



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

The Ten Commandments
Midweek Lenten Service 2



The Sermon on the Mount

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. Thank you for filling out an attendance card every time you attend church.

In preparation for worship, we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

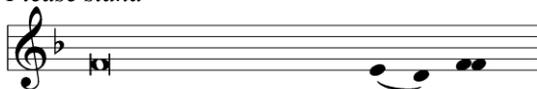
PRESERVICE MUSIC / BELLS

EVENING PRAYER

Lutheran Service Book pg. 243

+ SERVICE OF LIGHT +

Please stand



L Now is the time of God's fa - vor;



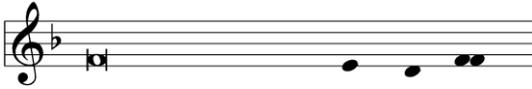
C now is the day of sal - va - tion.



L Turn us again, O God of our sal - va - tion,



C that the light of Your face may shine on us.



L May Your justice shine like the sun;



C and may the poor be lift - ed up.

PHOS HILARON



L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -



ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:



the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

♩ Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,
who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of
fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;
may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion
and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.

♩ A - men.

Detailed description: This block contains a musical score for the hymn 'Thanksgiving for Light'. It consists of eight staves of music in a single system. The first seven staves are vocal lines with lyrics underneath. The eighth staff is a short instrumental or vocal line ending with a double bar line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.'

+ PSALMODY +

PSALM 141

Psalm 141:1-4, 8

♩ Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.
O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice

Detailed description: This block contains a musical score for Psalm 141. It consists of three staves of music in a single system. The first two staves are vocal lines with lyrics underneath. The third staff is a vocal line with lyrics underneath. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense, the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice'

when I cry to You. Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
 the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.
 Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.
 Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;
 let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.
 But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.
 Strip me not of my life. 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.
 Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
 the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

L Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

OFFICE HYMN, LSB 862, “Oh, Blest the House”

+ READINGS +

FIRST READING, Matthew 7:24-29

²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” ²⁸And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING, Matthew 7:7-11

⁷“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

- L** In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- C** But now in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

- C** You shall have no other gods.
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- Honor your father and your mother.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Please be seated

SERMON: The Third & Fourth Commandments

+ CANTICLE +

Please stand

MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:46-55

Refrain



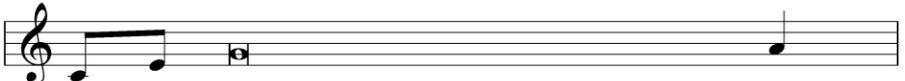
My soul mag-ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -



joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the



Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.



1 For He has re - garded

2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,

3 He has shown strength with His arm;

4 He has filled the hungry with good things,

5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son



1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.

2 and holy is His name;

3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;



1 For be - hold, from this day

2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him

3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones

4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy

5 as it was in the be - ginning,



1 all generations will call me blessèd.

2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*

3 and has exalt - ed the lowly.

4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.

5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

Please be seated

OFFERING

+ PRAYER +

Please stand

LITANY



L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



C Lord, have mer - cy.

L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For Matthew, our Synodical President, and Heath, our District President, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For President Donald Trump, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the

people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

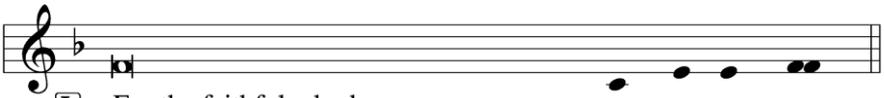
C Lord, have mercy.

L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

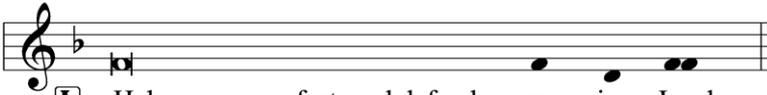
C Lord, have mercy.



L For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

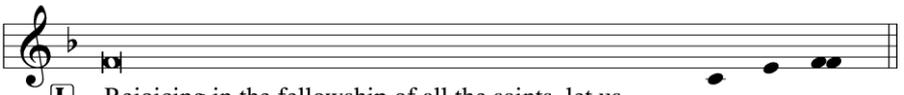


C Thanks be to God.



L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.



L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



C To You, O Lord.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

L 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 A - men.

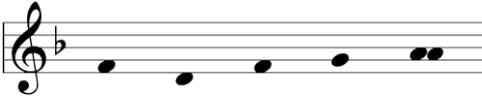
LORD'S PRAYER

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

Please stand

BENEDICAMUS



L Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN, LSB 422, “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

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