

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 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: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us.

People: **That Your ways may be known on earth. Your salvation among all nations.**

Pastor: May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You.

People: **May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.**

Pastor: May the peoples praise You O God, may all the peoples praise You. Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.

People: **God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear Him.**

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

Opening Song: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship

Come, Just as you are before your God. Come

One day, ev'ry tongue will confess You are God

One day, ev'ry knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains

for those who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, Just as you are before your God.
Come, Come, Come

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“Great is the Lord”

Chorus:

Great is the Lord
He is holy and just
By His power we trust
In His love
Great is the Lord
He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves
He is love

Verse 1

Great is the Lord
And worthy of glory
Great is the Lord
And worthy of praise
Great is the Lord
Now lift up your voice
Now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord
Great is the Lord

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Songwriters: Asaph Alexander Ward / Y

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Please be seated

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Jesus is the light of the world. He calls us to reflect His glory and grace to this world.

People: **In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven.**

Pastor: We confess our sins to God and how we have not reflected the glorious light of Jesus.
(We pause for a minute of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

Pastor: Almighty God,

People: **We confess before You that we are sinners, sinful by nature. We have sinned with actions that have not honored You. We have failed to listen to Your voice, and have spoken words that hurt others. Our thoughts have often been of ourselves, and not of You. Forgive us, we pray, for Jesus' sake.**

Pastor: You were bought with the price of the blood of Jesus Christ. Through Him, heaven is opened to you. For Jesus' sake and in His name, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Go with the promise of Jesus and hear a promise of your future, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him": May God's Spirit give you a glimpse of that future.

Children's Message Song: "Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord"

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah!

Praise ye the Lord!

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah!

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English & Hebrew. Composed by Louis Lewandowski (1821-1894).

Children's Message:

The First Reading – 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom.

²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.

⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" —¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thank s 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 5th chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 13th verse.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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: “Open Our Eyes Lord”

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Open our hearts, Lord, we want to feel Jesus

To feel His love growing, healing, forgiving

Open our lives, Lord, and help us in mission

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus

Open our minds, Lord, we want to know Jesus

To grow in His wisdom, knowledge and patience

Open our hearts, Lord, and lift us in spirit

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus

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Sermon: “Making Someone Thirsty” *Matthew 5:13-20*

Pastor Haara

Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Josh Sangiorgio, friend of Dave Ervast
Successful eye surgery & healing for Pastor Ken Farnsworth
Good biopsy results and healing for Michael Locklear, nephew of Marsha Doon

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: " Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to Me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in Me and you will not thirst

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 “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

And all the people said amen

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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 in honor of Christine Garrett’s birthday

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 Aiden Reikowski, grandson of Ken & Ellen Reikowski

Peace & comfort for the family of Philip (PeeWee) Hoskins, friend of the Habeck’s

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
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: Richard & Lynda Stevenson
Monday: Sharon Stinnett, Kristopher
Tuesday: Bill & Kim Stromberg
Wed: Bob & Cindy Szczesny, Corrine
Thurs: Hailey Thomson
Friday: Nancy Thorne
Saturday: Clyde & Nancy Trathowen

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Ja'Kayden Stillings-Richardson
Monday: Kinsley Swensen
Tuesday: Mahanya Tadiboina
Wed: Jaydelyn Teng
Thurs: James Terhune
Friday: Zion & Zoe Thompson
Saturday: Brayden Thorpe

The Call Committee would like to thank everyone that attended the voters' Meeting last Monday. Your questions, comments and concerns were important in making the decision to call Pastor van Sliedrecht. We also thank all of the congregation for your prayer support for us during this process. We felt those prayers!

Keep in mind, the process isn't over until the Called Pastor accepts the Call! So please continue those fervent prayers for Pastor Jonathan!

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we give you praise and thanks for the guidance You have given us in calling Pastor Jonathan van Sliedrecht as our Senior Pastor. We pray now for guidance for Pastor Jonathan as he reviews the material in the Call packet. Give him wisdom and insight as he prays and ponders his decision, and ultimately give him peace for the decision he makes. In the precious and strong Name of Christ, Amen.

**PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

Almighty God, You called us out of darkness into light so that we will show forth Your praise in all the world; shine in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.