Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 7, 2021 Lent 3

The Order of Service

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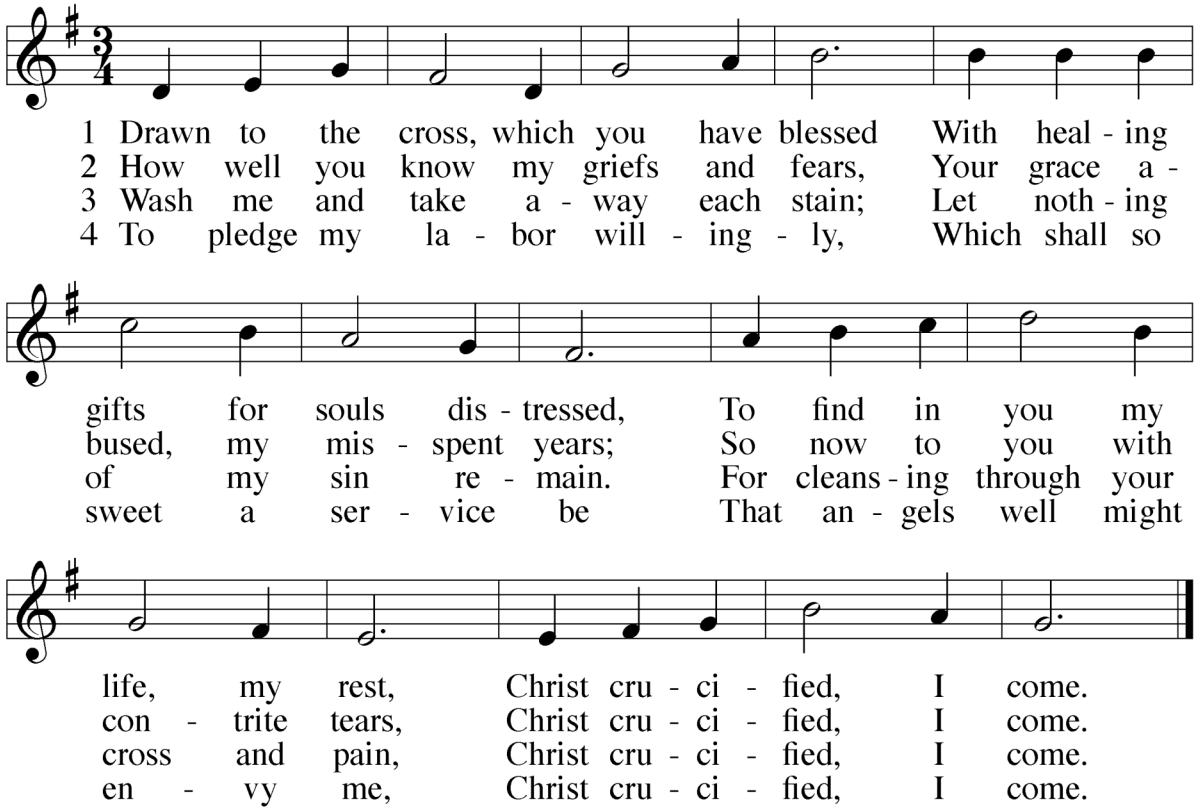
The Opening Hymn — 387, "Drawn to the Cross"



Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928, alt.
Tune: JUST AS I AM (888 6) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

The Invocation

M: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

The Confession of Sins and Announcement of Forgiveness

M: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
C: and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
M: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
C: and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
M: 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. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover up my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
C: and you forgave the guilt of my sin. (Psalm 32:1-5)

(a moment of silent reflection)

M: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and in eternity. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

M: Upon this, your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(the Hymn of Praise is omitted in Lent)

The Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Almighty God, because you know that we of ourselves have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Lesson **Exodus 20:1-17**

(The Ten Commandments are given to Israel.)

M: 1 And God spoke all these words:
2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

C: 3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

M: 4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

C: 7 "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God,

M: for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

C: 8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

M: 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

C: 12 "Honor your father and your mother,

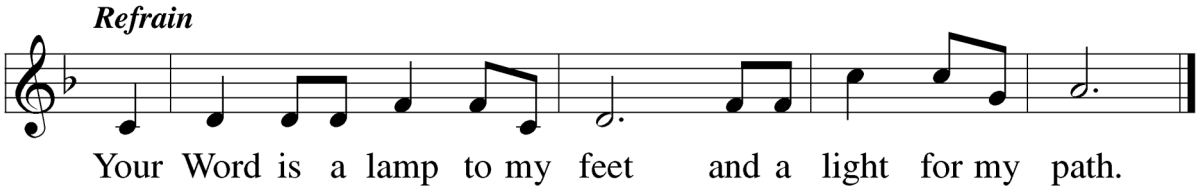
M: so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

C: 13 **“You shall not murder.**
14 **“You shall not commit adultery.**
15 **“You shall not steal.**
16 **“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**
17 **“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”** (NIV 84)

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

<u>The Psalm</u> *(the words of the Psalm are spoken responsively)*



M: The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**C: Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.**

Refrain

M: The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

**C: They are more precious than gold;
they are sweeter than honey.**

M: By them is your servant taught;
in keeping them there is great reward.

**C: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.**

Refrain

The Second Lesson **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

(Paul declares that he preaches Christ crucified which causes some to stumble but others to be saved.)

M: [18] For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. [19] For it is written:
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."
[20] Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? [21] For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. [22] Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, [23] but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, [24] but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. [25] For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength. (NIV 84)

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

The Holy Gospel **St. Mark 14:43-65**

M: This is the Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 14.
C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

M: [43] Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.
[44] Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." [45] Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. [46] The men seized Jesus and arrested him. [47] Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.
[48] "Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? [49] Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." [50] Then everyone deserted him and fled.
[51] A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, [52] he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.
[53] They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. [54] Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.
[55] The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. [56] Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.
[57] Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: [58] "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.'" [59] Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

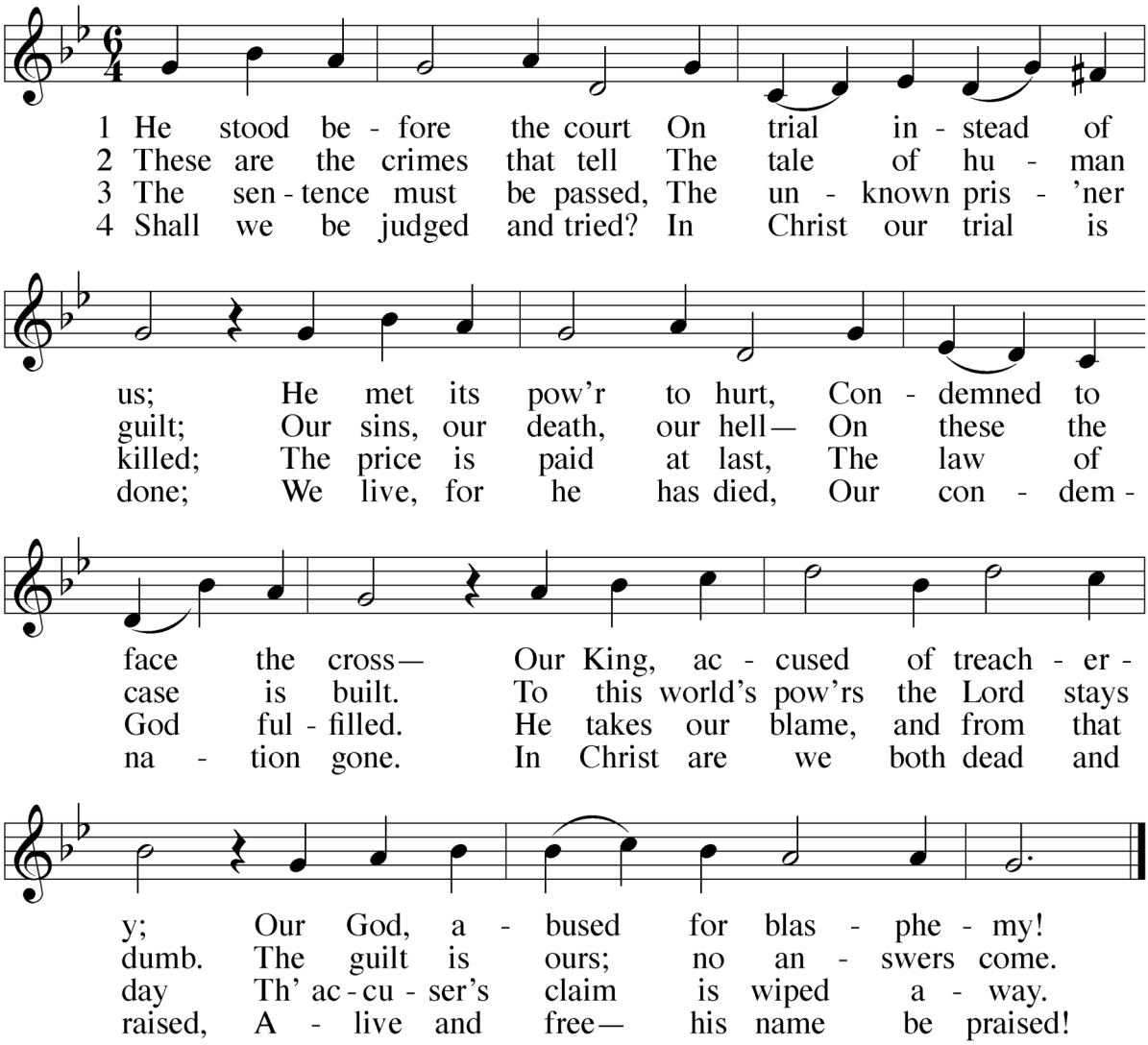
[60] Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” [61] But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.
Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”
[62] “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”
[63] The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked.
[64] “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”
They all condemned him as worthy of death. [65] Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophesy!” And the guards took him and beat him. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

<u>The Apostles’ Creed</u>

C: I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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 Hymn of the Day **115, "He Stood before the Court"**



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The Sermon Text **St. Mark 14:53-65**

The Sermon **The Truth Will Set You Free**
1. Man hates the truth
2. Jesus is the truth

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Thankoffering Offering plates are located by the entrances. Offerings will be collected by the ushers after the service. You may also give electronically via our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

The Prayer of the Church (based on the Lord's Prayer)

M: Friends in Christ, I urge you to joyfully lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.
God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us your joy.

M: Grant that your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to come to know you by faith and find their righteousness in Jesus Christ, your Son, that the number of Christians be increased. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us your joy.

M: Strengthen us by your Spirit according to your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills be crucified daily and sacrificed to your good and gracious will. Into your merciful hands we commend [*names* . . . and] all who are in need, praying for them at all times: your will be done. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us your joy.

M: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in you to provide for all our needs, rejoicing always in your fatherly care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us your joy.

M: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts be at peace and rejoice in a good conscience before you, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us your joy.

M: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil as he seeks to rob us of our joy and confidence in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us your joy.

M: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us your joy.

M: We joyfully trust, O Lord, in your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Preface (sung)

M: The Lord be with you, one and all.
C: And with you, too, whom God has called.
M: Lift up your hearts to God, and call.
C: Christ crucified, I come.

M: Once, by a tree, were we o'ercome.
Then by a tree, Lord, you have won
New life and more: a heav'nly home.
Christ crucified, we come.

The Sanctus (sung)

C: Holy, most holy, holy Lord
We with the angels you adore.
Your glory fills the earth and more.
Christ crucified, now come.

Hosannas filled Jerusalem;
We now proclaim: Blest is the One
Bearing God's Name, his only Son,
Christ crucified, now comes.

The Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen.

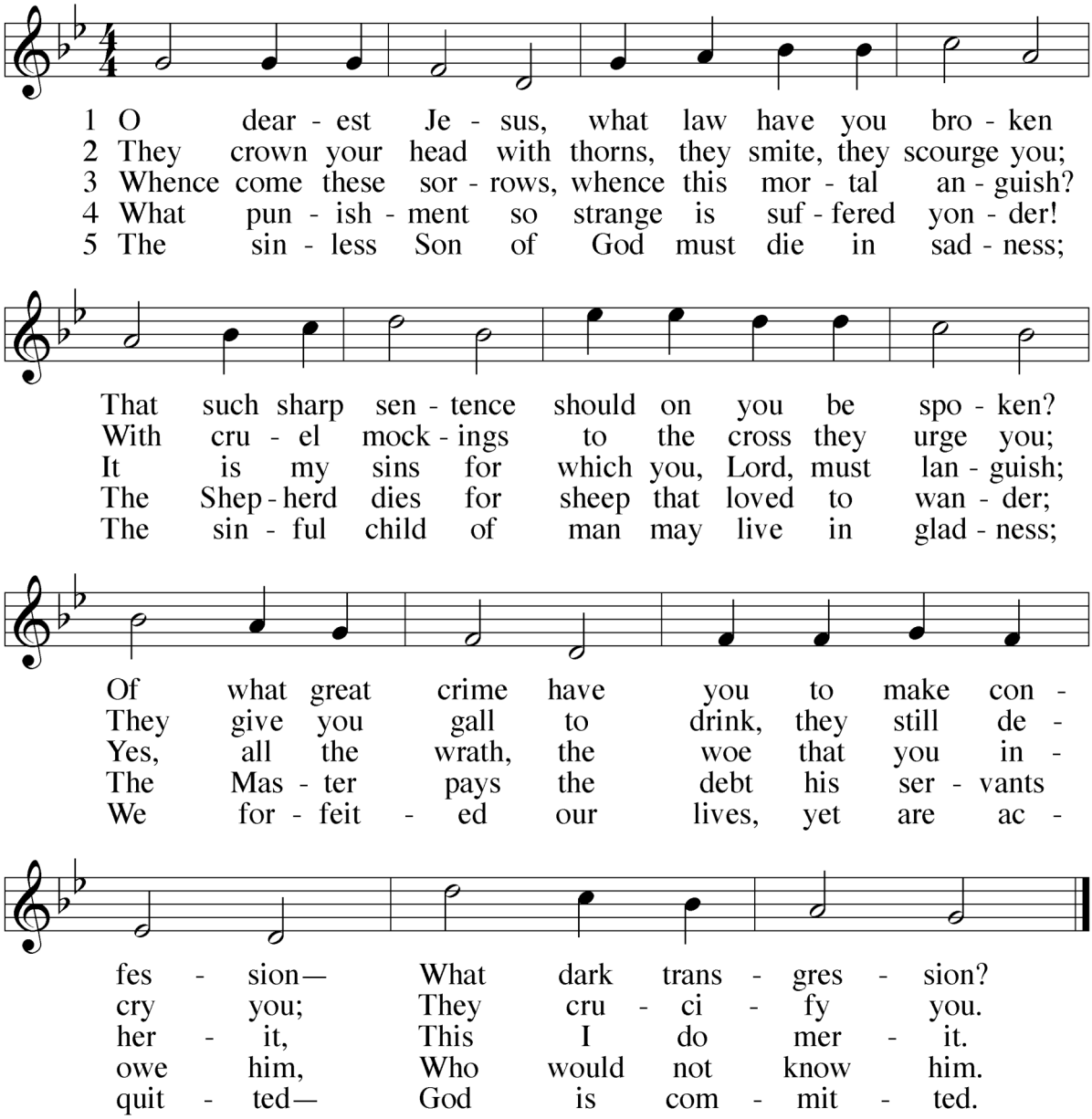
The Agnus Dei (sung)

C: O Lamb of God, you take away
All of our sins, our debt you paid.
Have mercy on us now, we pray;
Christ crucified has come.

The Distribution

The Distribution Hymns

117, "O Dearest Jesus"



6 I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
To do your will shall be my sole endeavor
Henceforth forever.

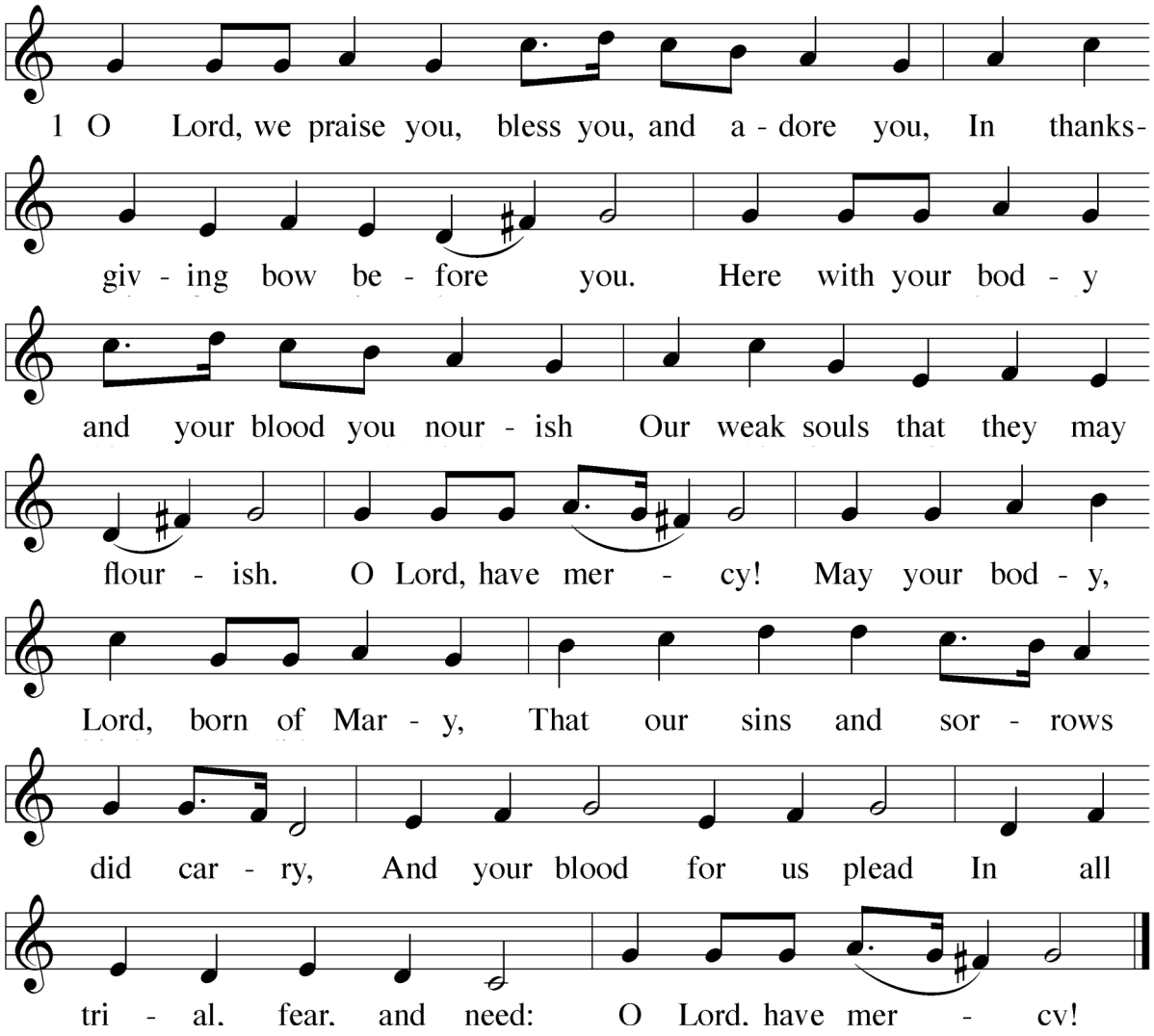
7 And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you,
I too shall praise you.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-4, 6-7, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 5, alt.
Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU (11 11 11 5) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

The Blessing

M: May this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith until life everlasting. Amen.

The Song of Thanksgiving **317, st 1 "O Lord, We Praise You"**



Text: German folk hymn, 15th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-3; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
Tune: GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET (PM) *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

The Prayer

M: Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for his sake you have given us peace and a renewal of joy in this Sacrament. By your Holy Spirit, always rule our hearts and minds that we be enabled constantly to rejoice in you as we strive toward the finish line of faith, where we will behold you in glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

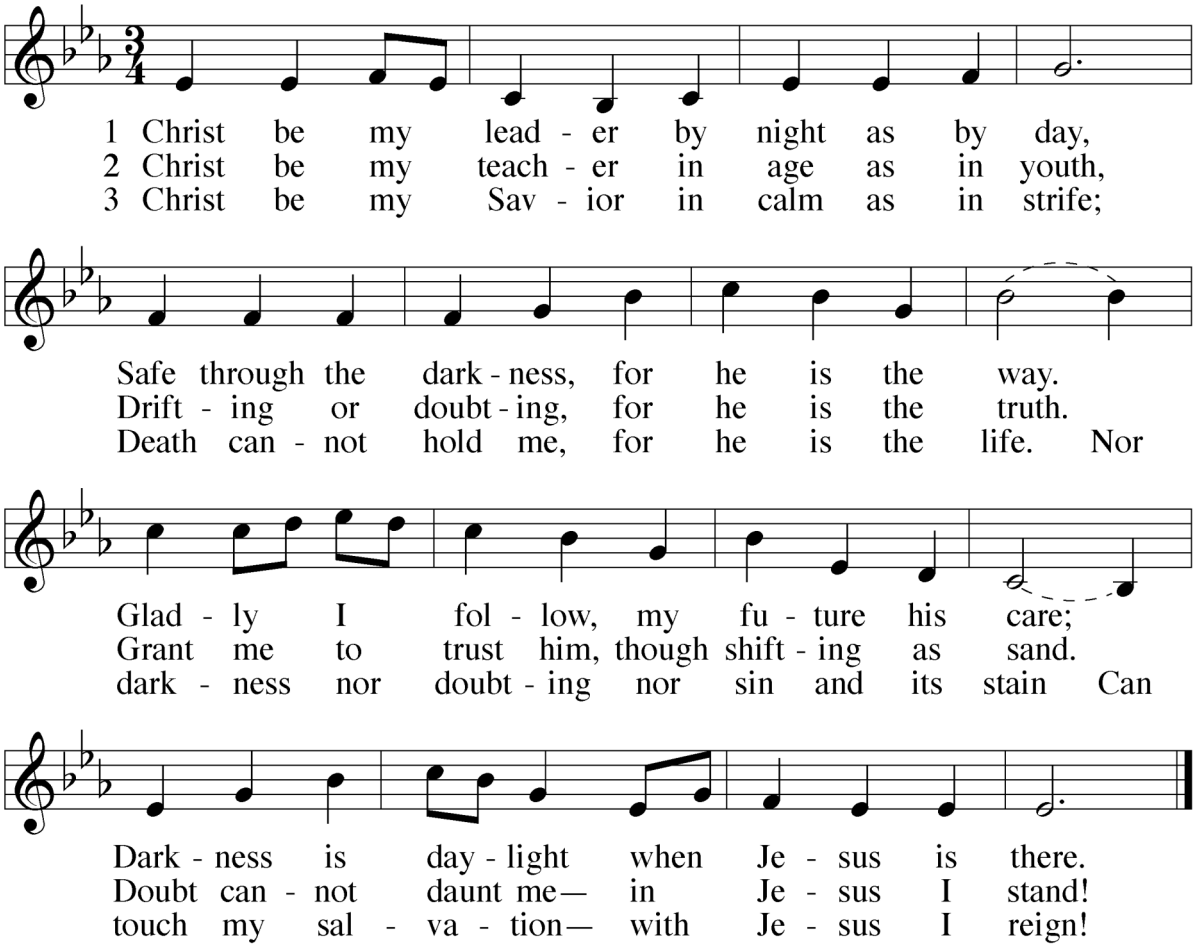
C: Amen.

The Benediction Philippians 4:4; Numbers 6:24-26

M: Rejoice in the Lord always;
C: again I will say, Rejoice.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.
C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn **367, "Christ Be My Leader"**



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Tune: SLANE (Irregular) Irish folk tune.

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Our Adult Choir will sing for Good Friday and Easter. We will practice Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. If you are interested, please contact Connie Krueger, cmkrueger@outlook.com.

This Sunday 7-8th graders are selling tickets for a spaghetti dinner to be held on March 28 at Trinity Lutheran in Jenera, to help raise money for their class trip. A Trinity Student will be at the church to sell the tickets after the service. (You may also just give a donation if you are not interested in the spaghetti dinner.)

Glance at Our Week

Sunday	**Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 & 10:30AM**
	Sunday School, 9:15AM
	Stewardship Board, 11:45AM
	Confirmation Class, 6:30PM
Monday	
Tuesday	Pastors' Circuit Meeting
Wednesday	Adult Bible Class, 1:30PM
	Education Board, 6:00PM
	Choir Practice, 7:00PM
Thursday	Adult Bible Class, 7:00PM **Zoom Only
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	**Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 & 10:30AM**
	Sunday School, 9:15AM
	Elders, 11:45AM
	Evangelism, 1:00PM
	Confirmation Class, 6:30PM

March Greeters		**East Doors**	**North Doors**
3/7	8:00 A.M.	Karl & Lynn Farwig	Nate & Stacy Muehl
	10:30 A.M.	Ron & Kay Myers	Becky Fulcher
3/14	8:00 A.M.	Bill & Helen Rose	Howard & Nancy Wilch
	10:30 A.M.	Ken & Linda Shultz	Pam Winters
3/21	8:00 A.M.	Karlene Sonntag	Bob Huber
	10:30 A.M.	Diane Lab	Denny & Sharon Putman
3/28	8:00 A.M.	Marge Penhalegon	Jan Sherman
	10:30 A.M.	Brad & Sarah Sorn	Deana Hartman

March Acolyte

3/7	8:00 A.M.	Hunter Niese
	10:30 A.M.	Justin Arnott
3/14	8:00 A.M.	Josie Weihrauch
	10:30 A.M.	Grace Insley
3/21	8:00 A.M.	Elder/Usher
	10:30 A.M.	Klarissa Arnott
3/28	8:00 A.M.	Connor Niese
	10:30 A.M.	Jenna Hartman

Easter Services
7:00AM
9:30AM
April 4, 2021

We will not be serving breakfast this year.

Drop off door hangers with Vicar: In a few weeks Vicar Wenzel is going to drop off door hangers advertising our Easter services at houses near the church. Would you like to join him for an hour? We will not be knocking on doors, just leaving the information. We will wear masks. A sign up sheet is in the narthex if you want to help. Vicar will contact you to set up a time that works with your schedule.

Please join us for the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir singing at our church on Sunday, **April** 11 at the 8:00 and 10:30 AM services. The Michigan Lutheran Seminary Choir is visiting the Ohio region during their spring tour. We are delighted that they will be presenting their program of music for our congregation.

WELS Family Devotions-- Get your family into God's Word during the week! WELS has developed short devotions for the entire family to use. Each devotion comes complete with a set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Downloadable printable versions are also available. Find the family devotions at wels.net/family-devotions.

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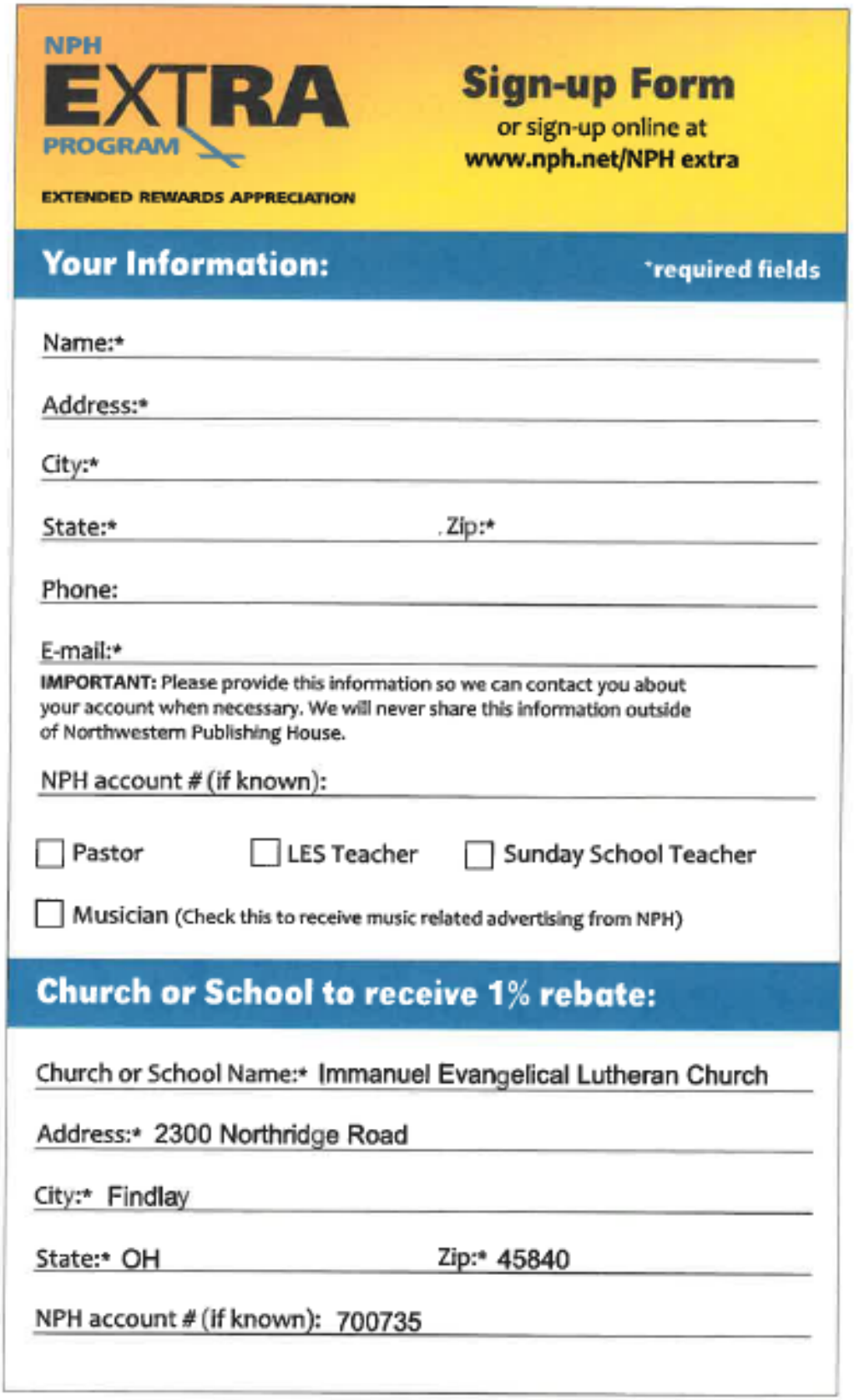
Northwestern Publishing House is offering a free customer loyalty program to help give back to our church. NPH will give back 1 % of your purchase in the form of a “rebate check” to Immanuel when we accumulate $25. If you would like to purchase at home Bible studies, Christian gifts or reading materials you can have them shipped directly to your home. Simply grab a sheet from the narthex with the church information on it (or use the information from the form on this page) and when you set up your account with NPH sign up for the Extra program. The church purchases Bible studies, baptismal certificates, Forward in Christ and Meditations from NPH on a regular basis. Thank you for considering this opportunity to give back to Immanuel.



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General Information

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us welcome the opportunity of worship. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, please feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.
Immanuel is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, a group of Christian congregations united in faith and service to God. The WELS has over 350,000 members in 1200 congregations in the US and supports 70 foreign missionaries and 20 teachers in 24 countries. Visit www.wels.net to learn more.
Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the back of the fellowship hall.
There are visitor welcome packets available in the narthex.
There are children's books, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons. Thank you!
Silence is golden. Please silence cell phones before worship.
If you would like something put on the bulletin board please contact the office.
When receiving communion it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.
Celebrating Communion in Love—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.

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