

The Lord's Prayer

The Scriptures

February 24 Isaiah 61:1-3, James 4:7-10, Luke 19:41-44, Matt. 5:4
March 3 Isaiah 42:1-4, Philippians 2:3-8, Matthew 18:1-5, 5:5
March 10 Isaiah 55:1-7, Rev. 7:13-17, John 6:48-51, Matthew 5:6
March 17 Hosea 6:1-6, Col. 3:12-14, Matthew 18:21-35, 5:7
March 24 Psalm 24:1-6, 1 John 3:1-3, John 8:31-36, Matthew 5:8

Hymn: "Blest Are They"

WOV 764

Message

February 24 "Blessed Are the Mourning"
March 3 "Blessed Are the Meek"
March 10 "Blessed Are the Hungry"
March 17 "Blessed Are the Merciful"
March 24 "Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"

Evening Hymn

March 4 "Abide with Me" LBW 272
March 11 "All Praise to Thee, My God" LBW 278
March 18 "Now the Day Is Over" LBW 280
March 25 "God Who Made the Earth" LBW 281
April 1 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" WOV 731

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

Evening Prayer For Lent 2021

"Blessed"

February 24 – The Mourning
March 3 – The Meek
March 10 – The Hungry
March 17 – The Merciful
March 24 - The Pure in Heart

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Harlan, Iowa

Liturgy for Wednesdays in Lent 2021

Opening Song: "In This Very Room"

In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
To chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

Call to Worship from the Psalms

February 24	Psalm 1
March 3	Psalm 23
March 10	Psalm 61
March 17	Psalm 63
March 24	Psalm 121

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 are not even aware of.

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.

Hymn

February 24	"There Is a Balm in Gilead"	WOV 737
March 3	"Thy Holy Wings"	WOV 741
March 10	"As Pants the Hart"	LBW 452
March 17	"In All Our Grief"	WOV 739
March 24	"All Who Would Valiant Be"	LBW 498

The Prayers

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

The congregation responds: "Hear our prayer."

Psalms for Media Shout

Psalm 1

Blessed are they who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor linger in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful.

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Blessed are they who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor linger in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers.

But their delight is in the law of the Lord,

and on God's law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

which yield their fruit in season.

Their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so.

They are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor will sinners stand in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

Blessed are they who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor linger in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful.

Psalm 23

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life.

I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

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

Psalm 61

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

From the ends of the earth I call to you

when my heart is faint. O Lord,

lead me to the Rock that is higher than I,

lead me to the Rock that is higher than I,

lead me to the Rock that is higher than I,

for you have been a refuge for me.

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

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Hear my cry, O God;

listen to my prayer.

From the end of the earth I call to you, when my heart is faint.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I;

for you are my refuge,

a strong tower against the enemy.

*Let me abide in your tent forever,
and find refuge under the shelter of your wings.
For you, O God, have heard my vows;
you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.
Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.
From the ends of the earth I call to you
when my heart is faint. O Lord,
lead me to the Rock that is higher than I,
lead me to the Rock that is higher than I,
lead me to the Rock that is higher than I,
for you have been a refuge for me.*

Psalm 63

*O God, you are my God, eagerly I seek you.
O God, you are my God, eagerly I seek you.
My soul thirsts for you. My flesh faints for you
As in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
O God, you are my God, eagerly I seek you.
O God, you are my God, eagerly I seek you.
My soul thirsts for you. My flesh faints for you
As in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;*

*for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.
O God, you are my God, eagerly I seek you.
O God, you are my God, eagerly I seek you.
My soul thirsts for you. My flesh faints for you
As in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

Psalm 121

*I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
He who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper.
The Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil;
He will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.
I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.*