



## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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& Facebook Live

### The Second Midweek Lenten Worship THE HILLS OF LENT Week 2: Mount Sinai

Pre-Service Music ♪  
Ringing of the Bells  
Welcome

Opening Hymn ♪ “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

--LSB 427 vs. 1 & 2

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o’ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Litany (Cantor)

--CJ Motisi & Don Haeseker

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?  
*My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.*

He will not let your foot be moved, and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
*Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

The Lord himself watches over you.

*The Lord is your shade at your right hand, so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

*The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and*

*forevermore.*

If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say:

*If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us; then would the waters have overwhelmed us, and the torrent gone over us; then would the raging waters have gone right over us.*

Let us bless the Lord!

*He has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.*

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
*the snare is broken, and we have escaped.*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
*the maker of heaven and earth.*

Oh, how good and pleasant it is when brethren live together in unity!  
*It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.*

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.  
*For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life forevermore.*

Behold, now! Bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, you that stand by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord.  
*The Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.*

### **Confession and Absolution**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess to you that we have broken your commandments by our own thoughts, words, and deeds. We have failed to be the people you have called us to be and have placed our trust in false gods of our own creation. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as we ought, and we have not cared for your creation. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and give us the healing power of your love that we may walk again in your ways and live to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** God is gracious and merciful, and desires that we be made free of the burden of our sins. Through Jesus Christ, who bore the cross for our sake and for the sake of the whole world, there is healing, hope, and life. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

### **The Epistle Reading**

*2 Corinthians 3:4-7, 11-18*

We have confidence in God through Christ. There is nothing in us that allows us to claim that we are capable of doing this work. The capacity we have comes from God; it is he who made us capable of serving the new covenant, which consists not of a written law but of the Spirit. The written law brings death, but the Spirit gives life. The Law was carved in letters on stone tablets, and God's glory appeared when it was given. Even though the brightness on Moses' face was fading, it was so strong that the people

of Israel could not keep their eyes fixed on him ... If there was glory in that which lasted for a while, how much more glory is there in that which lasts forever! Because we have this hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who had to put a veil over his face so that the people of Israel would not see the brightness fade and disappear. Their minds, indeed, were closed; and to this very day their minds are covered with the same veil as they read the books of the old covenant. The veil is removed only when a person is joined to Christ. Even today, whenever they read the Law of Moses, the veil still covers their minds. But it can be removed, as the scripture says about Moses: "His veil was removed when he turned to the Lord." Now, "the Lord" in this passage is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is present, there is freedom. All of us, then, reflect the glory of the Lord with uncovered faces; and that same glory, coming from the Lord, who is the Spirit, transforms us into his likeness in an ever greater degree of glory.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

### The Gospel Reading

*John 3:14-21*

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Sermon Hymn ♪ "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

--LSB 420 vs. 1 & 2

**1** Christ, the life of all the living,  
Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving  
To the darkest depths of woe:  
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit  
I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

**2** Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee  
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,  
O Thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver  
From the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

### Sermon: "Mt. Sinai"

--Message delivered through dramatic reading

#### Offering Time

#### Responsive Prayer

**P** Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem.

**G** As once you led your chosen people, Lord, from slavery to freedom by your grace, now lead us on our sacred pilgrimage.

**P** Everything that is written of the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

**G** As once you spoke to Moses in the wilderness, revealing there your saving will, now speak to us; and give us grace to hear and to believe in him who is your living Word.

**P** For he will be delivered to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon.

**C** As once you drowned your people's foes beneath the rushing waves, subdue for us the ancient Foe who seeks to keep us from obeying you with true and willing hearts.

**P** They will scourge him and kill him.

**C** As once you heard the cries of those oppressed by bondage, hear now, we pray, the cries of all who call to you in every need, and let them know the saving power of your promised victory, for by the death of Jesus Christ you have destroyed our death forever.

**P** And on the third day he will rise.

**C** Lord, by the victory of Jesus Christ, now lead us onward to the Promised Land. Amen.

### The Closing Hymn

♪ "Glory Be to Jesus"

--LSB 433 vs. 1, 2 & 6

**1** Glory be to Jesus,  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood  
From His sacred veins!

**2** Grace and life eternal  
In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion,  
Infinitely kind!

**6** Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

Benediction

Silent Prayers

Announcements

Postlude

<b>PARTICIPANTS – February 24, 2021</b>	
<b>Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan &amp; Jackie Hanson</b>	
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Musicians/Vocalists</b>	Linda Conrad; <i>organist</i> C-J Motisi; <i>pianist, vocalist</i> Don Haeseker; <i>vocalist</i>
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Readers Theater</b>	Russ and Shannon Coulombe, Tom Sawyer, Narrator: Pastor Marty
<b>Acolyte</b>	Heather Allen
<b>Sound Board</b>	Jen Allen
<b>Videographer</b>	Krista Marks <sup>4</sup>
<b>Usher</b>	Dan Lohmeier

