

THE HAND OF THE LORD

WHO RAISES THE DEAD



APRIL 2, 2025 — LENT MIDWEEK 4



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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 FOURTH MID-WEEK SERVICE OF LENT

APRIL 2, 2025 ~ 12:00 P.M.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Welcome to worship on the fourth 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

- P ¹Blessèd is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
C ²**the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessèd in the land;
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**
P ³The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.
C ⁴**As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!”**
P ⁵My enemies say of me in malice,
“When will he die and his name perish?”
C ⁶**And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers
iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**
P ⁷All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.

- C ⁸They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies.”
- P ⁹Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- C ¹⁰But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!
- P ¹¹By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- C ¹²But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.
- P ¹³Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.
- 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

Office Hymn

The Word That Spoke in Darkness

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~ Readings ~

Reading

Psalm 52

- P A reading from Psalm 52.
- ¹Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man?
The steadfast love of God endures all the day.
- ²Your tongue plots destruction,
like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit.
- ³You love evil more than good,
and lying more than speaking what is right.
- ⁴You love all words that devour,
O deceitful tongue.
- ⁵But God will break you down forever;
he will snatch and tear you from your tent;
he will uproot you from the land of the living.
- ⁶The righteous shall see and fear,
and shall laugh at him, saying,
- ⁷“See the man who would not make
God his refuge,
but trusted in the abundance of his riches
and sought refuge in his own destruction!”
- ⁸But I am like a green olive tree
in the house of God.
- I trust in the steadfast love of God

forever and ever.
9I will thank you forever,
because you have done it.
I will wait for your name, for it is good,
in the presence of the godly.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

James 3:1-10

P The second reading is from James, chapter 3.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

P Oh Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Matthew 26:57-62

P The third reading is from Matthew, chapter 26.

⁵⁷Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" ⁶²And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?"

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

Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters

LSB 598

Sung to the tune of LSB 566 "By Grace I'm Saved".

Sermon

"The Hand of the Lord Who Raises the Dead"

~ 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 Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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.

~~~~~ End of Service ~~~~~

Office Hymn from page 2...

## The Word That Spoke in Darkness

Lisa M. Clark

Mark Knickelbein



The Word that spoke in dark-ness And prom-ised com-ing light  
The Sav-ior came to con-quer And meet His mis-sion's aim:  
The Christ pro-claimed His vic-t'ry With ev-'ry act of grace:  
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-us 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.

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