

LENTEN VESPERS

February 25, 2026

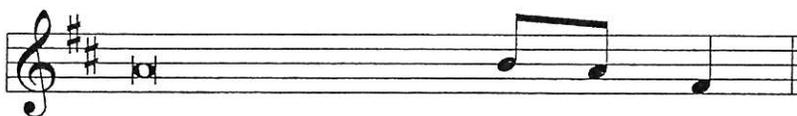
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Psalmody

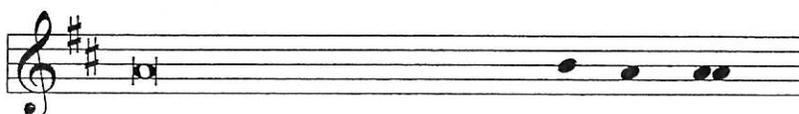
Lent Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



G and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



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



G make haste to help me, O Lord.



G 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 48

¹Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!

His holy mountain, ²beautiful in elevation,
 is the joy of | all the earth,*
 Mount Zion, in the far north,
 the city of the | great King.
³Within her | citadels*
 God has made himself known as a | fortress.
⁴For behold, the kings as- | sembled;*
 they came on to- | gether.
⁵As soon as they saw it, they were as- | tounded;*
 they were in panic; they | took to flight.
⁶Trembling took hold | of them there,*
 anguish as of a woman in | labor.
⁷By the | east wind*
 you shattered the ships of | Tarshish.
⁸As we have heard, so have we seen
 in the city of the LORD of hosts,
 in the city | of our God,*
 which God will establish for- | ever.
⁹We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
 in the midst of your | temple.
¹⁰As your name, O God,
 so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*
 Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.
¹¹Let Mount Zion | be glad!*
 Let the daughters of Judah rejoice
 because of your | judgments!
¹²Walk about Zion, go around her,
 number her | towers,*
¹³consider well her ramparts,
 go through her | citadels,
 that you may tell the next generation
¹⁴that this is God,
 our God forever and | ever.*
 He will guide us for- | ever.

Sit

764 When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love

Readings

Jeremiah

¹How lonely sits the city
that was full of people!
How like a widow has she become,
she who was great among the nations!
She who was a princess among the provinces
has become a slave.

²She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has none to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her;
they have become her enemies.

³Judah has gone into exile because of affliction
and hard servitude;
she dwells now among the nations,
but finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.

⁴The roads to Zion mourn,
for none come to the festival;
all her gates are desolate;
her priests groan;
her virgins have been afflicted,
and she herself suffers bitterly.

⁵Her foes have become the head;
her enemies prosper,
because the LORD has afflicted her
for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.

⁶From the daughter of Zion
all her majesty has departed.
Her princes have become like deer
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

⁷Jerusalem remembers
in the days of her affliction and wandering
all the precious things

that were hers from days of old.
When her people fell into the hand of the foe,
and there was none to help her,
her foes gloated over her;
they mocked at her downfall.
⁸Jerusalem sinned grievously;
therefore she became filthy;
all who honored her despise her,
for they have seen her nakedness;
she herself groans
and turns her face away.
⁹Her uncleanness was in her skirts;
she took no thought of her future;
therefore her fall is terrible;
she has no comforter.

Zion

*“O LORD, behold my affliction,
for the enemy has triumphed!”*

Jeremiah

¹⁰The enemy has stretched out his hands
over all her precious things;
for she has seen the nations
enter her sanctuary,
those whom you forbade
to enter your congregation.
¹¹All her people groan
as they search for bread;
they trade their treasures for food
to revive their strength.

Zion

*“Look, O LORD, and see,
for I am despised.”*
¹²*“Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see
if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
which was brought upon me,
which the LORD inflicted
on the day of his fierce anger.*
¹³*“From on high he sent fire;
into my bones he made it descend;*

*he spread a net for my feet;
he turned me back;
he has left me stunned,
faint all the day long.*

¹⁴*“My transgressions were bound into a yoke;
by his hand they were fastened together;
they were set upon my neck;
he caused my strength to fail;
the Lord gave me into the hands
of those whom I cannot withstand.*

¹⁵*“The Lord rejected
all my mighty men in my midst;
he summoned an assembly against me
to crush my young men.”*

Jeremiah

The Lord has trodden as in a winepress
the virgin daughter of Judah.

Zion

¹⁶*“For these things I weep;
my eyes flow with tears;
for a comforter is far from me,
one to revive my spirit;
my children are desolate,
for the enemy has prevailed.”*

Jeremiah

¹⁷Zion stretches out her hands,
but there is none to comfort her;
the LORD has commanded against Jacob
that his neighbors should be his foes;
Jerusalem has become
a filthy thing among them.

Zion

¹⁸*“The LORD is in the right,
for I have rebelled against his word;
but hear, all you peoples,
and see my suffering;
my young women and my young men
have gone into captivity.*

¹⁹*“I called to my lovers,*

but they deceived me;
 my priests and elders
 perished in the city,
 while they sought food
 to revive their strength.

²⁰“Look, O LORD, for I am in distress;
 my stomach churns;
 my heart is wrung within me,
 because I have been very rebellious.

In the street the sword bereaves;
 in the house it is like death.

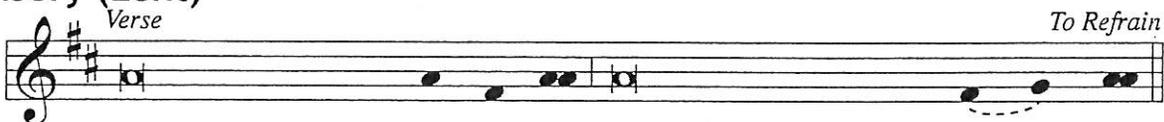
²¹“They heard my groaning,
 yet there is no one to comfort me.
 All my enemies have heard of my trouble;
 they are glad that you have done it.
 You have brought the day you announced;
 now let them be as I am.

²²“Let all their evildoing come before you,
 and deal with them
 as you have dealt with me
 because of all my transgressions;
 for my groans are many,
 and my heart is faint.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent)



L 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
 the God of my sal - va - tion.
 2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
 3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
 the God of my sal - va - tion.



G Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
 from those who rise a - gainst me.

448 O Darkest Woe (stanzas 1-3)

Offering

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

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 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 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.



C A - men.

Stand

Benedicamus

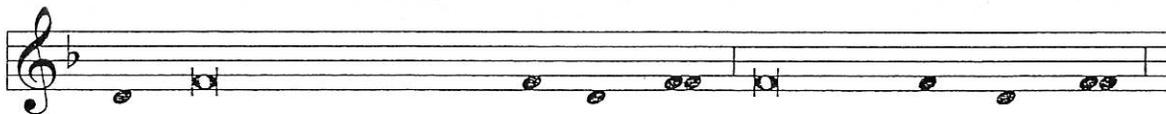


L Let us bless the Lord.

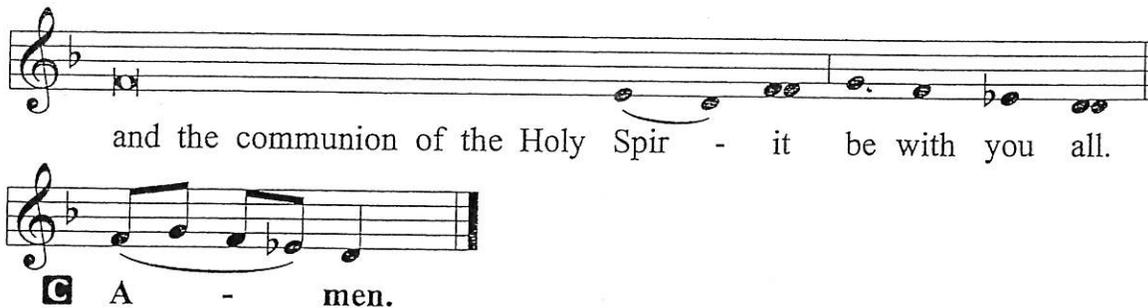


C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



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



885 I Lie, O Lord, within Your Care

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Sermon: "Zion Sings the Blues" Lamentations 1

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

Okawville, Illinois 62271

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ILS Movie Night is Friday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Preschool -8th Grade

March 3rd – 5th during Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 15th during the PTL Breakfast

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

Parent/Teacher Conferences are Tuesday, March 3rd - Thursday, March 5th

No School on March 6th.