

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



Lenten Vespers

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

12:00 & 7:00 p.m.

THE ROBE OF HUMAN FRAME

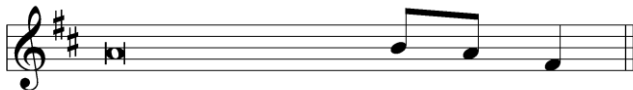
Why did Jesus have to come among us as a human being? Why didn't He come as an angel or some other kind of being that is stronger and more powerful than us? While angels may be a source of endless fascination to the Christian and to the world, they have no power to save us. In this week's sermon, we will hear why taking on the "robe of [our] human frame" was not only a good idea but also necessary for our salvation. Angels are wonderful, but they are not Jesus. He came as one of us so that He could redeem us as His own.

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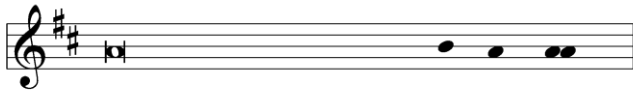
OPENING VERSICLES



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.

✠ ✠ ✠ PSALMODY ✠ ✠ ✠

PSALM 104:1-10, 33-35

Cantor: ¹Bless the Lord, | O my soul!*

O Lord my God, you are | very great!

C You are clothed with splendor and | majesty,*
²covering yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens | like a tent.



Cantor: ³He lays the beams of his chambers on the | waters;*
he makes the clouds his chariot;
he rides on the wings | of the wind;

C ⁴he makes his mes- | sengers winds,*
his ministers a | flaming fire.

Cantor: ⁵He set the earth on its foun- | dations,*
so that it should nev- | er be moved.

C ⁶You covered it with the deep as with a | garment;*
the waters stood above the | mountains.

Cantor: ⁷At your re- | buke they fled;*
at the sound of your thunder they | took to flight.

C ⁸The mountains rose, the valleys | sank down*
to the place that you appoint- | ed for them.

Cantor: ⁹You set a boundary that they | may not pass,*
so that they might not again cov- | er the earth.

C ¹⁰You make springs gush forth in the | valleys;*
they flow be- | tween the hills;

Cantor: ³³I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live;*
I will sing praise to my God while I have | being.

C ³⁴May my meditation be pleas- | ing to him,*
for I rejoice | in the Lord.

Cantor: ³⁵Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked | be no more!*

Bless the Lord, O my soul! | Praise the Lord!

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;**
as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

HYMN – LSB 546 – O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild



1 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! For
2 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! With
3 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! Joy



sin - ners You be - came a child. You came from
God we now are rec - on - ciled. You have for
fills the world which sin de - filed. What - e'er we

heav - en down to earth In hu - man flesh through
all the ran - som paid, Your Fa - ther's righ - teous
have be - longs to You; O keep us faith - ful,
hu - man birth. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!
an - ger stayed. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!
strong, and true. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!

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✠ ✠ ✠ READINGS ✠ ✠ ✠

FIRST READING – Micah 5:2-5a

P A reading from the fifth chapter of Micah.

²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for Me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore He shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of His brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

^{5a}And He shall be their peace.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Hebrews 1

P A reading from the first chapter of Hebrews.

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
²but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,
“You are My Son,
today I have begotten You”?

Or again,

“I will be to Him a father,
and He shall be to Me a son”?

⁶And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says,
“Let all God’s angels worship Him.”

⁷Of the angels He says,
“He makes His angels winds,
and His ministers a flame of fire.”

⁸But of the Son He says,
“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.
⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, Your God, has anointed You
with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions.”

¹⁰And,
“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of Your hands;
¹¹they will perish, but You remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,
¹²like a robe You will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.
But You are the same,
and Your years will have no end.”

¹³And to which of the angels has He ever said,
“Sit at My right hand

until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet”?

¹⁴Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

PASSION READING – Mark 14:12-31

P The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

¹²And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, “Where will You have us go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?”

¹³And He sent two of His disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is My guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’

¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening, He came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me, one who is eating with Me.” ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to Him one after another, “Is it I?” ²⁰He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with Me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

²²And as they were eating, He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is My body.” ²³And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And He said to them, “This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’” ²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ²⁹Peter said to Him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” ³⁰And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” ³¹But he said emphatically, “If I must die with You, I will not deny You.” And they all said the same.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

LENT RESPONSORY

Verse *To Refrain*

- 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.

Refrain

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

SERIES HYMN – LSB 544 – O Love, How Deep (vv. 1-2)

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,

- Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,

- That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,

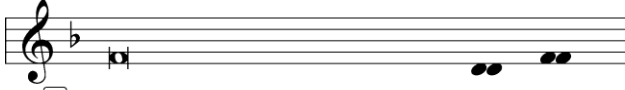
- Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world Him - self He came.

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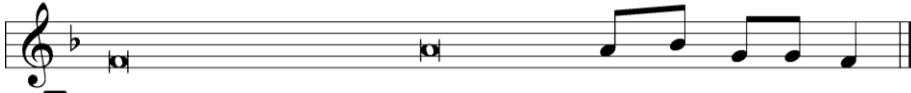
SERMON

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ANTIPHON



L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

MAGNIFICAT – LSB 231

The congregation sings all.



C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.




He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the

imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the
 might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.
 He has filled the hun - gry with good things,
 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.
 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy
 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir-it;
 as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A-men.

OFFERING

✠ ✠ ✠ PRAYER ✠ ✠ ✠

KYRIE

 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

- P** O Lord, hear my prayer. **C** And let my cry come to You.
- P** Lord Jesus, You loved us with all You had. We give thanks that You became one of us, no matter the pain, so that You might redeem each of us as Your own. Hear us, Jesus Christ, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.
- 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, our Lord.
- C** Amen.
- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.
- P** 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** Amen.

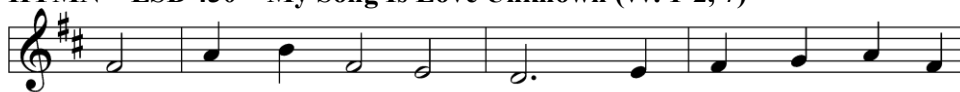
BENEDICAMUS

- L** Let us bless the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- L** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** Amen.

HYMN – LSB 430 – My Song Is Love Unknown (vv. 1-2, 7)



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
7 Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

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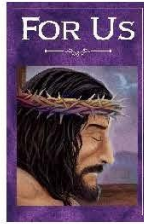
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Lent - Easter 2026

Ash Wednesday – February 18

Noon & 7 pm **Worship** *with Holy Communion*

✠ **Imposition of Ashes** in the sanctuary ✠

30 mins. before & immediately after each service

Wednesdays – February 25: March 4, 11, 18, 25

Midweek Lenten Fellowship & Worship:

Noon **Worship** ✠ 12:30pm **Meal**

5:45pm **Meal** ✠ 7pm **Worship**

✠ **Personal confession/absolution** ✠

see the pastors before or after any service

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Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday – March 29

8 & 10:30 am **Procession with Palms**

Divine Service *with Holy Communion*

11:30 am **Easter Egg Hunt**

5 pm **Divine Service** *with Holy Communion*

Maundy Thursday – April 2

Noon & 7 pm **Worship** *with Holy Communion*

Good Friday – April 3

Noon **Stations of the Cross**

8 pm **Tenebrae** (*Service of Darkness*)

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The Resurrection of our Lord

Easter Vigil – April 4

8 pm at University Lutheran

Easter Sunday – April 5

8 & 10:30 am **Festival Worship** (*Holy Comm. & special music*)

9:15 am **Easter Breakfast**