

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 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 Dan

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 40

Pastor: Many, Lord my God, are the wonders You have done.

All: The things You have planned for us.

Pastor: None can compare with You; were I to speak and tell Your deeds

All: They would be too many to declare.

Pastor: Trusting in the Word 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: "How Majestic is Thy Name"

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Thy name in all the earth!

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Thy name in all the earth!

O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name

Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty!

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"We Will Glorify"

We will glorify the King of Kings.

We will glorify the Lamb.

We will glorify the Lord of Lords,

Who is the great I am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty.
We will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness.
We will worship Him alone.

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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

Pastor: Our God is wise—what He plans is best and what He does is good. His plan is that none should perish, but all live in His Kingdom forever. He gives us the reconciliation through His Son Jesus Christ, who gave His life for us that we might live. In Jesus then, we find the way back to God, for in Jesus there is forgiveness from all that we have done wrong.

All: O Lord, I confess that I have not lived as Your child. My actions, words, and thoughts prove my sinful nature. I forget You are my Father; I conveniently choose to walk another way when You send me to be Your witness; so often I think it is by my power that I live and have what I own, even my faith. Forgive me Lord! Bring me back to You through Jesus. I can no longer stand the distance between us and I hunger for Your tender touch, Your loving mercy and grace.

(We pause for a minute of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

Pastor: Dear friends in Christ, once we were enemies of God, but now we are children of the Lord. Rejoice! God has forgiven us all our sins and shortcomings because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross; the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

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 – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you ⁴ because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 1st chapter of St. John beginning at the 29th verse.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’

³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³² And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”

³⁹ He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ).

⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

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: "People Need the Lord"

Ev'ry day they pass me by,
I can see it in their eyes;
Empty people filled with care,
Headed who knows where.
On they go thru private pain,
Living fear to fear;
Laughter hides the silent cries
Only Jesus Hears.

Chorus

People need the Lord, people need the Lord;
At the end of the broken dreams,
He's the open door.
People need the Lord,
People need the Lord;

When will we realize that people need the Lord?
We are called to be His light
To a world where wrong seems right.
What could be too great a cost
For sharing life with one who's lost?
Thru His love our hearts can feel all the grief they bear;
They must hear the words of life only we can share

Chorus

Sermon: "If Jesus Came Back Today" *Pastor Dan*

Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Sandra Kopitzke
Peace & comfort for the family of Saundra Nicholas, friend of Bev Lowe
Successful cancer treatment for Chris DeVito, sister of Patty Shawver
Healing from 2 broken heels from fall for Doug Felton
Healing for Edith Mattson

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: "Find Us Faithful"

O may all who come behind us find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
And the lives we live inspire them to obey
Repeat

O may all who come behind us find us faithful.

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 and in loving memory of Athlee Muehlnickel

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.

Continued Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Karlene Heinkel, dying suddenly in a farm accident, sister-in-law of Bob Heinkel
Peace & comfort for the family of Rev. Paul Hoyer, Emeritus and founding Pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Lake Mary, FL.
Peace, strength & comfort for all the victims of Hurricane Ian, who have lost loved ones or their home and belongings and are still going thru a lot.
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

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Mike Doon, father of Martha Doon
Stacey Chamberlain with ALS and husband David and family, friends of Kim Blomquist
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
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 ILC
Richard Seedroff
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: Milo & Teri Rozehnal
Monday: Tony & Mary Russo, Christine
Tuesday: Julie Ryden
Wed: Pastor Miguel & Kathy Sanabria
Thurs: Pastor Miguel & Flor Sanabria, Sr.
Friday: Craig Sawicki, Toni
Saturday: Dorothy Schone

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Alejandro & Juliana Rodriguez
Monday: Melanie Rodriguez-Ruiz
Tuesday: Zaida Rojas
Wed: Evan Rosada
Thurs: Veronica Rueda
Friday: Isaac & Joseph Russum
Saturday: Noah Santana

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