

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Third Sunday after Epiphany

National Lutheran Schools Week

January 22, 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.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: We come into this House of God and we pray.

People: We pray for all people and we pray that the will of God be done

Pastor: We stand together when sometimes all we think about is what separates us from each other.

People: Help us to pray, for each other, and for all people.

Pastor: Remind us that encouragement is a spiritual gift.

People: We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; (*Romans 12:6-8*)

Pastor: Jesus calls us to follow Him and put his words into practice.

People: But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. (*Matthew 7:26*)

Pastor: God is greater and wiser than us in so many ways.

People: For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength. (*1 Corinthians 1:25*)

Pastor: His wisdom brought us forgiveness through the cross.

People: **For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. (Colossians 1:19-20)**

Pastor: The Cross triumphs over all things, especially our sins.

People: **And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (Colossians 2:15)**

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

Opening Song: #808 "O Sing to the Lord"



1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the
2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the
3 So dance for our God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our
4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is



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God has done won-ders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
blow all the trum-pets. And sing to our God, And sing to our God.
gave us the Spir - it. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
men! Al - le - lu - ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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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.

Special Music: "My Lighthouse" *ILS Students & Faculty*

Children's Message:

The First Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.

¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ."

¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name.

¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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 28th chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 18th verse.

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

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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: How Great Is Our God

Verse 1

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Refrain

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Refrain

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Sermon: “Disciples: Made, Forgiven, and Blessed”

Pastor Haara

Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

Strength & comfort from Parkinson's for Andrew Hynick, father of Aaron Hynick
Successful cancer treatment for Victoria Hage, friend of Cindy Szczesny
Successful brain cancer treatment for Alan Conklin, friend of Cindy Szczesny
Successful cancer treatment for Karen, friend of Sandy Goode
Safe travels for Lynette & Eric Irani as they travel to Israel, Jordan & Egypt

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: "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son
Repeat

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us
Repeat

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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.)

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: "Awesome God"

Refrain

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.
HE REIGNS FROM HEAVEN ABOVE
WITH WISDOM, POWER, AND LOVE
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

Repeat

When He rolled up His sleeves
He wasn't puttin' on the Ritz.
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.
There is thunder in His footsteps
And lightning in His fists
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.
And the Lord He wasn't jokin'
When He kicked 'em out of Eden.
It wasn't for no reason that He shed His blood.
His return is very close so you better be believin' that
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

Refrain

When the sky was starless
In the void of the night,
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.
He spoke into the darkness
And created all the light.
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.
Judgment and wrath He poured out on Sodom,
Mercy and grace He gave us at the Cross.
I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten
That OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

Refrain

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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 and for gratitude of life in honor of Sarah Haupt's birthday by Peter Haupt

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 TO ALL FAMILIES

"We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing." 2 Thessalonians 1:3

Beloved brothers, we want to take advantage of these lines to express our deepest gratitude, first to God and then to you. To God for how much he has brought to our Church people full of love and generosity. We have been very blessed to be able to count on your love, your patience and all the support you give us every day. I can only say thank you very much.

These words of gratitude especially include all the leadership of the Church in the different ministries and all the servants in the different areas. From our hearts always longing to offer with more faith, strength, dedication, the call we love, to serve God and serve all of you.

Thanks with all our heart.

God bless you today and always.

Pastor MIGUEL JR y KATHERINE

Continued Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Sandra Kopitzke

Peace & comfort for the family of Sandra Nicholas, friend of Bev Lowe

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

Doug Felton

Edith Mattson

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Chris DeVito, sister of Patty Shawver

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: Steve & Sheryl Schumacher, Ethan

Monday: Regan Sciesinski, Brendan, Natalie, Andrew

Tuesday: Richard & Lise Seedroff

Wed: Hortense Shanklin

Thurs: Janet Shaw

Friday: Ted & Lana Shield, Katarina, Kristina, Klarissa

Saturday: GraceAnn Sierra, Christian, Benjamin, Daniel

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Derek & Yavier Santiago

Monday: Ana Sarmianto

Tuesday: Katie Schneider

Wed: Jaxson & Jayce Schreier

Thurs: Leah & Stephen Schultz

Friday: Aniah, Jayden, Kyla & Sienna Shannon

Saturday: Kailou & Lewis Sherman

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 will guide you always. Isaiah 58:11

Pray without ceasing. 1Thessalonians 5:17

Lord God, we thank you for your promise to guide us in every way as we continue to navigate the call process. Give wisdom to the Call Committee as they interview potential Senior Pastors and present their nominations to the congregation. Help us all to prayerfully prepare for our upcoming Voter's Meeting. We ask for the Holy Spirit's discernment and sure direction for us and for the pastors we will be considering.

It's in the strong and precious Name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Dear Jesus, we celebrate that You welcome the praise of children. We praise You for coming to be our Savior, dying for our sins and rising again. May the children of our school praise You this week and forever. Thank You for bringing us into Your family through our Baptism. Bless our families to be places where our faith is shared each day and where our faith is passed on to future generations. Thank You for making us disciples and members of Your church. Bless the churches that support the ministry of Lutheran schools. Bless the pastors and all who lead the church in following You. Bless us as we make disciples in the church.

Thank You for planting the seed of the Word in my heart. Thank You for blessing me to grow in faith in a Lutheran church and school. Bless our growing in our Lutheran church and school. Give us the fruits of the Spirit. Help us to bear a harvest of praise to You. Thank You again for making me Your disciple through Baptism. Help us to hear and to complete Your assignment to "make disciples of all nations." Help me to be a faithful disciple now and always. Bless my witness to my friends and family.

Amen.