

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

First Sunday after Epiphany

January 8, 2023—10:15am

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! Please prepare yourselves using these questions as a guide:

- Have I been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope for eternal life except in mercy of Jesus Christ?
- Do I believe in Jesus as My Savior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in communion with His body and blood to forgive my sins, as the Bible teaches?
- Do I desire and strive by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life?

As you come to the Lord's Supper you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, and that the Lutheran Church's confession of Jesus Christ and His Supper is your confession as well.

*White grape juice is now available in the center of the communion tray for those who cannot partake of alcohol.
Gluten free wafers available upon request during distribution.*

Prelude

Welcome: Pastor Haara

Please note that in the hymnal whenever we see a small triangle next to a hymn verse, that triangle means the Trinity is proclaimed in that verse and we are to stand for that verse.

Call to Worship from Psalm 29

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength

All: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.**

Pastor: Trusting in the World of Life given in our baptism, we are gathered together today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

All: **Amen.**

A Time for Praise *(Please rise as you are able)*

Opening Song: 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Refrain:

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Refrain

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
Refrain

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Refrain

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“What a Beautiful Name”

You were the word at the beginning,
One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation,
Now revealed in You, our Christ.

Chorus:

What a beautiful Name it is,
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a beautiful Name it is,
Nothing compares to this.
What a Beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us,
So Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater.
What could separate us now?

Chorus

Pastor: Let us pray

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father, as we gather for worship
this morning, we praise You for sending Jesus to be
our Savior. We thank You that You have loved us
with an everlasting love and have chosen us to be
Your people. Bless our time of worship this morning.
In Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Please be seated

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness

All: O Lord Jesus, the glory and beauty of Your eternal home gives me hope for all my tomorrows. Yet, unless You are Lord of my life; reigning as King, I will get in the way of You being Lord of the Church. My own selfish ideas and personal theologies tear down what You build up. Forgive me Lord and give me a new vision for Your Kingdom.

(We pause for a few minutes of silence to reflect upon God's Word and self-examination)

Pastor: Praise God, for the precious Word of the Lord is faithful and true. To those who confess with penitent hearts, God forgives us and calls us His children. Washed clean in His blood, we can stand before his throne rejoicing. In the name of Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Children's Message Song: "My God is So Great"

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do!

Repeat

The mountains are His, the rivers are His,
The stars are His handiwork, too.

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do! For you!

Children's Message: Pastor Dan

The First Reading – Romans 6:1-11

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able for the reading of our Gospel Lesson

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 3rd chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 13th verse.

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Apostles Creed

All: **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 life everlasting. Amen.

Message Song: "Heart of Worship"

When the music fades All is stripped away

And I simply come

Longin' just to bring Something that's of worth

That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song

For a song in itself

Is not what You have required

You search much deeper within

Through the ways things appear

You're looking into my heart

Chorus

I'm comin' back to the heart of worship

And it's all about You

It's all about You, Jesus

I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it

When it's all about You

It's all about You, Jesus

King of endless worth No one could express
How much You deserve?
Though I'm weak and poor All I have is Yours
Every single breath
I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart
Chorus

Sermon: "Baptized into Christ Jesus" Romans 6:1-11 *Pastor Haara*

Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Karlene Heinkel, dying suddenly in a farm accident, sister-in-law of Bob Heinkel

The Lord's Prayer *(Please rise)*

All: 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 help us keep our attendance numbers accurate by filling out the attendance cards and giving to Ushers at communion.)

The Lord's Supper is Celebrated

Pastor: The Consecration of the Bread and Wine

All: "Make Me a Servant"

Make me a servant, humble and meek
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be;
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

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(Distribution is continuous style. Please come to the communion rail and kneel or stand. As a place at the communion rail becomes open, please come forward and take that spot. After receiving the bread and the wine and you feel comfortable, please dismiss yourself to return to your seat; the post communion blessing will be given to all at the end. There are baskets available for the empty communion cups.)

Welcome to the Table of the Lord

Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

The Benedicamus and Benediction

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "All the People Said Amen"

Chorus:

And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen

Verse:

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Chorus

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Our Vision:

Pastor: As a reminder of the reason why we exist as a church let us speak our vision statement together.

All: Through Word and Sacrament ministry, we share the love, joy and peace of Jesus Christ among ourselves and with those around us.

Pastor: Our worship has ended, our service now begins. Let us go in peace.

All: And serve the Lord

Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God

Services will be live-streamed and a recording of service will be posted by the end of the day. You may watch these on Facebook, YouTube or go to website under Worship or scroll down on home page and find the latest services.

Thank You

"I thank my God for you every time I think of you and every time I pray for you all. I pray with joy." Philippians 1:1
Dianne and I want to sincerely thank all of you for the many and generous ways you remembered us during the Christmas season. We received many beautiful Christmas greetings and gifts (some anonymously) from members and staff and then on Christmas Eve the generous congregation gift was presented. We are truly grateful and appreciate all of you; thank you so very much for your love, friendship and support as we move forward in ministry all to the glory of God.

With our love,

Pastor Dan & Dianne

Continued Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Charlie Dannels, brother-in-law of Ann Heinkel

Peace, strength & comfort for all the victims of Hurricane Ian, who have lost loved ones or their home and belongings

We pray to God our Lord for the new Hispanic Mission in Immanuel and that through the Holy Spirit he will give us guidance to share the Gospel with new families.

Employment for those struggling to find a job

Healing or Good Test Results

Jennifer, the niece of Peg Rankin

Casey Forsong

Mike Doon, father of Marsha Doon

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Philip (PeeWee) Hoskins, friend of the Habeck's

Rusty Cotterman, friend of Ed Clarke

Tammy Smith, friend of Danielle Farnsworth

Lou Mercaldo & family, as he is suffering with dementia, grandfather of Carolyn Clarke

Debra's son-in-law, just diagnosed with fatal brain tumor, friend of Sue Hague

Donald Crouse as he has dementia, brother-in-law of Joan Crouse

Kidney transplant for Charles, grandfather of Immanuel student

Don Monahan, brother-in-law of Cathy Wilson

David, son-in-law of Nancy Christianson

Nancy Schild, (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma) former teacher of ILS and member of Immanuel

Diane, friend of Sandy Goode

Richard Seedroff

Victoria Hage, friend of Cindy Szczesny

Lee, father of Ashlee Garrett

Rich Richards

Barbara LaVere

Barbara Knott

Yvonne Lenzen, grandmother of Grace Sierra

Pat, suffering with dementia, Aunt of Beth Hutches

Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson

David, brother of Larry Habeck

Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck

Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn

Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's

Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Robert Lowry

Joshua Littrel, stationed at Ft. Campbell, KY with the 101st Airborne/Air Assault Division, 3rd Brigade "Rakkasans

Luke Buchholz, Navy, grandson of Ann Donahue, stationed at Norfolk, VA

Matthew Reikowski as he is deployed on the Carl S. Vinson

Logan Crouse, US Army, great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed at Ft. Campbell in NC

Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, NM, son of Kerry Drake

Cpl. Xander Ritter, USMC, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA

Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson

Jeremy Brockmeier (USMC) & family, stationed at Camp Pendleton in CA, son of Jerry and Janice Brockmeier

ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Pat McMullen
Monday: Jill McQuistan, Emily
Tuesday: Tom & Wilma Meyferth
Wed: Asya Miller
Thursday: David & Martina Miller
Friday: Beverly & Fran Mackey
Saturday: Pam Murphy, Bill, Matthew , Joshua

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Jacob, Jayden & Jann Ortiz
Monday: Riley Owens
Tuesday: Dairo & Mia Palmeiro
Wed: Audrey & Sophia Paoloemillio
Thurs: Alexander Paredes-Jimenez
Friday: Kenna Parkinson
Saturday: Skylar Paulen

Please take this scripture and prayer that the Call Committee has prepared and place it on your refrigerator or in a spot where you can see it often. We would encourage all of our Immanuel family to memorize the scripture verse each week and to daily lift each other, the Committee and our Vacancy Pastor, Pastor Dan, in prayer

The LORD hath been mindful of us; He will bless us...

Psalm 115:12

Father, once again we come before you, seeking your wisdom and guidance as we continue with this process of calling a Senior Pastor. We are disappointed when we receive a decline from a pastor, but we are not shaken. We trust Your loving hand and the Holy Spirit's direction. Be with President Rockey, our Circuit Pastor, Pastor Kuehn, Pastor Dan, the Call Committee, and all of our members as we work together through this process. All praise, glory and honor are Yours. In the precious and strong name of Christ, Amen

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Father in heaven, at His baptism You proclaimed Jesus Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in Your name faithful to our calling as Your children, and help us boldly to confess our Savior and inherit eternal life. We pray in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.