

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

National Lutheran Schools Week

January 21, 2024—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.**

## **Prelude**

**Welcome:** Pastor Kent Fuqua

## **Hymn: "Days of Elijah"**

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days  
Of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice  
In the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

## **CHORUS**

Behold He comes  
Riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call  
So lift your voice  
It's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill  
Salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the labourers  
In Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

#### CHORUS

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#### The Invocation *(Please rise)*

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

People: **Amen**

#### Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*(Silent reflection)*

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

**Children’s Song: “Jesus Loves the Little Children”**

Jesus loves the little children,  
All the children of the world  
Every color, every race, all are covered by His grace  
Jesus loves the little children of the world

Jesus died for all the children,  
All the children of the world  
Every color, every race, all are covered by His grace  
Jesus died for all the children of the world

Jesus rose for all the children,  
All the children of the world  
Every color, every race, all are covered by His grace  
Jesus rose for all the children of the world

**Children’s Message: “The Magnetic Jesus” Pastor Kent**

**The Old Testament Reading - Jonah 3:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.”

<sup>3</sup> So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.

<sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

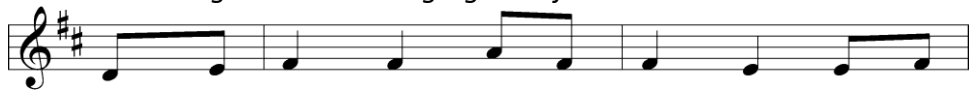
<sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music: #725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”**

*ILS Teachers sing 1<sup>st</sup> verse – Congregation joins in on next 3 verses*



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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### **The Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

<sup>29</sup> This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup> and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup> and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of St. Mark beginning at the 14<sup>th</sup> verse

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

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

<sup>16</sup> Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

<sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

<sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup> And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets.

<sup>20</sup> And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### **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**

### **Hymn: “Listen God is Calling”**

Refrain

Listen, Listen, God is calling  
Through the word inviting  
Offering forgiveness,  
Comfort and joy.

Jesus gave his mandate:  
Share the good news  
That He came to save us  
And set us free

*Refrain*

Let none be forgotten  
Throughout the world.  
In the triune name of God  
Go and baptize  
*Refrain*

Help us to be faithful,  
Standing steadfast,  
Walking in Your precepts,  
Let by Your Word  
*Refrain*

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**Sermon – “Christ is Calling”** *Mark 1:14-20* *Pastor Kent*

**Offerings are gathered**

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Prayers**

Successful cancer treatment for Ronnie Tumlin, brother of Joe Tumlin

Strength and comfort for the Belmudez family

*(Please help us keep our attendance numbers accurate by filling out the attendance cards and giving to Ushers at communion.)*

**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.**

**The Lord’s Supper is Celebrated**

Pastor: The Consecration of the Bread and Wine

**Sharing the Peace – Greet One Another with the Peace of the Lord**

Distribution Hymn – #806 “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the  
Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_ Je - sus  
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give  
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_  
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say “I am  
strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,” \_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause of  
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the  
weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am  
rich,” \_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, \_\_\_\_\_ give thanks. \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Benediction

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.**

### The Closing: "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.

Oh, when He rolls up His sleeves  
He ain't just puttin' on the Ritz.  
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.  
There's 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 and so you better be believin' that  
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

*Refrain*

And when the sky was starless  
In the void of the night,  
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.  
He spoke into the darkness  
And created the light.  
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.  
The judgment and wrath He poured out of Sodom,  
The 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:

**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.*

**Please keep the church office updated on prayers that have been asked to be kept on indefinitely, military and ones for continued healing or cancer treatments.**

### **Continued Prayers**

Successful heart surgery & healing for

We pray for Pastor Phil & Christine as they make the necessary preparations to move to Florida. We lift Thomas & Jacob as they will step into a new school and make new friends.

We pray to God our Lord for Pastor Miguel and our Hispanic Ministry in Immanuel

### **Healing or Good Test Results**

Bonne Faherty, principal of Immanuel Lutheran School

Margi, sister-in-law of the Kelp's

Joshua Bermudez, nephew of Pastor Miguel & Katherine

Carol Hill, mother of Angie Rodriguez

Pam Murphy

### **Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness**

Don Monahan, friend of Cathy Nichols

Rev. Stu Merkle, cousin of Nancy Trathowen

Lora Swarr, friend of the Trathowen's

Carol Guiler, Pat Cook's sister.

Adam, nephew of the Kelp's

Alan Conidin, friend of Cindy Szczesny

Andrew Hynick, father of Aaron Hynick

Heather Boatwright, friend of Cindy Szczesny

Tammy Granger, friend of Danielle Farnsworth

David, son-in-law of Nancy Christianson

Cassandra, niece of Pat Cook

Walt Nea

DeeAnn Cook, sister-in-law of Steve & Pat Cook

Christine Van Etten

Barbara LaVere

Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson

Tom Meyferth



**PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

**Safety for... and strength for families:**

Kincaide Green, stationed at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho  
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

**ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS**

**PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES**

Sunday: Nell Yates  
Monday: Duane Zellmer  
Tuesday: Joseph Abiera  
Wed: Megan Ackroyd, Madison, Johanna, Isabella  
Thurs: Tom Anderson  
Friday: Bill & Jackie Anton  
Saturday: Jonathan & Stephanie Ayala, Devin

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Sunday: Melanie Rodriguez-Ruiz  
Monday: Zaida Rojas  
Tuesday: Evan Rosada  
Wed: Veronica Rueda  
Thurs: Roman Sanchez  
Friday: Noah Santana  
Saturday: Derek & Yavier Santiago

**PRAYER FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

*O Lord our God, Your Word summons us to discipleship. Give us grace to relinquish control of our lives, so that we may serve You only, faithfully fulfilling our part in Your plan for t the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*