

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024—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.

Prelude

Welcome: Pastor Dave

Hymn: Holy Ground

We are standing on Holy Ground

And I know there are Angels all around

Let us praise Jesus now

We are standing in His presence on Holy Ground

Repeat

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: This Little Gospel Light of Mine”

This little Gospel light of mine,
I’m going to let it shine;
This little Gospel light of mine,
I’m going to let it shine;
This little Gospel light of mine,
I’m going to let it shine,
Let it shine all the time,
Let it shine

All around the neighborhood
I’m going to let it shine;
All around the neighborhood
I’m going to let it shine;
All around the neighborhood
I’m going to let it shine,
Let it shine all the time,
Let it shine.

Children’s Message: *Pastor Dave*

The Old Testament Reading - Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’

¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.

¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹ Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up.

² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.

³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.”

⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.

⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating^[c] in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols?

¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died.

¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 1st chapter of St. Mark beginning at the 21st verse

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

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching.

²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”

²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!”

²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.

²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”

²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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: My Life is In You, Lord

Chorus:

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You;
My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,
I will praise You with all of my strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You

Chorus

Written by Daniel Gardner

Sermon –Pastor Dave

Offerings are gathered

Welcome: Steven Massey and son, Marco

Prayer of the Church

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Lou Mercaldo Sr., grandfather, of Carolyn Clarke
Peace & comfort for the family of Charlane Webb

(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 –“Lord, I Lift Your Name”

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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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: What A Mighty God We Serve

What a mighty God we serve!

What a mighty God we serve!

Angels bow before Him,

Heaven and earth adore Him.

What a mighty God we serve!

Repeat

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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 and in memory of Lola Brockmeier, by Jerry & Jan Brockmeier

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

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

Belmudez family

Bonne Faherty, principal of Immanuel Lutheran School

Pam Murphy

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Ronnie Tumlin, brother of Joe Tumlin
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: Barbara Bader
Monday: Daniel Bader, Ashley, Logan, Laura, Clark
Tuesday: David Becker
Wed: Jerry & Kathy Begley
Thurs: Karen Bergmann
Friday: Linda Beutel
Saturday: Robert Beutel

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Briella Scalzo
Monday: Jaxson & Jayce Schreier
Tuesday: Leah & Stephen Schultz
Wed: Aniah, Jayden, Kyla & Sienna Shannon
Thurs: Kailou & Lewis Sherman
Friday: Blake & Gavin Simmons
Saturday: Everly Smith

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

Lord of all, in wisdom You order all things mightily and tenderly. Your Word brings order out of chaos, light out of darkness, and life out of death. Move us to submit to Your rule, so that by Your grace, we may become instruments of order, light and life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.