



**Immanuel
Lutheran**
of Evanston

Midweek Lenten Series
Open My life, Lord

Week 2
Open My Hands, Lord

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Welcome!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.

We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.

We're glad God has called you here this evening! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

Please keep your masks on during the worship service.

Facilities

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at any time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays, see the church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. Parking meters are free until 1:00 P.M. on Sunday.
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by the elevator.
- We love having children in worship! Activity bags are available from the greeters. There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome". Please use the Internet responsibly!

Open My Eyes, Lord

We use our hands to pick up a child, to serve a meal, to play an instrument, to wipe away a tear. Jesus used his hands for healing and for deeds of great power, and the psalmist reminds us that we are always held fast in God's hands. In Deuteronomy, Moses encourages us to open our hands in service to others.

P: *Presiding Minister* **A:** *Assembly*

The Assembly stands.

Welcome

P Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves:

**A our minds to know you, our hearts to love you,
our wills to serve you, for we are yours.**

P Into your hands, incarnate Savior, we place ourselves:

**A receive us and draw us after you,
that we may follow your steps.**

P Into your hands, O hovering Spirit, we place ourselves:

**A take us and fashion us after your image;
let your comfort strengthen us and your fire cleanse us.**

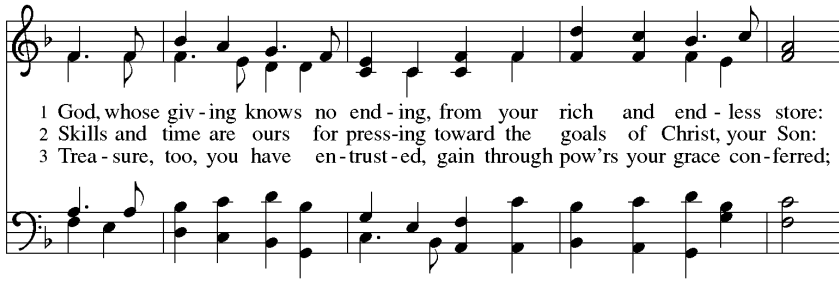
P Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves:

A gather us in your light eternal.

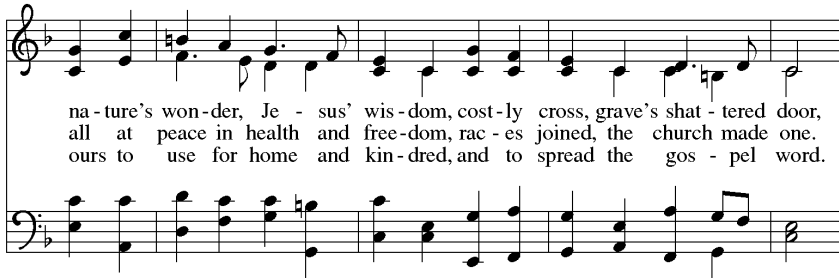
(Based on the commitment prayer, ELW, p. 86)

Gathering Song

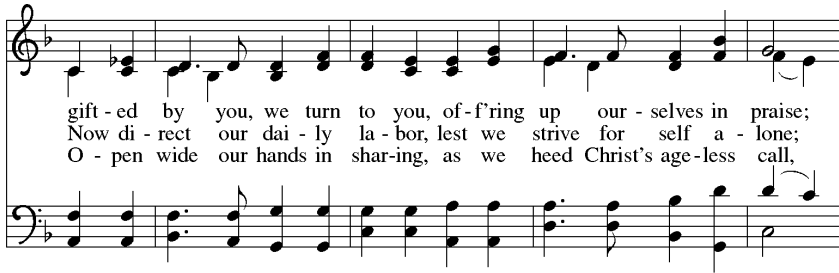
"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" ELW 678



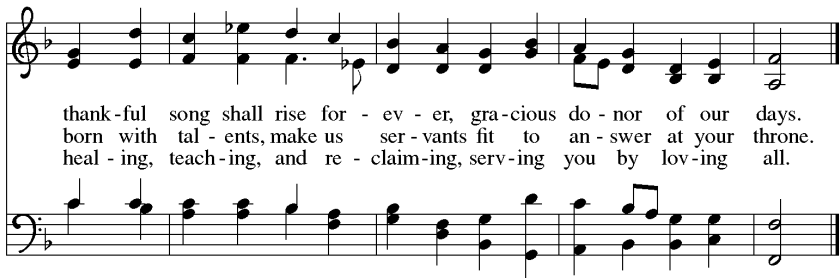
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A And also with you!

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. ... Open our hands, Lord, to reach out to a world in need. May our arms enfold those who sorrow, our palms bear mercy and grace, and our fingers point to your love. In Jesus' name we pray,

A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

⁷If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. ⁸You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. ⁹Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is near," and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the LORD against you, and you would incur guilt. ¹⁰Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ¹¹Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 139:1-10 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

¹LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, | you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind | and before,

and lay your ¹ hand upon me.

**⁶Such knowledge is too wonder-¹ ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at-¹ tain to it.**

⁷Where can I go then ¹ from your Spirit?
Where can I flee ¹ from your presence?

**⁸If I climb up to heaven, ¹ you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you ¹ are there also.**

⁹If I take the wings ¹ of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts ¹ of the sea,

**¹⁰even there your ¹ hand will lead me
and your right hand ¹ hold me fast.**

Reading from the New Testament

Mark 6:1-5

¹He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

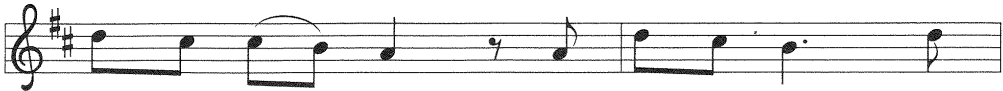
Reflection

Hymn of the Day

"We Raise our Hands to You, O Lord" ELW 690



1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like
2 What good and bless - ing you be - stow are
3 Oh, make our bar - ren trees to grow, our
4 As sum - mer fol - lows spring-time's rain, grace
5 Through grace your new cre - a - tion lies in



emp - ty ves - sels. Oh, come to us and
free - ly giv - en. Your pow'r will make the
hands to blos - som, and let our lives bring
fol - lows sor - row, and grief and joy shall
hands held o - pen. O Giv - er of all



give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.
weak - est strong and bar - ren branch - es start to bud.
forth such fruit that heals our neigh - bor's grief and pain.
bear much fruit, though hid - den from our hu - man eyes.
good - ness, come, dwell with us in our earth - ly home.

Prayers of the People

P Lord of all life,
when we cannot see the beauty of your creation,
(you're invited to point toward your eyes)

A open our eyes, that all living things thrive and grow.

P When we neglect the poor, the sick, and the grieving,
(You're invited to stretch out your arms)

A open our hands to do your work in the world.

P When we ignore the cries of injustice in our midst,
(you're invited to point toward your ears)

A open our ears, that all will know your love.

P When we are hardened against our neighbor,
(you're invited to place your hands over your heart)

A open our hearts and heal our resentment.

P When we are closed to the grace you long to give us,
(you're invited to raise your arms to God)

open our lives and turn us to follow in the way of the cross.

P And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting
in your mercy as you open up our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

A Amen.

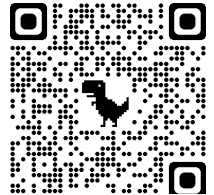
The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**A 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, the power, and the glory,
forever and forever. Amen.**

Offering

An offering for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need. You scan this code with your smartphone camera to make your financial offering online. You may also place your offering in the plates provided as you enter or leave the sanctuary.



Offering Prayer

P Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

A Amen.

Sending Song

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" ELW 538

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff in two columns per line of music. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta, es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do, a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Blessing

P Go into the world with eyes open to the transforming light of Christ, hands open to serve those you meet, ears open to the call of the Spirit, hearts open to the bountiful love of God, and lives open to follow Christ to the cross. The God who opened for us the way of everlasting life ✝ bless you now and forever.

A  Amen.

Dismissal

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

A  **And also with you.**

Greet one another in the peace of the Risen Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words.

Serving in worship this evening...

Presiding Minister The Rev. Mark Sloss
Organist James Morehead
Music Director James Morehead
Zoom Host Tom Couch
Audio-Visual Technicians Tom Couch, Kevin McDaniel, Tyler Heyl, Mark Kearns
Usher Steve Warner

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