

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Transfiguration Sunday
February 19, 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 116

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.

Pastor: I love the Lord, for He heard my voice He heard my cry for mercy.

People: Because he turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live.

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

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

Chorus

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.

Chorus

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“Jesus Messiah”

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all
His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

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Pastor: Let us pray
Oh, Jesus, on this Transfiguration Sunday not only did You reveal Your divine identity but we were also given a divine summons of obedience; to listen to You. We thank You Lord 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 Your precious name.

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

Confession and Absolution

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. Let us now confess our sins and receive God’s forgiveness.

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.**

Baptism: Luca Manoel Thomas Rodriguez Albuquerque

Children's Message Song: "Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord"
(Children will sing first and Congregation joins in on 2nd round)

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah!

Praise ye the Lord!

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah!

Praise ye the Lord!

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Praise ye the Lord!

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

Children's Message: Tracy Buckley of ILS

The First Reading – 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.

²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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 17th chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 1st verse.

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

¹And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.

⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."

⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

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: #833 "Listen, God is Calling"

Refrain
Leader All




Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing Through the Word in - vit - ing,



Of - fer - ing for - give - ness, Com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



1 Je - sus gave His man - date: Share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten Through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, Stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



That He came to save us — And set us free.
In the tri - une name of God Go and bap - tize.
Walk - ing in Your pre - cepts, — Led by Your Word.

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Sermon: "Listen!" Matthew 17:1-9 Pastor Dan

Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Mike Doon, father of Marsha Doon
Healing for Doloris Amerman, grandmother of Carolyn Clarke
Healing for eyes for Bill Murphy

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: #712 "Seek Ye First"



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by



right - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the



add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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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 "Think About His Love"

Think about His love
Think about His goodness
Think about His grace
That's brought us through
For as high as the heaven's above
So great is the measure
Of our Father's love
Great is the measure
Of our Father's love

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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 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, 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

Vicki Aden

Andrew Haupt from broken arm

Kathy Hogue

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
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: Don & Jan Wilcox
Monday: Scott & Katie Wilcox, Ethan, Molly
Tuesday: Cathy Wilson
Wed: Troy & Stephanie Winn, Troy, Jr., Thomas, Tyler, Taylor
Thurs: Nell Yates
Friday: Blaine Zellmer
Saturday: Duane Zellmer

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Jha'Barri Wainwright
Monday: Timothy Wallace
Tuesday: Catalina & Phoenix Webb
Wed: Saviyon Welocme
Thurs: Rylee & Rhett Whidden
Friday: Tessa Wilcox
Saturday: Maya Wimberly

The Call Committee would like to thank everyone that attended the Jan. 30th Voters' Meeting. 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 continue to ask Your 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.