

Evening Prayer for Lent 2026

Immanuel Lutheran Church Harlan, Iowa

"Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord" by Bob Hudson

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.
And he shall lift you up. And he shall lift you up.

"Create In Me a Clean Heart" by Keith Green

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.

"The Comforter (Come to Me)" by Maureen Pranghofer and Dan Adler

**Come to me. I am the Comforter. Come crawl up on my knee.
Lay your head close against my heart. Find your rest in me.**

When it hurts too much to cry, I will hold you.
When you feel that you will never make it through,
When you need someone to hold you, I'll enfold you in my arms.
For my child, I love you! *(refrain)*

When the days are long and life feels so empty,
In the lonely nights I'll stay by your side.
When you can't explain your feelings,
I will listen to your heart.
I will hear the thoughts you hide. *(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

February 25	<i>"Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ"</i>	LBW 13
March 4	<i>"Softly and Tenderly"</i>	WOV 734
March 11	<i>"There Is a Balm in Gilead"</i>	WOV 737
March 18	<i>"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"</i>	WOV 660
March 25	<i>"Give Me Jesus"</i>	WOV 777

The Prayers

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

The congregation responds: "Hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

The Scriptures

February 25	<i>Matthew 26:14-25, 36-49</i>
March 4	<i>Matthew 26:57-68</i>
March 11	<i>Matthew 26:69-75</i>
March 18	<i>Matthew 27:11-26</i>
March 25	<i>Matthew 27:45-54</i>

Sermon Hymn

February 25	<i>"Chief of Sinners"</i>	LBW 306
March 4	<i>"Forgive Our Sins"</i>	LBW 307
March 11	<i>"In the Hour of Trial"</i>	LBW 106
March 18	<i>"In All Our Grief"</i>	WOV 739
March 25	<i>"And Can It Be?"</i>	screen

Message

February 25	<i>"The Passion according to Judas"</i>
March 4	<i>"The Passion according to Caiaphas"</i>
March 11	<i>"The Passion according to Peter"</i>
March 18	<i>"The Passion according to Pilate"</i>
March 25	<i>"The Passion according to the Centurion"</i>

Evening Hymn

February 25	<i>"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"</i>	LBW 262
March 4	<i>"All Praise to Thee, My God"</i>	LBW 278
March 11	<i>"Go to Dark Gethsemane"</i>	LBW 109
March 18	<i>"What Wondrous Love Is This"</i>	LBW 385
March 25	<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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