

THE HAND OF THE LORD

WHO CASTS OUT DEMONS



MARCH 19, 2025 — LENT MIDWEEK 2



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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 SECOND MID-WEEK SERVICE OF LENT

MARCH 19, 2025 ~ 12:00 P.M.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Welcome to worship on the second 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

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

C 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

2 Samuel 12:15b-23

P A reading from 2 Samuel, chapter 12.

¹⁵Then Nathan went to his house.

And the LORD afflicted the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and he became sick.

¹⁶David therefore sought God on behalf of the child. And David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. ¹⁷And the elders of his house stood beside him, to raise him from the ground, but he would not, nor did he eat food with them. ¹⁸On the seventh day the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he did not listen to us. How then can we say to him the child is dead? He may do himself some harm." ¹⁹But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David understood that the child was dead. And David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" They said, "He is dead." ²⁰Then David arose from the earth and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothes. And he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. He then went to his own house. And when he asked, they set food before him, and he ate. ²¹Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive; but when the child died, you arose and ate food." ²²He said, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, 'Who knows whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' ²³But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

P The second reading is from 1 Peter, chapter 2.

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P Oh Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

John 1:29-32

P The third reading is from John, chapter 1.

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

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

O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424

Sermon

“The Hand of the Lord Who Casts Out Demons”

Text: Luke 9:37-43, 11:14-23

~ 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 God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us 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.

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.**

Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728



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Vespers from Lutheran Service Book

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