (8:30)

Zadi Farmer (7:00)

*Usher Merle Hendricksen & 7th-8th graders (8:30)
(7:00)*

We Remember in our Prayers

Rose Parrington hospitalized in Rochester

Immanuel in the Call process for a Pastor

Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden

Horizons in Worthington, Good Sam in Jackson, Accura

HealthCare in Milford, Koronis in Paynesville

Dave Bass, Jackie Ward, Ines Henning, Dwaine Milbrath,

*Jonah Dagele, Keith Kolander, Merlyn Rossow, Bev Hall,
dealing with health issues*

Alan Salzwedel; Sue Boogerd, mother of Jeremy Boogerd;

Miles Ramsey, toddler cousin of Amy Altman; Zach

Williamson, friend of Pastor McDonald; Pastor Dennis

Brech; Joyce Urmie, sister-in-law of Vickie Baumann;

Stacey Dunker, mother of ILS student Janessa Dunker;

Pastor Ben Rucker; Mitch Voehl, son of Lila Voehl;

Marcus Lere, grandson of Joyce Bretzman; Denny

Daberkow; Jim Salentiny, uncle of Mark Freking;

dealing with cancer

Diane Hansen, wife of Pastor McDonald; Peter Schulz,

newborn son of Pastor Schulz (one of our recent Call

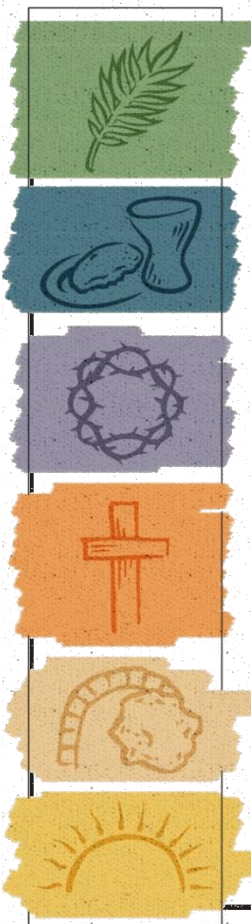
candidates); Rich Polz, friend of Bruce and Jan

Bakalyar; Mary Holt, aunt of Debbi Gettler; Jeff Meyer,

friend of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; Curt Gates, brother-

*in-law of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health
issues*

Our Missionaries in the Field, Our Country and Our Military



Lent and Holy Week Worship Services

Lent

Wednesdays 4/2 and 4/9
8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 4/17
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

Friday 4/18
7:00 p.m.

Easter

Sunday 4/20
6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

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