IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Divine Service Setting Three

February 4, 2024—8am

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

Prelude

Welcome: Pastor Dave / Pastor Miguel

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

Kyrie

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

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Lord you call us to reach out to all people.

People: Often we limit ourselves to those who are most like us.

Pastor: Jesus, You have told us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

People: Often we say "whatever," help us to say whatever it takes.

Pastor: Jesus, You have asked us to forgive.

People: Often we say "whatever," help us to say whatever it takes.

Pastor: Jesus, You have told us there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over the

99 in the fold.

People: Often we say "whatever," help us to say whatever it takes.

Pastor: Jesus said "Go and make disciples of all nations.

People: Often we say "whatever," help us to say whatever it takes.

Pastor: What it took to bring us forgiveness was the Cross. Jesus did whatever it takes to bring us the

grace of God. As your pastor and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your

sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.





The Collect for The Day

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: O Lord, ke

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 40:21-31

(God calls us to put our hope in Him.)

²¹ Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; ²³ who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song" *Choir*

The Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

(Paul becomes "all things to all people" for the sake of the Gospel.)

¹⁶ For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship.

¹⁸ What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.

²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.

²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.

²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon: Pastor Dave



The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 1st chapter of St. Mark beginning at the 29th verse. (Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law and many others)

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew.

³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her.

³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³²That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed.

³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

 36 Simon and his companions went to look for him, 37 and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."

³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

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 the life everlasting. Amen.



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Sermon: "Whatever it Takes" 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Pastor Dave

Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

Successful cancer treatment for Maggie, mother of Kim Stromberg

Successful surgery for Ted, brother-in-law of Bill & Jackie Anton

Thanksgiving & praise for the blessing of birth of Cutler Benjamin McGowan to Matt & Neysa, & grandson of Tammie Farnsworth

Safe travel for Scott & Ethan Wilcox, and Ed Clarke as they drive to NJ to assist the Ressler family with their move

Safe travel for Scott, Ethan, Ed and Pastor Phil as they drive back down to Brandon from NJ over the weekend.

The Lord's Prayer (Please stand)

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.

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

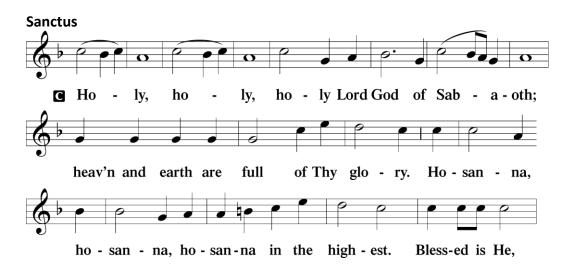
Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

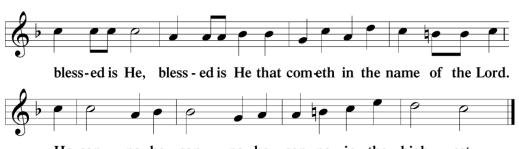
People: It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You,

holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven

we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was

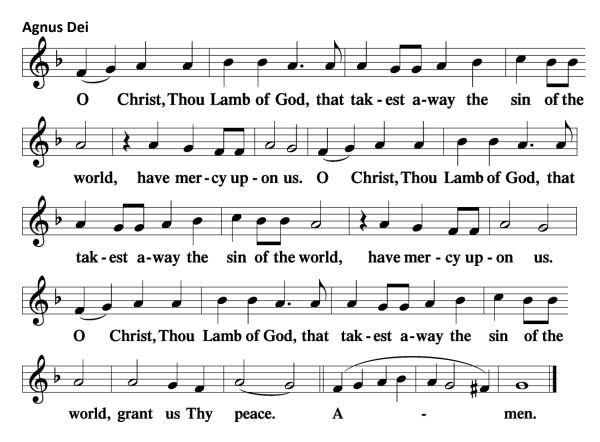
betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

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



Distribution





Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto

you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn: #814 "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"



5 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff'rers rest.

The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th'oppressed.

His wondrous works and ways
 He made by Moses known,
 But sent the world His truth and grace
 By His belovèd Son.

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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.

<u>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.</u>

Continued Prayers

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

Peace & comfort for the family of Charlane Webb

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 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

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: Thomas Bieske, Emma

Monday: Judy Black

Tuesday: Thomas Blair, Dena, Thomas Wed: Kim Blomquist, John
Thurs: Mark Boesdorfer, Diane
Friday: Frank & Karen Brady
Saturday: Scott Briggs, Farrah, Lilah

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Teagan Smith

Monday: Carter & Calan Southwick Tuesday: Gia & Joel Steenis

Wed: Ja'Kayden Stillings-Richardson

Thurs: Noel Stover

Friday: Mahanya & Parinitha Tadiboina

Saturday: James Terhune

PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

O God of compassion, You sent Your Son Jesus to move among Your people with healing for every hurt of life. Send Him among us with that same power to heal our sinful lives, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son our sinful lives, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now forever. Amen