

God Almighty, You revealed Your Son in the River Jordan through the wondrous act of Baptism and the Holy Spirit descending like a dove. In this act you placed Your righteousness into Baptism, bringing to us eternal hope. May the blessing of Baptism daily renew our hearts.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 5th Saturday after the Epiphany
February 3, 2024 --- 5:30 pm ---- Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer **Opening Hymn:** “O God, Forsake Me Not” 731

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.	C: <i>Who made the heavens and earth.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.	C: <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: Jesus came asking to be Baptized.	C: <i>He came to John at the Jordan River.</i>
P: Jesus came to accomplish a purpose.	C: <i>He came to fulfill all righteousness.</i>
P: The heavens opened.	C: <i>The Spirit of God descended,</i>
P: The Spirit rested upon our Lord;	C: <i>The Father’s voice from heaven proclaimed,</i>
P: This is My beloved Son	C: <i>In Whom I am well pleased.</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made.	C: <i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

Psalmody: *Psalm 147: 1-11*

P: Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him! **C:** *The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the exiles of Israel.*

P: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. **C:** *He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.*

P: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit. **C:** *The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.*

P: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp. **C:** *He covers the sky with clouds; He supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.*

P: He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. **C:** *His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of a man; the Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.*

All: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Collect: 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 might power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

Hymn: “Praise the Almighty” 797

(Prefatory Remarks)

O.T. Lesson: *Isaiah 40: 21-31* /// **Epistle Lesson:** *I Corinthians 9: 16-27*

Gospel Lesson: *Mark 1: 29-39* /// **Hymn:** *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” 849*

Children’s Sermon /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)*

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Shirley, David, Stephanie, Madalynn and Molly; Simmons, Luke, Lyndsi and Layne; and Simmons, Pauline.

Lord’s Prayer (back of hymnal)

Confession of Sins

C: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

Absolution: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by 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. Amen.

Admonition to Communicants: I exhort you in Christ, that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

Blessing of Elements /// Distribution

Hymn: *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” 528 vs. 1,3,6,7*

Closing Collect: *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Benediction

Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor
Karen Whitehead - Organist

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" and, "let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly." There is no doubt from our Lord's Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY: Worship 5:30 pm
SUNDAY: Worship at w/HC 8:00 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am,
Un-Birthday Luncheon 11:30 am
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice 6 pm
THURSDAY: Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm
Next SATURDAY: Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30
Next SUNDAY: Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Jan 27: 32 LS: 28; Sun, Jan 28: 8am: 66; 10:15 am: 76

Member Prayer List: Next Saturday and Sunday we will be praying for the families of Smith, Paul, Tammy, Jaelin; Melissa Faw, Jimmy, Cody; and Smith Emily and Jessa; Snow, Jeff and Debbie; and Snow, Amanda, Amelia and Audrey.



On February 12, Joyce Frazier will be celebrating her 90th Birthday.
Let's all celebrate with her and shower her with cards for the special day!
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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY:

Immanuel Lutheran Church is looking for a Technology and Volunteer Coordinator. The position is part time. The basic roles are to research and make recommendations on keeping the church's technology services and needs up to date, implementing technology services, assisting to keep the church website and social media accounts up to date, develop and maintain an electronic data base of church members, assisting the pastor and boards with coordination of volunteer efforts, coordinating new member services, assisting shut ins and other distressed members as determined by the Congregation, and assisting the pastor with other necessary duties. Anyone interested may contact any member of the Board of Elders: Warren Korff, Mike Lousignont, John Miles, or Stu Hoffherr.

