



THE MARK OF APATHY

Immanuel Lutheran Church
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Welcome to Worship! Apathy is a feeling we often struggle with. But when it comes to spiritual apathy, having no emotions about God is deadly. Thankfully Jesus was not apathetic toward us, but zealously drank the cup of suffering so we wouldn't have to.

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

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THE PRELUDE: "Voluntary 6" – John Stanley

THE HYMN: "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

Hymn 436

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away, Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4 Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

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Versicles

- L O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- L 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.**

THE FIRST READING: Revelation 3:7-22

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens. I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie – behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall

he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’ And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation. I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

THE ANTHEM: “God Himself is Present”

THE GOSPEL: Mark 14:26-42

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And they all said the same. And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

THE RESPONSORY FOR LENT: Page 231

Lent

L 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.**

L 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.**

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THE HYMN: “Jesus, I will Ponder Now”

Hymn 440

1 Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.

Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.

2 Make me see Your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.

3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been Of Your crucifixion.

4 Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?

5 If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above Sing Your praise forever.

THE SERMON: "The Mark of Apathy"

THE KYRIE, LORD'S PRAYER, and COLLECTS, Page 233

Kyrie

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

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.

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THE CLOSING HYMN: "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"

Hymn 877

1 God, who made the earth and heaven, Darkness and light:
You the day for work have given, For rest the night.
May Your angel guards defend us, Slumber sweet Your mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us All through the night.

- 2 And when morn again shall call us To run life's way,
May we still, whate'er befall us, Your will obey.
From the pow'r of evil hide us, In the narrow pathway guide us,
Never be Your smile denied us All through the day.
- 3 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, And when we die,
May we in Your mighty keeping All peaceful lie.
When the last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us With You on high.
- 4 Holy Father, throned in heaven, All-holy Son,
Holy Spirit, freely given, Blest Three in One:
Grant us grace, we now implore You, Till we lay our crowns before You
And in worthier strains adore You While ages run.

THE POSTLUDE: "Go My Children with My Blessing" – K. Hildebrand

Preacher: Pastor Rodriguez **Liturgist:** Pastor Bloch and Vicar Fredstrom

Lector: Pastor Blumenberg **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

Special Music: 4:30 PM: Handbells

4:30 pm Audio: Jay Hubbard

7:00 pm Ushers: Max Whitsett, John Bowen, Marcus Brooks, Joe Brooks, Michael Brooks, Mike Stuckwisch, Jeff Schneider **Counting:** Mark Nichols, Matt Lambert, Joe Bullard, Kevin Lister, John Thomas, Kyle Gentry **Audio/Video:** Kevin Foster

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**+ IMMANUEL MIDWEEK SERVICES +
WEDNESDAYS, 4:30 & 7:00 P.M.**

- 3-10 The Mark of DENIAL**
- 3-17 The Mark of MOCKERY**
- 3-24 The Mark of ABANDONMENT**
- 3-28 Palm Sunday-- The Mark of HUMILITY**
- 4-1 Maundy Thursday The Mark of SERVICE**
Communion 4:30 and 7; stripping of the altar
- 4-2 Good Friday-- The Mark of BLOOD**
Noontime, 12:15;
Children 4:30;
Tenebrae 7:30
- 4-4 Easter--The Mark of LIFE! Sunday 6:30, 9, 11:15; Monday at 7**

Lenten items for children and other devotions for Lent are available in the Narthex and Atrium.

LENTEN MISSION PROJECTS – SHARING HIS FREEDOM!

Lent is a wonderful time to share the freedom Christ brings with others. As we "give something up for Lent," we can identify with Jesus, "who emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant" (Philippians 2). We encourage you to save up pocket change, or give up a meal out each week, to help us support:

- Concordia Seminary, helping train and send pastors and missionaries.
- Bethania, sharing Christ with orphans in India and providing also for their physical needs. **Coin boxes are available to help with these missions. Parents, we encourage you to help your child help a child!**

