



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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The mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church is to preach Christ crucified and risen from the dead for the salvation of the world. We reflect God's love by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through a caring ministry of reaching, teaching, and serving our congregation and the community.

*A Warm and Sincere Welcome!* We are excited that you have chosen to join us. We invite you to join us often. If you do not have a church home, we hope you will consider making Immanuel Lutheran your church home. Please contact the church office for more information.

## + The Sacrament of Holy Communion+

As we partake of this blessed sacrament, our Lord has promised to give us His true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins and strengthening of our faith. Those who partake, firmly believing in Christ's real presence, receive these blessings. If you are a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and have not communed at Immanuel before, please speak with the pastor or an elder before participating. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod please speak with pastor before the service.  
*Thank you.*

Easter 5  
April 28, 2024  
Divine Service 1

## Confession and Absolution

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive  
ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who  
is faithful and just, will forgive our  
sins and cleanse us from all  
unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our  
Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that  
we are by nature sinful and unclean.  
We have sinned against You in  
thought, word, and deed, by what we  
have done and by what we have left  
undone. We have not loved You with  
our whole heart; we have not loved  
our neighbors as ourselves. We justly  
deserve Your present and eternal  
punishment. For the sake of Your  
Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so  
that we may delight in Your will and**

**walk in Your ways to the glory of  
Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*

A little while, and you will see me no longer;  
and again a little while, and you will see me.

**I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.**

Every day I will bless you and praise your name  
forever and ever.

**The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast  
love.**

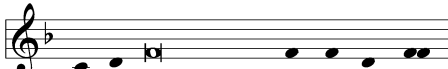
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!

**My mouth will speak the praise of the  
LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name  
forever and ever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.**

Kyrie

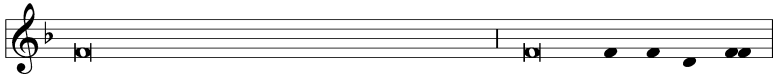
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.




**C** Lord, have mer - cy.




**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



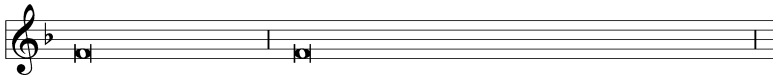
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



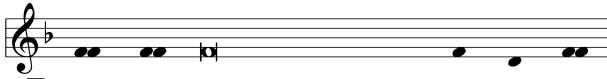
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

# This Is the Feast

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**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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.

## First Reading

*Acts 8:26–40*

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard

him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is  
silent,

so he opens not his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the  
earth.”

And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## **Test the Spirits**

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

## **God Is Love**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

## I Am the True Vine

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and  
invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all  
worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the  
Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our  
salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy  
Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the  
Father.  
And He will come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and  
 the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son  
 together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian  
 and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
 remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of  
 the dead  
 and the life † of the world to come.  
 Amen.**

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Sermon

Offertory

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What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
 me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will  
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Offering

### Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Church on earth, that she would be protected from all false teaching and the spirit of the Antichrist, and so always confess Christ come in the flesh, remaining faithful to Him, our only true God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For God's people, that as branches of the vine, all sin and dead works would be pruned and cut off from them; and that drawing life from the Son, they would continually produce the fruits of faith and good works, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all those in need of Baptism, that nothing would prevent them from being welcomed into God's kingdom and given everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our president and all in authority, that they may serve honorably and in accord with God's good order, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who bear the cross in suffering and affliction, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that they would ever look to the Lord and so fix their hearts where true joy is found, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who come to God's feast of love, that they may worthily eat of Christ's body and blood, abiding in this love of God and God in them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, and Your saints shall bless You; for You live and reign with the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.



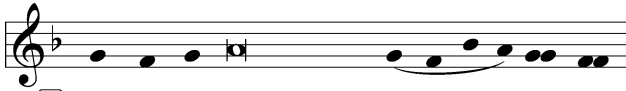
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

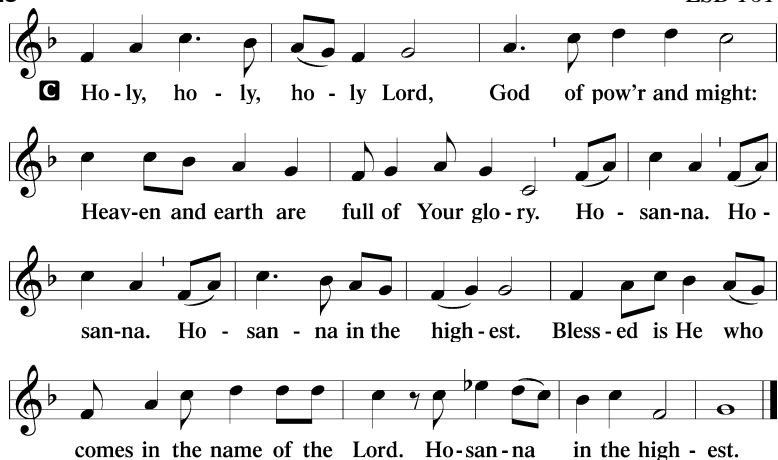
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore



with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He

bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

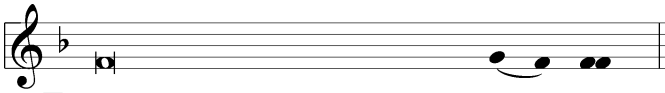
## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

*LSB 163*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 163*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

## Thank the Lord

LSB 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

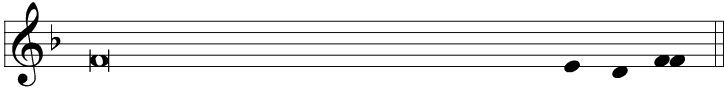
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

**Benediction**

*LSB 166*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

**643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

## **This Week at Immanuel**

### **Sunday**

Divine Service: 9:00 a.m.

Bible Class Exodus 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Gorrell Shower 12:00

### **Monday**

### **Tuesday:**

God & Grapes 6:00 p.m.

LSF Bible Study

### **Wednesday:**

### **Thursday:**

Adult Bible Class Isaiah 12:00

Leisure Lutheran Card Day, 1:00 p.m.

### **Friday:**

### **Saturday:**

## **Graduation**

As graduation season approaches, please let the church office know if you know of any high school graduates in our congregation."

## **Lutherans for Life**

It is anxiety and fright that drive folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide and other measures that view death as a solution. Fear likewise bullies the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord's perfect love puts all fear to flight (I John 4:18). In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty.

The Life Team of Immanuel is sponsoring participation in Missouri's Largest Diaper Shower between Mother's Day and Father's Day. A "Pack N Play" will be located in the narthex during those weeks to collect diaper donations and the diapers will be delivered to Rolla's Pregnancy Resource Center after Father's Day. And once the number of donated diapers has been reported to Missouri Lutherans For Life a \$50 donation will be sent to Rolla PRC by the state organization.

## **LWML/Dorcas**

Mites collected on April 7 for LWML District and National mission projects came to \$264.04. A complete list of 2023-2025 national mission projects can be found at [www.lwml.org/mission-grants](http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants). Our next mite offering collection will be held May 5.

Our next Servant Workshop, tying quilts, will be held Tuesday, May 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the church basement. All are welcome to join in this mission project. To God be the glory.

### **Sunday School**

Lesson 2 "Lost and found Wonders."

Jesus shares three parables demonstrating our heavenly Father's concern for the lost. The shepherd leaves the 99 sheep to seek one that was lost. A woman sweeps the house to find one of ten silver coins. The story of the prodigal son reassures the young man of the Father's everlasting love & care.

### **Leisure Lutherans**

Card and Game Days, every Thursday at 1:00 pm, after Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to participate.

### **Sunday Bible Study Refreshments**

We are still in need of refreshments for May 26<sup>th</sup>. Please consider helping out in this ministry.



## **Members serving in the Armed Forces**

Jacob Banholzer  
Matt Battley

Marshall Dean  
Joe Duehning

## **Prayers**

Judy Elsing  
Jana Goddard  
Dotty Wolf  
Bob Chretien  
Susan Carlson  
Jean & Ben McWilliams  
Susanne Markwell  
Wendy Rush  
Christy Rush

## **Those Serving Today:**

**Elder:** Matt Banholzer

**Communion Assistant:**

**Organist:** Berniece Strandberg

**Greeters Today:** Nancy & Andy Anderson

**Ushers Today:** Team 2

**Altar Guild:** Sue Perry

**Money Counters:** Sue Perry & Jean Kramme

**Refreshments Today:** Eileen Theiss

**Refreshments College Students:** Sue Langhoff

**Altar Flowers Today:** Given to the Glory of God by the Altar Guild

### **The Fruits of Our Faith:**

**Attendance Sunday 4/21/2024:** 159 Communion: 116

**Attendance Sunday 4/21/2024:** Bible Class 55

**Attendance Thursday 4/18/2024:** Bible Class: 21

**Offering for 4/21/2024:** \$5,399

**The Family Altar**  
For Families Gathered Around God's Word  
**The week of April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday:** Reflect upon the sermon

**Monday:** Acts 8: 26-40

**Tuesday:** Psalm 150

**Wednesday:** 1 John 4:1-11

**Thursday:** John 15:1-8

**Friday: Small Catechism** – Close of Commandments & Meaning

**Saturday:** Personal prayers for family and church

**Prayer before Communion:** Dear Savior, a Your gracious invitation I come to your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:** Almighty and Everlasting God, I thank and praise you for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

**Luther's Morning Prayer:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

**Luther's Evening Prayer:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen