

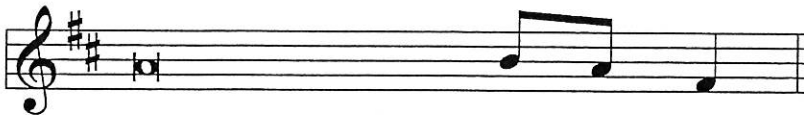
LENTEN VESPERS
March 25, 2026

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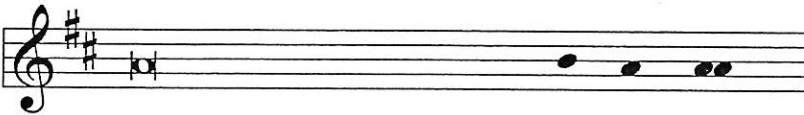
Psalmody



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 125

- ¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.
- ²As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his | people,*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.
- ³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the | righteous,*
lest the righteous stretch out
their hands to | do wrong.
- ⁴Do good, O LORD, to those | who are good,*
and to those who are upright | in their hearts!
- ⁵But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evil- | doers!*
- Peace be upon | Israel!

Sit

762 There Is a Time for Everything

Readings

Reading

Lamentations 5

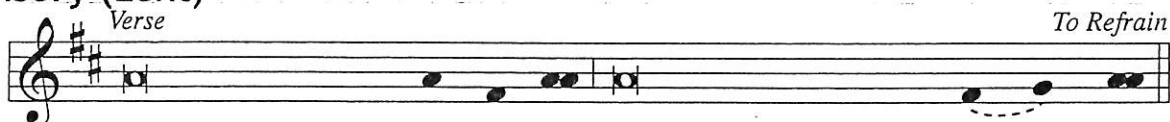
- ¹Remember, O LORD, what has befallen us;
look, and see our disgrace!
- ²Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers,
our homes to foreigners.
- ³We have become orphans, fatherless;
our mothers are like widows.
- ⁴We must pay for the water we drink;
the wood we get must be bought.
- ⁵Our pursuers are at our necks;
we are weary; we are given no rest.
- ⁶We have given the hand to Egypt, and to Assyria,
to get bread enough.
- ⁷Our fathers sinned, and are no more;
and we bear their iniquities.
- ⁸Slaves rule over us;
there is none to deliver us from their hand.

⁹We get our bread at the peril of our lives,
 because of the sword in the wilderness.
¹⁰Our skin is hot as an oven
 with the burning heat of famine.
¹¹Women are raped in Zion,
 young women in the towns of Judah.
¹²Princes are hung up by their hands;
 no respect is shown to the elders.
¹³Young men are compelled to grind at the mill,
 and boys stagger under loads of wood.
¹⁴The old men have left the city gate,
 the young men their music.
¹⁵The joy of our hearts has ceased;
 our dancing has been turned to mourning.
¹⁶The crown has fallen from our head;
 woe to us, for we have sinned!
¹⁷For this our heart has become sick,
 for these things our eyes have grown dim,
¹⁸for Mount Zion which lies desolate;
 jackals prowl over it.
¹⁹But you, O LORD, reign forever;
 your throne endures to all generations.
²⁰Why do you forget us forever,
 why do you forsake us for so many days?
²¹Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may be restored!
 Renew our days as of old—
²²unless you have utterly rejected us,
 and you remain exceedingly angry with us.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C 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.

Collects



L 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 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
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
C A - men.

945 Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

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Sermon: “Looking Forward from the Ending” Lamentations 5

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

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Sunday – Gary Streuter and Greg Harre

The midweek Lenten offerings are designated to go to Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores, who is a missionary in Chile.

Extra copies of the March newsletter are available on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to take one for yourself or someone else.

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

Preschool -8th Grade

March 19th 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

PTL Meeting this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

ILS will be attending a Jennie Williamson concert this Friday morning at St. John Lutheran School in Red Bud