

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023—10:15am

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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** "Jesus Medley" *Hand Bells*

**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 34**

**Pastor:** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

**People:** **Blessed are they who take refuge in Him!**

**Pastor:** Oh, fear the Lord, you saints.

**People:** **For those who fear Him have no lack.**

**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!

**People:** **Amen.**

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

### **Opening Song: “Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down”**

Come let us worship and bow down  
Let us kneel before the Lord  
Our God our Maker  
Come let us worship and bow down  
Let us kneel before the Lord  
Our God our Maker  
For He is our God  
And we are the people of His pasture  
And the sheep of His hand  
Just the sheep of His hand

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### **“I Love You, Lord”**

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice  
To worship You. O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King, in what You hear:  
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

*Repeat*

*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: “God is So Good”**

God is so good. God is so good.  
God is so good. He's so good to me.

He loves me so....

He gives me life....

**Children’s Message:** Mrs. Betsy Proeschel-ILS 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher

**The First Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

<sup>18</sup> For 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.

<sup>19</sup> For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

<sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

<sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

<sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

<sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

<sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the 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 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

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

<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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: “In His Time”**

In His time, in His time,  
He makes all things beautiful in His time  
Lord, please show me ev'ry day  
As You're teaching me Your way,  
That you do just what You say in Your time.  
In Your time, in Your time,  
You make all things beautiful in Your time  
Lord, my life to You I bring,  
May each song I have to sing  
Be to You a lovely thing in Your time.

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**Sermon:** “Rejoice and Be Glad” *Matthew 5:1-12* Pastor Dan

### **Offerings are gathered**

### **The Prayers**

Peace & comfort for the family of Aiden Reikowski, grandson of Ken & Ellen Reikowski  
Peace & comfort for the family of Philip (PeeWee) Hoskins, friend of the Habeck's

### **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.)*

## 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 "Sometimes by Step"

God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You  
God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
I will seek You in the morning  
And learn to walk in Your ways.  
Step by step You lead me,  
And I will follow You all of my days.

*Repeat*

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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 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 Rev. Herman Glienke, who served a missionary in Cuba for years and at Faith Lutheran in Hialeah, FL

Safe travels for Lynette & Eric Irani as they travel to Israel, Jordan & Egypt

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**

Andrew Hynick, father of Aaron Hynick

Victoria Hage, friend of Cindy Szczesny

Alan Conklin, friend of Cindy Szczesny

Karen, friend of Sandy Goode

Chris DeVito, sister of Patty Shawver

Mike Doon, father of Marsha Doon

Stacey Chamberlain with ALS and husband David and family, friends of Kim Blomquist

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: Lynda Smith  
Monday: Tom & Trish Smith  
Tuesday: Edie Sparks  
Wed: Bill & Kathy Steele  
Thurs: Sue Steenis, Jim  
Friday: Richard & Judy Steinbrueck  
Saturday: Kurtis Stevens

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Sunday Blake & Gavin Simmons  
Monday: Devonte & Dezi Simmons  
Tuesday: Aidan Skiver  
Wed: Teagan Smith  
Thurs: Vanessa Sosa  
Friday: Calan Southwick  
Saturday: Gia & Joel Steenis

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.*

#### **PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

*Father of glory, You reveal Your greatness in showing mercy. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to all people, and fill our hearts with joy in Your gift of salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

*Amen.*