



**The Place and Pain of Faith**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Seymour, Indiana**  
**March 8, 2023**

# MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

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**Welcome to Worship!** God promised Abraham a son and delivered on that promise. God told Abraham many nations would come from him. Then he asked Abraham to sacrifice his son. Was God reneging on His promise? Of course not! He was faithful and continues to be faithful to all His promises.

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**THE PRELUDE:** 4:30 "A Joyous Ring" – Douglas Wagner

7:00 "Jesus Thy Boundless Love" -Michael Costello

**THE OPENING HYMN:** "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" **Hymn 435**

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

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**THE OPENING VERSICLES (LENT):** (page 260)

L: This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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.**

**C: 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.**

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE PASSION READING**

**LEADER:** Jesus told the disciples,

**MEN:** "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

**WOMEN:** 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

**MEN:** But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

**LEADER:** Peter replied,

**CONGREGATION:** "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

**MEN:** "I tell you the truth, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will disown me three times."

**LEADER:** But Peter declared,

**CONGREGATION:** "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you."

**LEADER:** And all the other disciples said the same. Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them,

**MEN:** "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

**LEADER:** He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them,

**MEN:** "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

**LEADER:** Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed,

**CONGREGATION:** "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

**LEADER:** An angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling on the ground. Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. He asked Peter,

**CONGREGATION:** "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

**LEADER:** He went away a second time and prayed,

**CONGREGATION:** “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

**LEADER:** When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then He returned to the disciples and said to them,

**CONGREGATION:** “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go. Here comes my betrayer!”

**LEADER:** Now Judas, who betrayed Him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them:

**MEN:** “The one I kiss is the man, arrest him.”

**LEADER:** Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him. Jesus replied,

**CONGREGATION:** “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss? Friend, do what you came for.”

**LEADER:** When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said,

**CONGREGATION:** “Lord, should we strike with our swords?”

**LEADER:** And Peter struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) But Jesus answered,

**MEN:** “No more of this!”

**WOMEN:** And He touched the man’s ear and healed him. Jesus said,

**LEADER:** “Put your sword back in its place, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

**WOMEN:** Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to Him, went out and asked them,

**LEADER:** “Who is it you want?”

**CONGREGATION:** “Jesus of Nazareth!”

**LEADER:** “I told you that I am He. If you are looking for me, then let these men go.”

**WOMEN:** This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled:

**MEN:** "I have not lost one of those people you gave me."

**WOMEN:** The men sized Jesus and arrested Him. Jesus said,

**LEADER:** "Am I leading a rebellion that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled."

**CONGREGATION:** Then all the disciples deserted Him and fled. A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

**+++ 4:30 THE ANTHEM:** "God Be with You" -Susan Geschke  
"God Loves Me Dearly"

**+++ 7:00 THE ANTHEM:** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

### **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE LENTEN RESPONSORY:** (page 263)

**L:** We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**C:** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

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**THE APOSTLES' CREED:** (page 264)

**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.**

**THE SERMON HYMN:** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

**Hymn 702**

**1** My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!



- 2 May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!  
As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

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## **THE SERMON: "Abraham and Isaac and God's Promises"**

### **THE PRAYERS: (page 265)**

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for  
the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us  
all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all  
who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned,  
and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**THE EVENING PRAYER:** (page 266)

**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.**

**THE BLESSING:** (page 267)

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**C: Amen.**

**THE CLOSING HYMN: "Now the Light Has Gone Away"**

**Hymn 887**

- 1 Now the light has gone away; Father, listen while I pray,  
Asking Thee to watch and keep And to send me quiet sleep.
- 2 Jesus, Savior, wash away All that has been wrong today;  
Help me ev'ry day to be Good and gentle, more like Thee.
- 3 Let my near and dear ones be Always near and dear to Thee;  
O bring me and all I love To Thy happy home above.
- 4 Now my evening praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.  
All my blessings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
- 5 Thou, my best and kindest Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.  
Let me love Thee more and more, Always better than before.

**THE POSTLUDE: "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" -Kevin Hildebrand**

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## Serving in Worship

**Preacher:** Pastor James A. Rodriguez, Jr. **Lector:** Pastor Ralph Blumenberg

**Liturgists:** Vicar Case Farney, Pastor Philip E. Bloch, Pastor Will Fredstrom

**Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer **5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbell Director:** Mr. Paul Keller

**Children's Choir** (4:30) **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbells** (4:30) **Woodwinds** (7:00)

**4:30 p.m. Audio:** Rick McAllister **Elder:** Steve Bobb, Joe Bullard

**7:00 p.m. Ushers:** Kurt Fenneberg, Larry Harlow, Troy Hehman, Cary Bell, Dave Boggs, Chris Stahl, Corey Zaring, Charlie Tungate, Andrew Bell, Ryan Williams, Caleb Williams, Eli Williams, David Pollert, Wes Baker, Luke Baker **Elder:** Carl Emily, Wes Baker **Counting:** Craig Moore, Luke Nolting, Brian Rohr, Mark Nolting, Chad Cooper, Parker Wiethoff **Acolyte:** Kooper Smith **Audio/Video:** Jordan Richart/Walter Batman

## + IMMANUEL MIDWEEK SERVICES +

### WEDNESDAYS, 4:30 & 7:00 P.M.

**March 8** "The Place and Pain of Faith"

**March 15** "Shocking Repentance in Nineveh!"

**March 22** "Purification: The Refining Fire of Repentance"

**March 29** "Saving from Sin's Slavery"

**April 6** Maundy Thursday - "Forgiveness Covers Sin"

*Communion 4:30 and 7; stripping of the altar*

**April 7** Good Friday - "The Cross Changes Everything"

*Noontime, 12:15*

*Children 4:30*

*Tenebrae 7:30*

**April 9** Easter - "Rising to our New Life!"

*Sunday 6:30, 9, 11:15; Monday at 7*

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