

THE HAND OF THE LORD

WHO CREATES AND SAVES



MARCH 12, 2025 — LENT MIDWEEK 1



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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Restrooms** are located downstairs. An elevator is available in the narthex.
- A **nursery room** is available at the rear of the Sanctuary for young children and their parents. The nursery room is equipped with a speaker so you can hear the service.
- **Registration cards** are placed in the back of the pews for worshipers to use for: 1) Visitor registration; 2) Communion registration for communion services; 3) Prayer requests may be written on the back of the card; after filling out the card, please place it in the offering plate.
- **Preprinted offering envelopes** are available in the pews for special offerings and Special Funds donations. Visitors are welcome to use these envelopes as well as members. Members, please make sure to note your envelope number on these special envelopes and place in the offering plate.
- **Kids Worship** - We love having children in church! It is so important for the kids to be welcomed and loved in God's house. Kids Worship is offered during the service, after the Bible Readings. Kids ages 3 through 10 can come downstairs where we offer an age appropriate lesson on the readings, snack and sometimes a craft. Children will return to the sanctuary at end of service and on communion Sundays just before communion. For more information, contact Rene Langwost at 410-253-8735. No kids worship today.

We kindly request that all cell phone be silenced during service.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE FIRST MID-WEEK SERVICE OF LENT

MARCH 12, 2025 ~ 12:00 P.M.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Welcome to worship on the first Mid Week service in Lent.

A warm welcome to visitors joining us today.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Holy Spirit, when you lead us into the wilderness, assure us of your constant presence.

Vespers

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) Pages 229-234

♪ = *congregation sings response*

Stand

LSB 229

P O Lord, open my lips,

C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

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.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

~ Psalmody ~

Psalm

Psalm 41:3-5

C ³The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.

⁴As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"

⁵My enemies say of me in malice,
"When will he die and his name perish?"

Sit

The Word That Spoke in Darkness

Lisa M. Clark

Mark Knickelbein



- 1 The Word that spoke in dark-ness And prom-ised com-ing light
- 2 The Sav-ior came to con-quer And meet His mis-sion's aim:
- 3 The Christ pro-claimed His vic-t'ry With ev-ry act of grace:
- 4 The Prince of Peace con-tin-ued With each new task com-plete



Kept guid-ing through the a-ges Un-til the time was right
 Up-end-ing Sa-tan's ter-ror, Cre-a-tion to re-claim
 The out-cast shown com-pas-sion And God's own ho-ly face
 At cross and tomb and glo-ry Up-on His roy-al seat,



To take on flesh and fol-low The Fa-ther's good com-mand
 By walk-ing on the wa-ters So we by faith may stand
 As Jes-sus looked with fa-vor On all from ev-ry land
 De-liv-er-ance ac-com-plished Ex-act-ly as He planned;



And dwell a-mong His peo-ple, The king-dom now at hand.
 With trust in Him whose res-cue Is of-fered by His hand.
 Who need-ed life and heal-ing From His al-might-y hand.
 Our King will raise in wel-come His pierced and ris-en hand.

~ Readings ~

Reading

Psalm 103:1-14

P A reading from Psalm 103.

- ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
- ²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
- ³who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- ¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- ¹⁴For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

P Oh Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

James 5:7-18

P The second reading is from James, chapter 5.

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

¹²But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

P Oh Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Matthew 8:14-17

P The third reading is from Matthew, chapter 8.

¹⁴And when Jesus entered Peter’s house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. ¹⁶That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. ¹⁷This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

P Oh Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

LSB 231

- P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Sermon Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

LSB 543

Sermon

“The Hand of the Lord Who Creates and Save” *Text: Matthew 14:22-35*

~ Canticle ~

Stand

LSB 231

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

Magnificat

LSB 231

- C **My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;**
P for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
C **For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.**
P For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
C **and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.**
P He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
C **He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.**
P He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
C **He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.**
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.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Kyrie

LSB 233

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 233

**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.**

Collects

LSB 233

**P O Lord, hear my prayer.
C And let my cry come to You.**

Collect of the Day

**P O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.**

Collect for Peace

LSB 233

**P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 234

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 234

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Closing Hymn

Glory Be to Jesus

LSB 433



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Vespers from Lutheran Service Book

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