

*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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday after the Epiphany**  
**January 27, 2024 --- 5:30 pm ---- Worship with Holy Communion**

**Opening Prayer**    **Opening Hymn:** “*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*” 394 vs. 1,3,5

**Invocation:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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 111*

P: Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. C: *Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.*

P: Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever. C: *He has caused His wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.*

P: He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever. C: *He has shown His people the power of His works, giving them the lands of other nations.*

P: The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy. C: *They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.*

P: He provided redemption for His people; He ordained His covenant forever—holy and awesome is His name. C: *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise.*

**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:** Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all danger and carry us through all temptation; 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:** “*O God of God, O Light of Light*” 810 vs. 1-3

*(Prefatory Remarks)*

**O.T. Lesson:** Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 /// **Epistle Lesson:** I Corinthians 8: 1-13

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 1: 21-28 /// **Hymn:** “God Has Spoken By His Prophets” 583 tune 477)

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

**Offering brought to the Altar**

**Prayers:** The families of Schutz, Bart and Lori; Seay, Janet; and Shirley, David and Teri.

**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:** “Where Charity and Love Prevail” 845 (tune 349)

**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**

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**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 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am, Voter's Meeting  
**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 at w/HC 8:00 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** Sat, Jan 20: 38 LS: 34; Sun, Jan 21: 8am: 74 LS: 51; 10:15 am: 57  
LS: 37

**Member Prayer List:** Next Saturday and Sunday we will be praying for the families of Shirley, David, Stephanie, Madalynn and Molly; Simmons, Luke, Lyndsi and Layne; and Simmons, Pauline.

**VOTER'S MEETING:** Will be Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> following the 10:15 am service. All members encouraged to attend.

**THANK YOU:** *I would like to thank everyone for the Christmas Cards. I enjoyed receiving and reading all of them. Blessings to all, Midge Hamby*

*Our work is not possible without your support, so thank you for being an important part of our Tri-State Food Family. We appreciate your sacrifice to help impact our community, and wish you all the best in the coming New Year. Happy New Year from all of us at Tri-State Food Bank!*

**NOTICE FROM ELDERS:** Carpets in the sanctuary and Educational building have been cleaned. In an effort to keep the carpet and the rest of the sanctuary clean, we are asking everyone to refrain from bringing food and beverages, other than water, into the sanctuary during services. We understand it may be necessary to use food as an incentive to encourage children to behave, which is fine. We just ask parents to do the best they can to clean up crumbs and other leftovers.



**On February 12, Joyce Frasier will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**

**Let's all celebrate with her and shower her with cards for the special day!**

**Joyce Fraizer  
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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.

