

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 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

**Welcome:** Pastor Kent Fuqua

*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 1

**Pastor:** Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers.

**People:** **But whose delight is in the law of the Lord and who meditates on His law day and night.**

**Pastor:** That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season.

**People:** **And whose leaf does not wither, whatever they do prospers.**

**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: "As the Deer"

As the deer panteth for the water,

So my soul longeth after thee.

You alone are my heart's desire,

and I long to worship thee.

You alone are my strength, my shield;

To you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire,

And I long to worship thee

I want you more than gold or silver,  
Only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
So much more than anything.

**"Be Still for the Presence"**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.  
Come, bow before Him now,  
with reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendor He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of Light  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him,  
In faith receive from Him,  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.

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Pastor: Let us pray  
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.

People: **Amen.**  
*(Please be seated)*

## Confession and Absolution

**Pastor:** Let us now confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness.  
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 you all your sins and shortcomings because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross; the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world.

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

## Children's Message Song: "He's Got the Whole World"

He's got the whole world  
In His hands,  
He's got the whole wide world  
In His hands,  
He's got the whole world  
In his hands, He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the wind and the rain  
In His hands,  
He's got the sun and the moon  
In His hands,  
He's got the wind and the rain  
In His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got you and me, brother,  
In His hands,  
He's got you and me, sister  
In His hands  
He's got everybody here  
In His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands

**Children's Message:** Katie Wilcox

## **The First Reading – 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ.

<sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

<sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each.

<sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

<sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

<sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.

<sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

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 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 21<sup>st</sup> verse.

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

<sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'

<sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

<sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

<sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.

<sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

<sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

<sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

<sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'

<sup>32</sup>But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.'

<sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

<sup>36</sup>And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

<sup>37</sup>Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

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: "Change My Heart, O God"**

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You

You are the potter  
I am the clay  
Mold me and make me  
This is what I pray

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true

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**Sermon: "Go and Be Reconciled" Matthew 5:21-27**

*Pastor Fuqua*

## **Offerings are gathered**

### **The Prayers**

Healing for Vicki Aden

Healing for Andrew Haupt from broken arm

Healing for Kathy Hogue

Prayers of great joy for the confirmation of Mathias Noria and Devin Ayala at the 11:30am Service today

### **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

*(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 "Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer living Word.

Jesus, Way of salvation  
King of kings, Lord of Lords,  
The way the truth, and the Life,  
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend

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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.*

*We are thanking our gracious Lord and we also want to thank our Immanuel family for all their prayers and concerns. Last week I received this great news; the most recent PET scan showed that the cancer in my bladder and pancreas was gone. After several surgical procedures and treatments, the oncologist and pancreatic surgeon confirmed this good news. We truly have appreciated all the prayers on my behalf, thank you all so much.*

*Richard and Lise Seedroff*

*Thank you for all the prayers and cards and concern for me over the past few weeks, from my accident. They were all very much appreciated. Edith Mattson*

*Thank you for your prayers and support as we mourn the loss of our grandson, Aiden. We ask that you continue to keep Matthew Reikowski and his family in your loving prayers. Ken & Ellen Reikowski*

### **Continued Prayers**

Peace & comfort for the family of Josh Sangiorgio, friend of Dave Ervast

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**

Pastor Ken Farnsworth, eye surgery

Michael Locklear, nephew of Marsha Doon

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:**

Kincaide Green, stationed at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX  
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: Brian & Christal Trlak, Kerry, Erika, Jessica  
Monday: Bill & Dona Trlak  
Tuesday: Joe Trybalski  
Wed: Joe & Susan Tumlin, Andrew, Emma, Kate  
Thurs: Bill & Colleen Webb, Christopher  
Friday: Charlane Webb  
Saturday: Clyde & Nancy Trathowen

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Sunday Genesis & lauren Torres-Diaz  
Monday: Richard Toussaint  
Tuesday: Genesis Vargas  
Wed: Peyton Vasilakos  
Thurs: Dylan Vazquez  
Friday: Valeria & Vanessa Vigoa  
Saturday: John-Luke Visnovec

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.*