

FOR MANY—FOR YOU!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

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AS WE GATHER

In love Jesus gave Himself for us into horrible humiliation, bitter suffering, and cruel death as our Passover Lamb. He was sacrificed for us. In love Jesus has given us His very body and blood in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper that we may receive the gifts He secured for us on the cross: the forgiveness of all of our sins, life, and eternal salvation. We come humbly and with repentant hearts, trusting our Lord and His words for us here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” What higher gift can we inherit? The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthens and preserves us in body and soul to life everlasting, and we depart in His peace!

HOLY COMMUNION

On Maundy Thursday we remember our Savior’s institution of the new covenant of His body and blood. On the eve of His suffering and death, the Lamb of God thought of us and cared for us, even to the giving of this extraordinary gift by such ordinary means. As His gift is received this evening, we also remember His care and concern for the truths of God’s Word. Believing that the Bible clearly sets forth doctrinal unity for those receiving the Sacrament together, we practice close communion and ask guests desiring to commune to kindly speak with the pastor before the service.

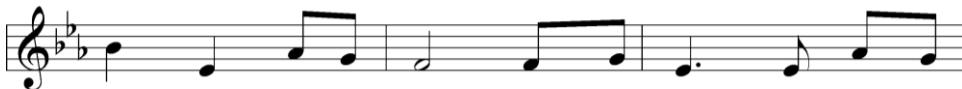
Communicants tonight will have the choice of receiving either the individual cup or the common cup. If you receive the common cup, please take hold of the base of the cup with one or both hands as Pastor offers it to you. Thank you.



THE OPENING HYMN #445 "When You Woke That Thursday Morning"



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing
 3 What was there that You could give them That would
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



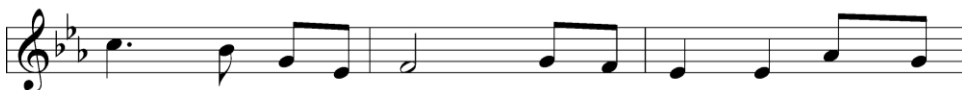
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -
 vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;
 on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:
 live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?
 vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.
 rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at
 Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last
 "Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me
 One with You and one an - oth - er In a
 When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's
 pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their
 as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
 teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.
 of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

(please stand)

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

THE INTROIT (Psalm 116:13; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-17)

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

C: **How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?**

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

C: **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.**

P: O Lord, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant;

C: **You have freed me from my chains.**

P: I will sacrifice a thank offering to You and call on the name of the Lord.

C: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

THE COLLECT

P: Let us pray: O Lord Jesus, since You have left us a remembrance of Your passion in a wonderful sacrament, grant, we pray, that we may so use this sacrament of Your body and blood, that the fruits of Your redeeming work may always be demonstrated in our lives, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 12:1-14, 24-28 (NLT)

Now the LORD gave the following instructions to Moses and Aaron while they were still in the land of Egypt: "From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you. Announce to the whole community that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice. If a family is too small to eat an entire lamb, let them share the lamb with another family in the neighborhood. Whether or not they share in this way depends on the size of each family and how much they can eat. This animal must be a one-year-old male, either

a sheep or a goat, with no physical defects. Take special care of these lambs until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then each family in the community must slaughter its lamb. They are to take some of the lamb's blood and smear it on the top and sides of the doorframe of the house where the lamb will be eaten. That evening everyone must eat roast lamb with bitter herbs and bread made without yeast. The meat must never be eaten raw or boiled; roast it all, including the head, legs, and internal organs. Do not leave any of it until the next day. Whatever is not eaten that night must be burned before morning. Wear your traveling clothes as you eat this meal, as though prepared for a long journey. Wear your sandals, and carry your walking sticks in your hands. Eat the food quickly, for this is the LORD's Passover. On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and kill all the firstborn sons and firstborn male animals in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the LORD! The blood you have smeared on your doorposts will serve as a sign. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt. You must remember this day forever. Each year you will celebrate it as a special festival to the LORD. . . . For the LORD will pass through the land and strike down the Egyptians. But when He sees the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe, the LORD will pass over your home. He will not permit the Destroyer to enter and strike down your firstborn. Remember, these instructions are permanent and must be observed by you and your descendants forever. When you arrive in the land the LORD has promised to give you, you will continue to celebrate this festival. Then your children will ask, "What does all this mean? What is this ceremony about?" And you will reply, "It is the celebration of the LORD's Passover, for He passed over the homes of the Israelites in Egypt. And though He killed the Egyptians, He spared our families and did not destroy us." Then all the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GRADUAL (*spoken*) Hebrews 9:12 & 15; Psalm 111:9

P: Christ entered the Most Holy Place once for all,

C: by His own blood, having obtained redemption.

P: He is the Mediator of a new covenant,

C: that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

P: He provided redemption for His people;

C: He ordained His covenant forever.

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (ESV)

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would

not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

(please stand)

THE VERSE *(spoken)*

P: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup

C: You proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *(1 Corinthians 11:26)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 26:17-30 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

C: *(spoken)* Glory to You, O Lord!

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will You have us prepare for You to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.'" And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, He reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, He said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." And they were very sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with Me will betray Me. 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." Judas, who would betray Him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so." Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Praise to You, O Christ!

(please be seated)

THE HYMN OF THE DAY #634 *"The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"*



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly
Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

- 5 We dare not ask how this can be,
But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins:
"Given and shed for all your sins."**
- 6 They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!**
- 7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.**
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.**

THE SERMON *"For Many—For You!"* Text: Matthew 26:17-30

(please stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

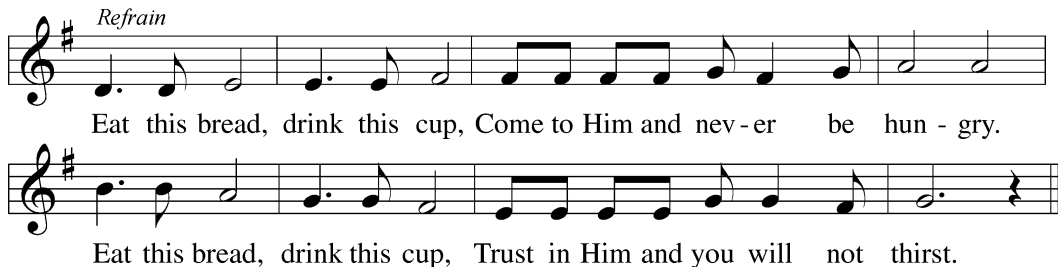
(Each petition concludes with this response: "Let us pray to the Lord," "Lord, have mercy.")

(please be seated)

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

THE HYMN #638 "Eat This Bread" (Soloist: Kent Bornhoft)

Refrain



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev - er be hun - gry.' The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.'

- 1) This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you. *Refrain:*
- 2) As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again. *Refrain:*
- 3) Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day. *Refrain:*
- 4) Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. *Refrain:*
- 5) If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. *Refrain:*

(please stand)

THE PREFACE (*responses are sung*) (*page 160 in the hymnal*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and

Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *(1 Corinthians 11:26)*

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *(Revelation 22:20)*

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *(sung)* **Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD *(page 163 in the hymnal)*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

#439 "O Dearest Jesus"

1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?

- 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee; They crucify Thee.
- 3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, This I do merit.
- 4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him, Who would not know Him.
- 5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted; God is committed.
- 6 There was no spot in me by sin untainted;
Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted;
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me, Such woe it wrought me.
- 7 O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying While Thou wert dying.
- 8 O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer? What dare I offer?
- 9 For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder—
Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder.
Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee! Can I requite Thee?
- 10 Yet unrequited, Lord, I would not leave Thee;
I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve Thee
And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most lowly All fires unholy.

- 11 **But since my strength will nevermore suffice me
To crucify desires that still entice me,
To all good deeds O let Thy Spirit win me And reign within me!**
- 12 **I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor Henceforth forever.**
- 13 **Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me,
I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.
I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me Nor death alarm me.**
- 14 **But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;
Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness Nor shame my weakness.**
- 15 **And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee, I, too, shall praise Thee.**

(please stand)

THE DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: O God the Father, the Fountain and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, . . . through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The stripping of the altar is an ancient feature of Maundy Thursday worship services. This act is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the soldier's hands. Psalm 22 rehearses that and other themes of the Passion. No other Psalm pointed beyond itself so fully in a prophetic manner to the circumstances of Jesus at His arrest and crucifixion.

Psalm 22 is printed on the next page.

Following the stripping of the altar and the chanting of Psalm 22, worshippers are asked to have a quiet time of meditation on sacrificial love of our Savior.

Psalm 22 (ESV)

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.
- ³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴ In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵ To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- ⁷ All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- ⁸ "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- ⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
- ¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- ¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.
- ¹² Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- ¹³ they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
- ¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶ For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet--
- ¹⁷ I can count all my bones-- they stare and gloat over me;
- ¹⁸ they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.
- ¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- ²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!
- ²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
- ²² I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- ²⁴ For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.
- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- ²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.
- ²⁸ For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.
- ³⁰ Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- ³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.