

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

JULY 18, 2018

**Even though I walk
through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for You are with me.**

Psalm 23:4



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



***Making known
by Word and Action
the Healing Presence of God
in Christ Jesus with Us
and with the World.***

Immanuel's Mission



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When Amos speaks God's Word to Israel, they do not want to hear it. Amos is told to prophesy elsewhere. John the Baptist's message of repentance landed him in Herod's prison and, eventually, in the grave.

Speaking God's Word is not always easy. It often meets resistance and sometimes even violence. As you gather with fellow hearers of God's Word, consider how you have been resistant to God's Word. Which portions have you chosen to skip over? Consider how you might better hear and speak God's Word this week.

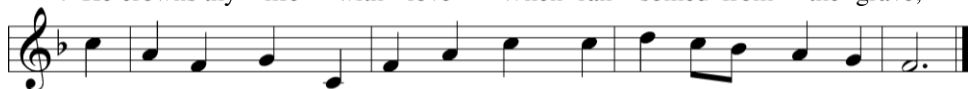
OPENING HYMN

"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

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1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
 3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
 4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
 For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
 'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
 He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

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| 5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for the oppressed. | 6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son. |
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INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

- P** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
- P** Hear what God the Lord will speak,
- C** for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints.
- P** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet.
- C** Righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- P** Yes, the Lord will give what is good.
- C** Righteousness will go before Him.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Yes, the Lord gives what is good. He sends His Word to every nation. But we have not always desired to hear His Word. We have not always done what His Word says. We have not always spoken His Word faithfully to others. Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C we confess that we have ignored Your Word. We confess that at times we have shamefully treated those who speak Your Word. We confess that we have desired our own way and not Your way. Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us!

P In love, God chose us for adoption as His heirs through Jesus Christ. We have redemption through Christ's blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

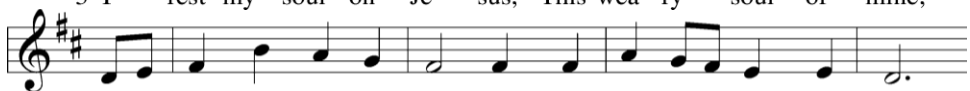
HYMN OF PRAISE

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

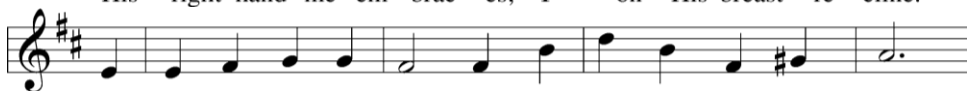
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1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



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.

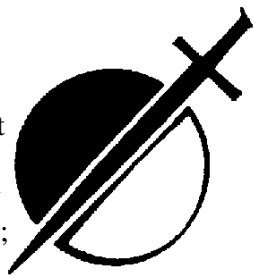
THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



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OLD TESTAMENT

Amos 7:7–15

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3–14

GOSPEL

st Mark 6:14–29

SERMON HYMN

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

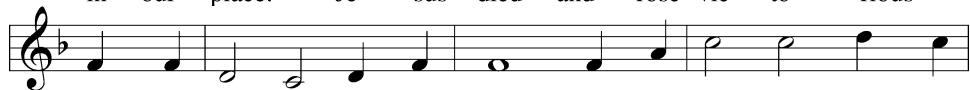
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1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons,
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

SERMON

*“Jesus Enters the Troubled Places of our Lives
and Transforms them by His Word!!”*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“By All Your Saints in Warfare”

LSB 518

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| 1 By all Your saints in warfare,
For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,
Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle
That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory
Reflected from Your throne. | 24 Our thanks for John the Baptist
Who, till his dying day,
Made straight paths for the Savior
And heralded His way!
In witnessing to Jesus
Through times of threat or shame
May we with faith and courage
The Lamb of God proclaim. |
| 3 Then let us praise the Father
And sing to God the Spirit,
Till all the ransomed number
Ascribing pow'r and glory | And worship God the Son
Eternal Three in One,
Fall down before the throne,
And praise to God alone. |



DAILY PRAYER – EARLY EVENING

- P** Let my prayers rise before You as incense,
C the lifting up of my hands
as the evening sacrifice.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

{each petition ends “*Lord, in Your mercy:*”

response: “*hear our prayer!*”}

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.

EVENING PRAYERS

- P** Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way; kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your Name’s sake. Amen.
- C** 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.
- P** Let us bless the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** Amen.



SONGS BY REQUEST ...



He chose us in him
before the foundation
of the world, that we
should be holy and
blameless before him.

Ephesians 1:4