



## **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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### **LENTEN MIDWEEK 5 • APRIL 2**

#### *A Savior Who Unites Heaven and Earth*

Some of the tools and implements that make our lives easier do not have very lengthy histories. Although ladders of rope, wood, and stone have been around for thousands of years, the trusty stepladder that we use in so many ways actually wasn't invented until 1862, when John Basely of Dayton, Ohio, constructed a hinged ladder, so that it could easily be put away after use. Different types of ladders have aided us for centuries. They assist us to reach high places safely. The ladder in Jacob's dream did that and more—it reached down to him on earth with an affirmation of God's promises. As we worship, God reaches to us with His promises of redemption, forgiveness, and love. What a great vision that is for us to share!

# HYMN...Drawn to the Cross,

## Which Thou Hast Blessed...Page 560



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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## INVOCATION

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

*(People:)* **Amen.**

## PSALM.....Psalm 121

*(Pastor:)* I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

*(People:)* **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

**Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

**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.

Eternal God, You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son into death for our sin. Take our lives, Lord, and use them to lift up Your Son so that all will be drawn to Him and find eternal life; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **HYMN INTRODUCTION**

*(Reader 1:)* Singing hymns together as the people of God is an activity we may take for granted. That joyful exercise has not always been part of the worship life of the church. In centuries past, the singing of sacred music in churches was limited to the clergy, monks, nuns, and choristers singing the liturgy. During the Middle Ages, some musical reformers in the church brought hymn singing to laypeople through the singing of laudes, which were sacred songs sung in religious processions and at devotional assemblies. “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” is one of those early hymns, dating back to Italy in the fifteenth century. It calls all of God’s people to repentance and a deeper devotion to Jesus, our Savior, as we view His cross with faith-filled eyes.

*(Reader 2:)* The text of this hymn was written by Girolamo Savonarola, one of the most notable churchmen of the Middle Ages. Distressed by the secular excesses of the city of Florence, Italy, he preached repentance and reform and, for a while, became ruler of the great medieval city. With his

spirited preaching and his insistence on destroying whatever he considered detrimental to the society of Florence in what were called “bonfires of the vanities,” he gained strong supporters and made fierce enemies. After public opinion turned against him, he was charged with heresy and executed. Savonarola has been considered by many in the centuries after his death to be one of the first martyrs of the Reformation. Translated into English in the nineteenth century by noblewoman Lady Jane Wilde, the hymn has become a Lenten favorite.

**HYMN.....Jesus, Refuge of the Weary.....Page 423**



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
 thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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**READING.....Genesis 28:10-22**

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun

had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup>And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup>Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup>Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

<sup>18</sup>So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup>He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. <sup>20</sup>Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, <sup>21</sup>so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, <sup>22</sup>and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

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

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

## **PRAYER RESPONSE**

*(Pastor:)* Let us pray.

Lord God, You never slumber nor sleep and Your eyes are always open to our needs. On our journey through this life to the life of the world to come, graciously guide us and guard us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and in Him You will keep our going out and our coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

*(People:)* **Amen.**

**READING.....Ephesians 2:11-22**

<sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—  
<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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

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

**VERSE.....Philippians 2:8**

*(People:)* **He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

**GOSPEL.....John 1:43-51**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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

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

**HYMN.....Chief of Sinners Though I Be.....Page 611**



1	Chief	of	sin - ners	though	I	be,	Je - sus	shed	His
2	Oh,	the	height	of	Je - sus'	love,	High - er	than	the
3	On - ly	Je - sus	can	im - part	Balm	to	heal	the	
4	Chief	of	sin - ners	though	I	be,	Christ	is	all
5	O	my	Sav - ior,	help	af - ford	By	Your	Spir - it	



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
 heav'ns above, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
 and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to—  
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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## SERMON

### SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30).....“Glory Be to Jesus”....Page 433

#### ALL SCHOOL CHOIR & CONGREGATION

**Vs 1: PreK-8<sup>th</sup>**

**Vs 2: 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Vs 3: 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**

**Vs 4: 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Vs 5: 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**

**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-raise;



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.**

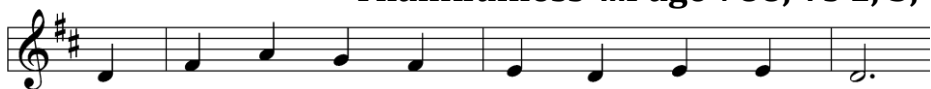
**He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**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, 5, 6



1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,  
5 For - give us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,  
6 O - pen our eyes to see Your love's in - tent,



For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,  
For joy in things that mean - while starve the soul,  
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;



For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,  
For walls and wars that hide Your mer - cies vast  
May thank - ful - ness be days in ser - vice spent,



While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:  
And blur our vi - sion of the King - dom goal:  
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.**

Lord God, in our journey through this life, help us to build our hopes not on what we have done for You

**but on what You have done for us,**

and help us to find peace not by searching within ourselves

**but by looking to Christ and His cross;**

for our hearts are restless

**until they find their rest in You.**

Gracious God, be with all who are lost and searching,

**and draw their hearts to Christ,**

that they may know Him as the way, and the truth, and the life,

**and find in Him a peace that surpasses all understanding;**

for He is the stairway to heaven,

**and through Him the door to paradise is open.**

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...You Are the Way; through You Alone...Page 526**



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can  
2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True  
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has  
wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -  
claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.  
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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## **DISMISSAL**

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

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



## **Assisting with the Service**

*Preacher Rev. Noel Herr*

*Elder Luke Henning (7:00)*

*Organist Brenda Matasovsky (8:30)*

*Jayson Matasovsky (7:00)*

*Acolyte 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders (8:30)*

*Maddox Boogerd (7:00)*

*Usher Merle Hendricksen & 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders (8:30)  
(7:00)*

## **We Remember in our Prayers**

*Ines Henning in Hospice*

*Susanna Hedstrom, infant granddaughter of Pastor Dale and  
Mary Hedstrom, hospitalized*

*Diane Hansen, wife of Pastor McDonald, diagnosed with  
cancer*

*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 Dagel, 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*

*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*

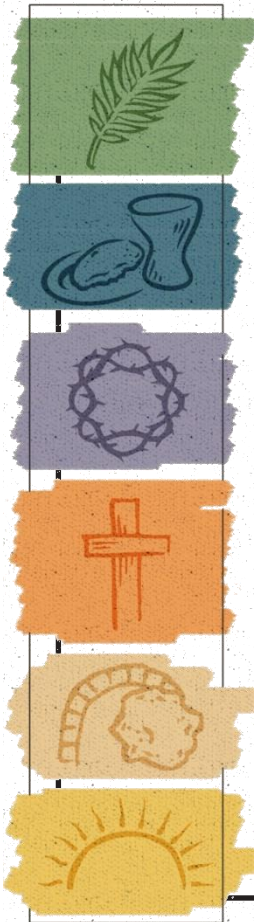
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## *Lent and Holy Week Worship Services*

### *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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