

THE MARK OF DENIAL Immnanuel Lutheran Church Seymour, Indiana

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MID-WEEK OF LENT 3

Welcome to Worship!

Three times Peter has the opportunity to declare that he follows the Lord and believes in Him. Three times he claims he doesn't even know Him! Peter fears man more than he loves God. For the times when we fear others more than we fear and love God, Jesus forgives us as He did Peter and then uses us to confess God's grace and strengthen our brothers and sisters in the faith.

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

Large Print bulletins and Hearing devices are available from an usher.

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THE	PRELUDE: "Adagio from Organ Concerto IV" - G. F. Handel	
THE	HYMN: "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"	<u>Hymn 45</u> 2
1	Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord; Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.	
2	Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His? Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress; Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would intervene to save; But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that justice gave.	
3	Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate. Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load; 'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.	
4	Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost: Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.	
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THE	RESPONSES: Page 229	
Versi	cles	
L O	Lord, open my lips,	
C an	d 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: Isaiah 59:12-20

For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: transgressing, and denying the LORD, and

turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words. Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter. Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment. So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the LORD drives. "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD.

THE ANTHEM: 4:30 - "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" 7:00 - "A Lenten Meditation"

THE GOSPEL: Mark 14:66-72

And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

THE RESPONSORY FOR LENT: Page 231

- 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.
- L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
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THE HYMN: "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee" Hymn 750 vs.1, 5-7

- If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in Him through all thy ways,
 He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days.
 Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that naught can move.
- 5 Nor think amid the fiery trial That God hath cast thee off unheard, That he whose hopes meet no denial Must surely be of God preferred. Time passes and much change doth bring And sets a bound to ev'rything.
- All are alike before the Highest; 'Tis easy for our God, we know,
 To raise thee up, though low thou liest, To make the rich man poor and low.
 True wonders still by Him are wrought Who setteth up and brings to naught.

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully,
 And trust His Word; though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
 God never yet forsook in need The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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THE SERMON: "The Mark of Denial"

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: "O Light Whose Splendor"

Hymn 891

- 1 O Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens With radiance brighter than the sun, Pure gleam of God's unending glory, O Jesus, blest Anointed One;
- 2 As twilight hovers near at sunset, And lamps are lit, and children nod, In evening hymns we lift our voices To Father, Spirit, Son: one God.
- 3 In all life's brilliant timeless moments, Let faithful voices sing Your praise, O Son of God, our Life-bestower, Whose glory lightens endless days.

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THE **POSTLUDE**: "Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow" – P. Manz

Preacher: Pastor Bloch Liturgist: Vicar Fredstrom and Pastor Blomenberg Lector: Pastor Rodriguez Organist: Mr. Paul Scheiderer Special Music: 4:30 - 7th & 8th Bells 7:00 – Brass and Adult Choir

4:30 pm Audio: Jay Hubbard

7:00 pm Ushers: Kurt Fenneberg, Larry Harlow, Gordon Kovener, Troy Hehman, Nathan Nichols, Cary Bell, Dave Boggs, Chris Stahl, Corey Zaring, Charlie Tungate, Andrew Bell, Ryan Williams, Caleb Williams, David Pollert **Counting**: Jerrell Hubbard, Max Siefker, Kyle Stanfield, Rick Zscheidrich, Greg Prange, Grant Hubbard **Acolyte**: Bradley Dyer **Audio/Video**: Kevin Foster

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

- **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 availabe 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!

