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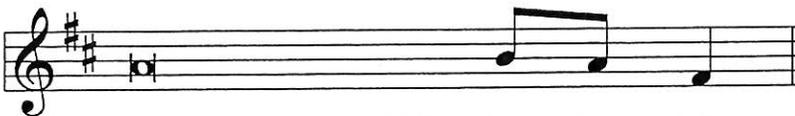
March 4, 2026

Stand

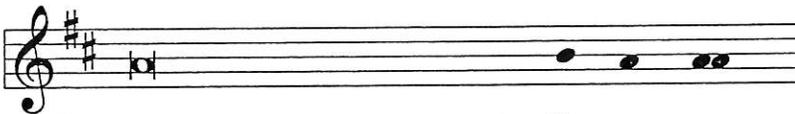
Psalmody



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



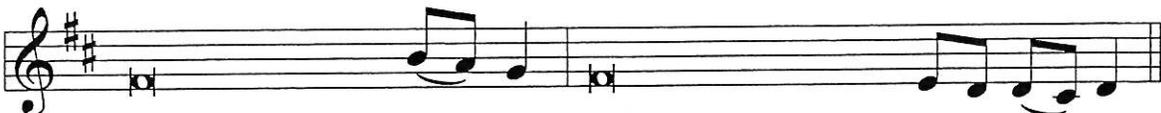
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalm 76

- ¹In Judah | God is known;*
his name is great in | Israel.
- ²His abode has been established in | Salem,*
his dwelling place in | Zion.
- ³There he broke the flashing | arrows,*
the shield, the sword, and the weap- | ons of war.
- ⁴Glorious are you, more ma- | jestic*
than the moun- | tains of prey.
- ⁵The stouthearted were stripped of their spoil;
they sank | into sleep;*
all the men of war
were unable to | use their hands.
- ⁶At your rebuke, O God of | Jacob,*
both rider and | horse lay stunned.
- ⁷But you, you are | to be feared!*
Who can stand before you
when once your an- | ger is roused?
- ⁸From the heavens you uttered | judgment;*
the earth feared | and was still,
- ⁹when God arose to establish | judgment,*
to save all the humble | of the earth.
- ¹⁰Surely the wrath of man shall | praise you;*
the remnant of wrath you will put on | like a belt.
- ¹¹Make your vows to the LORD your God and per- | form them;*
let all around him bring gifts
to him who is | to be feared,
- ¹²who cuts off the spirit of | princes,*
who is to be feared by the kings | of the earth.

Sit

757 Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care

Readings

Jeremiah

- ¹How the Lord in his anger
has set the daughter of Zion under a cloud!
He has cast down from heaven to earth
the splendor of Israel;
he has not remembered his footstool
in the day of his anger.
- ²The Lord has swallowed up without mercy
all the habitations of Jacob;
in his wrath he has broken down
the strongholds of the daughter of Judah;
he has brought down to the ground in dishonor
the kingdom and its rulers.
- ³He has cut down in fierce anger
all the might of Israel;
he has withdrawn from them his right hand
in the face of the enemy;
he has burned like a flaming fire in Jacob,
consuming all around.
- ⁴He has bent his bow like an enemy,
with his right hand set like a foe;
and he has killed all who were delightful in our eyes
in the tent of the daughter of Zion;
he has poured out his fury like fire.
- ⁵The Lord has become like an enemy;
he has swallowed up Israel;
he has swallowed up all its palaces;
he has laid in ruins its strongholds,
and he has multiplied in the daughter of Judah
mourning and lamentation.
- ⁶He has laid waste his booth like a garden,
laid in ruins his meeting place;
the LORD has made Zion forget
festival and Sabbath,
and in his fierce indignation has spurned king and priest.
- ⁷The Lord has scorned his altar,
disowned his sanctuary;
he has delivered into the hand of the enemy
the walls of her palaces;

they raised a clamor in the house of the LORD
as on the day of festival.

⁸The LORD determined to lay in ruins
the wall of the daughter of Zion;
he stretched out the measuring line;
he did not restrain his hand from destroying;
he caused rampart and wall to lament;
they languished together.

⁹Her gates have sunk into the ground;
he has ruined and broken her bars;
her king and princes are among the nations;
the law is no more,
and her prophets find
no vision from the LORD.

¹⁰The elders of the daughter of Zion
sit on the ground in silence;
they have thrown dust on their heads
and put on sackcloth;
the young women of Jerusalem
have bowed their heads to the ground.

¹¹My eyes are spent with weeping;
my stomach churns;
my bile is poured out to the ground
because of the destruction of the daughter of my people,
because infants and babies faint
in the streets of the city.

¹²They cry to their mothers,
“Where is bread and wine?”
as they faint like a wounded man
in the streets of the city,
as their life is poured out
on their mothers’ bosom.

¹³What can I say for you, to what compare you,
O daughter of Jerusalem?
What can I liken to you, that I may comfort you,
O virgin daughter of Zion?
For your ruin is vast as the sea;
who can heal you?

¹⁴Your prophets have seen for you
false and deceptive visions;
they have not exposed your iniquity
to restore your fortunes,

but have seen for you oracles
that are false and misleading.

¹⁵All who pass along the way
clap their hands at you;
they hiss and wag their heads
at the daughter of Jerusalem;

“Is this the city that was called
the perfection of beauty,
the joy of all the earth?”

¹⁶All your enemies
rail against you;
they hiss, they gnash their teeth,
they cry: “We have swallowed her!
Ah, this is the day we longed for;
now we have it; we see it!”

¹⁷The LORD has done what he purposed;
he has carried out his word,
which he commanded long ago;
he has thrown down without pity;
he has made the enemy rejoice over you
and exalted the might of your foes.

¹⁸Their heart cried to the Lord.
O wall of the daughter of Zion,
let tears stream down like a torrent
day and night!

Give yourself no rest,
your eyes no respite!

¹⁹“Arise, cry out in the night,
at the beginning of the night watches!
Pour out your heart like water
before the presence of the Lord!
Lift your hands to him
for the lives of your children,
who faint for hunger
at the head of every street.”

Zion

²⁰*Look, O LORD, and see!
With whom have you dealt thus?
Should women eat the fruit of their womb,
the children of their tender care?
Should priest and prophet be killed*

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

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



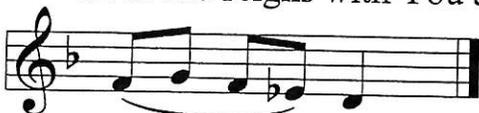
L O Lord, hear my prayer.



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 A - men.

Collect for Peace

L 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.



G A - men.

Stand

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



G A - men.

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Sermon: Lamentations 2
Wednesday, March 4, 2026
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Sunday – Gary Streuter and Greg Harre

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Now Enrolling Students for 2026/2027 School Year at Immanuel Lutheran School, Okawville.

Preschool -8th Grade

March 15th during the PTL Breakfast

March 19th 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Please call 618-243-6142 or stop by the school office.

No School on March 6th.