

Fifth Mid-Week Lenten Service March 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm
Jesus Prays His Father will Protect His Church
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Opening Prayer: **Opening Hymn:** *“We Sing the Praise” 429 vs. 1-3 (Tune 425)*

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

Lenten Prayer Litany:

P: Jesus prayed to His Father **C:** *He sought the Father’s blessing on His disciples.*
P: Jesus asked that His Word would be blessed **C:** *That it would open the hearts of many.*
P: Jesus sought grace to be showered upon His own **C:** *The Spirit would bless them.*
P: Jesus humbly prayed before His Father **C:** *Seeking His will be done through Him.*
P: Jesus wanted us to know eternal life **C:** *Eternal life is knowing the Only True God.*
P: Jesus prayed for us, that we might believe **C:** *That we might have eternal hope.*
P: The Father made us His own **C:** *He redeemed us through our loving Savior.*
P: Jesus prayed as our High Priest **C:** *He desired we be with Him forever!*

Psalmody: *Psalm 102: 1-3, 9, 16, 17*

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord; **C:** *Let my cry come to you!*
P: Do not hide Your face from me **C:** *In the day of distress*
P: Incline Your ear to me; **C:** *Answer me speedily in the day when I call!*
P: For my days pass away like smoke, **C:** *And my bones burn like a furnace.*
P: For I eat ashes like bread **C:** *And mingle tears with my drink.*
P: For the Lord builds up Zion **C:** *He appears in His glory;*
P: He regards the prayer of the destitute **C:** *And does not despise their prayer.*

ALL: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.*

Tune: (*“Glory Be to Jesus” 433*)

God we call upon You, in our humble prayer
Guide, enrich and help us Bring hope everywhere.

Grant us now Your blessing Guide us with Your Word
With Your Holy Spirit, Bind us to You Lord.

May You hold us Father In Your loving hand
To guide and protect us Helping us to stand.

Collect: Gracious Lord, we call out to You in prayer, seeking Your blessing and wisdom. Help guide us gracious Lord to humbly look to You, to seek Your goodness and will, to call upon You for help in all we face, and to seek Your guidance and blessing upon others. You have given us the gift of being able to call out to You to provide for us what we cannot provide for ourselves; we thank You for Your blessings and ask that we may always share them in a manner that is pleasing to You. We pray this in Jesus' name. **C: Amen!**

O. T. Lesson: *Numbers 6: 24-26* “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Choir: “I Need Thee Every Hour”

Epistle Lesson: *I Thessalonians 5: 23-24* “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.”

(**Tune:** “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”)

Gracious God, we seek Your blessing Upon on all we say and do.
Lead us Father to enrich those Who are hurting, lost, or “blue”.
Grant us guidance by Your Word Fill our hearts with joy and love.
So we may bring life and goodness To all those who live in darkness. Amen.

Gospel Lessons: *John 17: 9-12* I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those who You have given Me, for they are Yours. All mine are Yours, and Yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

Lord's Prayer: Luther's Catechism Petitions 6
And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Hymn: “Jesus, I will Ponder Now” 440 vs. 1-3

Sermon

Offering- *brought to the Altar*

Prayer for: *Couples*

Father Almighty, You grant the miracle of making two- One in marriage- and promise to grant Your blessing on all who look to You and seek out Your guidance and wisdom; we ask this day that You enrich and strengthen the love between the couples of Immanuel. Lead them Lord to pray together, forgive one another, seek guidance from Your word, enlighten them and bind them in Your Spirit, and enable them to grow ever stronger in their love for each other and their ability to demonstrate that love. You promise that You are willing to daily renew their love and commitment through prayer, Your Word, and Your grace. Bless all couples and bring them Your richness; in Jesus' name. Amen!

Prayers:

Lord's Prayer:

Closing Hymn: *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" 427 vs. 1-2*

Closing Prayer: *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Benediction- Choir: *"A Sacred Blessing"*