

Evening Prayer for Lent 2025

Immanuel Lutheran Church Harlan, Iowa

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**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
God Lobeyond my fears, from death into life.**

God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *(refrain)*

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your Name. *(refrain)*

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *(refrain)*

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. *(refrain)*

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *(refrain)*

Confession and Forgiveness

Our Lord Jesus says, "If you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your sins."

**Heavenly Father,
I hereby forgive anyone who has sinned against me;
whether against my body, property, honor, or spirit;
whether accidentally or willfully, carelessly or purposely;
whether through speech, deed, or thought.
Lord, do not hold this sin against them on my account.**

Return to the Lord your God for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us confess to God and one another our sins which we think are small but which make us fall far short of the glory of God for which we were created.

Merciful God, we take your amazing grace for granted.

Lord, have mercy.

We use prayer as a last resort rather than a first response.

Lord, have mercy.

We fail to treasure Your Word in our hearts and obey it.

Lord, have mercy.

In moments of frustration we speak harsh words to others.

Lord, have mercy.

We lack compassion for the poor and passion for justice.

Lord, have mercy.

We share in gossip about others as if we were perfect.

Lord, have mercy.

We are addicted to things and habits that rob us of life and love for others.

Lord, have mercy.

We excuse ourselves by our intentions while judging others by their actions.

Lord, have mercy.

We have sins we are afraid to name and sins we fail to recognize.

Lord, have mercy.

Merciful God,

**I confess that I am a sinner who deserves Your judgment.
My only hope is Christ Jesus my Lord who died and was raised for
me. For his sake grant me Your gifts of forgiveness and repentance.**

*God so loved you that God gave His only Son so that you might believe
in him and not perish but have eternal life. In the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.*

Thanks be to God.

Lenten Hymn

March 12	<i>"Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ"</i>	LBW 13
March 19	<i>"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"</i>	LBW 93
March 26	<i>"Christ, the Life of All the Living"</i>	LBW 97
April 2	<i>"Wide Open Are Your Arms"</i>	LBW 489
April 9	<i>"And Can It Be?"</i>	screen

The Prayers

Each petition concludes: "Lord, in Your mercy..."

The congregation responds: "Hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

The Scriptures

March 12	<i>Luke 7:1-17</i>
March 19	<i>Luke 9:18-27</i>
March 26	<i>Luke 9:51-62</i>
April 2	<i>Luke 13:22-30</i>
April 9	<i>Luke 14:25-35</i>

Sermon Hymn

March 12	<i>"God Loved the World"</i>	LBW 292 (tune 749)
March 19	<i>"Go to Dark Gethsemane"</i>	LBW 109
March 26	<i>"Jesus Calls Us"</i>	LBW 494
April 2	<i>"You Are the Way"</i>	LBW 464
April 9	<i>"If You But Trust in God"</i>	LBW 453

Message

March 12	<i>"Great Faith, Great Compassion"</i>
March 19	<i>"Take Up Your Cross Daily"</i>
March 26	<i>"Lord, But First"</i>
April 2	<i>"The Narrow Door"</i>
April 9	<i>"THE Cost of Discipleship"</i>

Evening Hymn

March 12	<i>"Abide with Me"</i>	LBW 272
March 19	<i>"All Praise to Thee, My God"</i>	LBW 278
March 26	<i>"Now the Day Is Over"</i>	LBW 280
April 2	<i>"God Who Made the Earth"</i>	LBW 281
April 9	<i>"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"</i>	WOV 731

The Lord Almighty order our days and our deeds in His peace. Amen.

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