



Immanuel
Lutheran
of Evanston

Midweek Lenten
Evening Prayer

7:00 P.M. Wednesdays
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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 today! 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.

Masks are now optional during 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 ushers. 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!

Gathering: *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...*

L: Leader A: Assembly

✙ *All may make the sign of the cross*

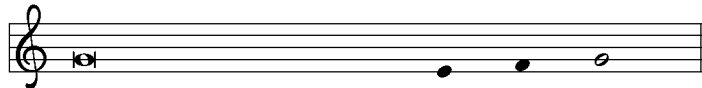
Dialogue



Behold, now is the accept - a - ble time; **now is the day of sal - vation.**



Turn us again, O God of our sal - vation,



that the light of your face may shine on us.



May your justice shine like the sun; **and may the poor be lift - ed up.**

Hymn of Light

Please stand as you are able. As the hymn is sung, the candles on and near the altar are lighted. When the large candle is used, the candles are lighted from its flame.

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☒ Joy - ous light of glo - ry: ☒ 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



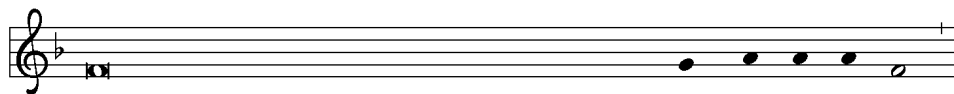
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



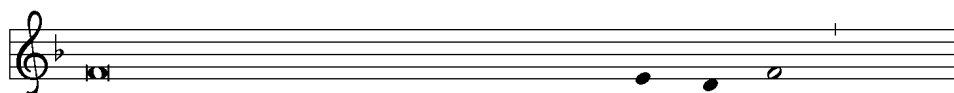
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



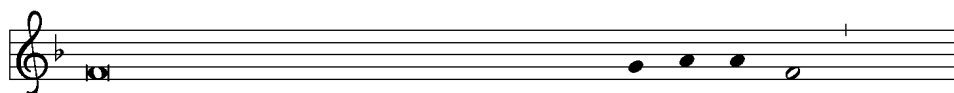
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light in - to being,



and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day.



In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night



you led your peo - ple in - to freedom.



Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your 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 with all your crea-tures we give you glory,



through your Son Je - sus Christ, in the unity of the Ho - ly Spirit,



now and for - ev - er. A - men.


Psalmody

The psalmody begins with Psalm 141, a song of forgiveness and protection.

All



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;




the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Group One or All



O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when

All



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.

Group Two or All



Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

Group One or All

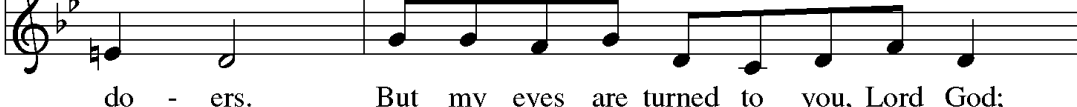


Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil -

Group Two or All



do - ers. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;



in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.

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Psalmody, continued...



Glo-ry 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.

Silence.

Psalm 141 Prayer

L Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O God, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified hearts we may sing your praises with the church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

A Amen.

The psalmody continues with one or more additional psalms. Each is followed by a time of silence, which will be concluded by a psalm prayer; the assembly responds, "Amen."

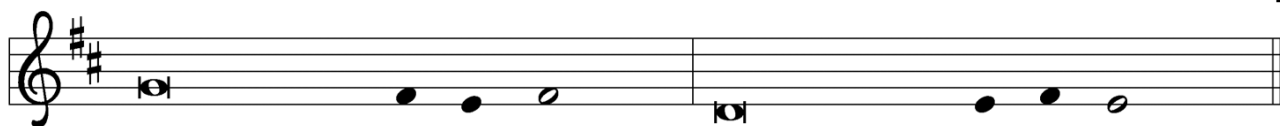
Additional Psalm

(Changes each week, see below for #. Use the cranberry worship book in the pew; psalms are the first 150 of hymn numbers.)

The psalm is chanted in unison.

Tone:

Psalm Tone 5, 2 sharps



Silence follows the psalm which concludes with the Psalm Prayer.

Psalms and Scripture Readings

Week 1 -February 21:

Psalm 121, Romans 12:1-2,9-18

Week 2 -February 28:

Psalm 75, Matthew 5:33-37

Week 3 -March 6:

Psalm 122, Luke 13:31-35, ELW 158 during meditation

Week 4 -March 13:

Psalm 95, Revelation 5:11-13

Week 5 -March 20:

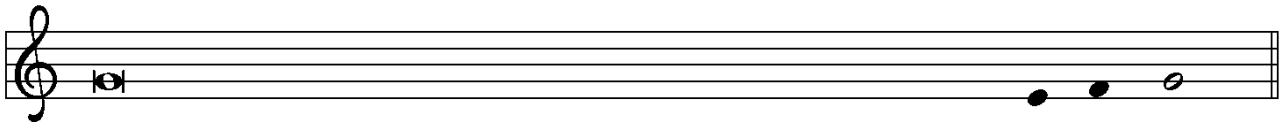
Psalm 143, John 15:26-16:7

Scripture Reading

Silence follows the reading.

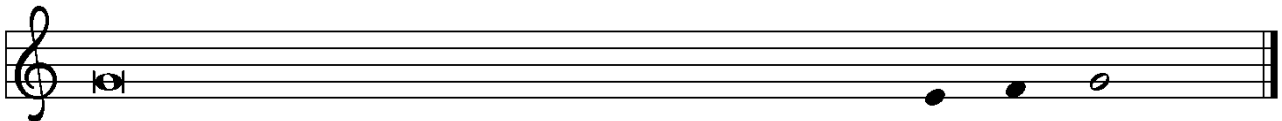
Meditation

The silence for reflection following the meditation will conclude with the following sung scriptural dialogue. When it is sung, the assembly echoes the leader.



Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

All




but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.


Gospel Canticle

The assembly stands to sing the gospel canticle for evening, the Song of Mary.


Refrain



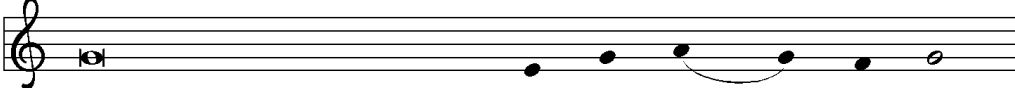
My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord, my
spir - it re - joic - es in God my Sav - ior.




1 My soul proclaims the great - ness of the Lord,
2 You have mer - cy on those who fear you,
3 You have filled the hun - gry with good things



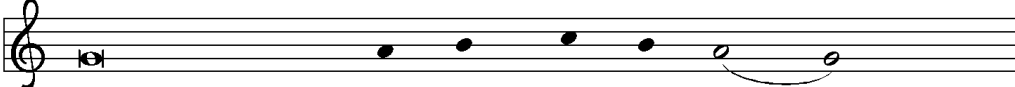
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
from generation to gen - er - ation.
and sent the rich a - way empty.



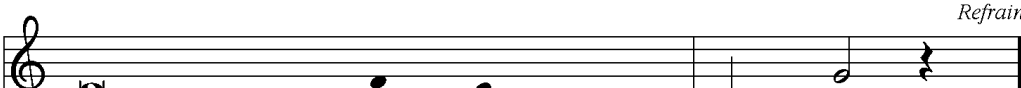
for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your low - ly servant.
You have shown . . strength with your arm
You have come to the aid of your ser - vant Is - ra - el,



From this day all generations will call me bless'd:
and scattered the proud in their con - ceit,
to remember the prom - ise of mercy,



you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
casting down the might - y from their thrones
the promise made to our . . . fore - bears,



Refrain
and holy is your name.
and lifting up the low - ly.
to Abraham and his chil - dren for - ev - er.

Prayers (ELW p. 316)

The assembly kneels or stands. The following litany will be sung.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

A **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 ^l pray to the Lord.

A **Lord, have mercy.**

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

A **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us ^l pray to the Lord.

A **Lord, have mercy.**

L For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us ^l pray to the Lord.

A **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us ^l pray to the Lord.

A **Lord, have mercy.**

L For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us ^l pray to the Lord.

A **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us ^l pray to the Lord.

A **Lord, have mercy.**

Other petitions may be added.

L (Spoken) Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows.

L Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of name/s and all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you,

through Christ our Lord. To you, O Lord.

The image shows a musical score for a litany response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first part of the melody is a single line of music, and the second part is a two-line melody. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment, mostly consisting of chords and single notes.

The litany is followed by one or more additional prayers.

L O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

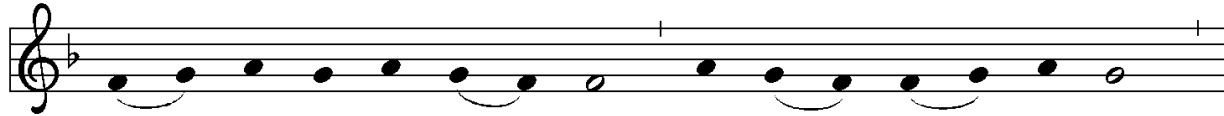
Lord's Prayer

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Gathered into one by the Ho-ly Spir - it, let us pray as Je-sus taught us.

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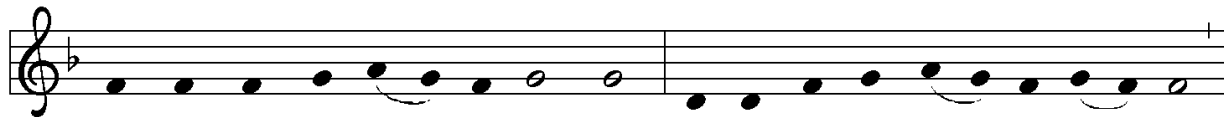
Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

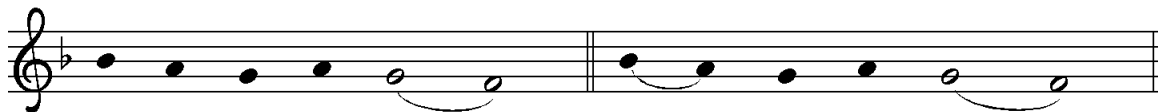


and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,

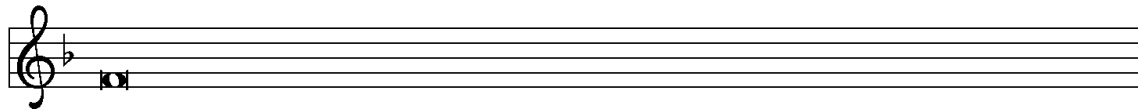


and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Blessing



Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.



The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,



keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Je - sus. A - men.



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.

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