# Immanuel Lutheran Church Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024 10:00 a.m.

#### THE VISION STATEMENT FOR IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

As the body of Christ, renewed by the Holy Spirit as a living community of believers, we are committed to sharing the love of Christ and the good news of salvation. We build relationships with others in the **Community Around Us**, while nurturing the **Community Among Us**, so all may know of and grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

#### **GOD'S MISSION FOR IMMANUEL**

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a community of God's people <u>rooted</u>, nourished, and educated in the Word of God, to include all people in its fellowship for the sake of Christ, and for their **eternal salvation**.

#### **WELCOME VISITORS!**

The Immanuel Lutheran congregation is pleased that you have joined us today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make your home among us.

#### **COMMUNION AT IMMANUEL**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! According to God's Word, you may commune with us if you:

- Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- Have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son, and your personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil,
- Have examined yourselves and recognize that you have sin that needs forgiveness, hurt that needs healing, faith that needs strengthening,
- Believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine you receive the true Body and Blood of the risen Christ, (1 Corinthians 10:16)
- Believe that the body and blood of the Lord will grant you forgiveness of your sins and new life.
- Desire to amend your sinfulness and live a life pleasing to God and in fellowship with His Church.
- Understand that to partake of the sacrament without examining yourself and recognizing the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood is to do so to your harm (1 Corinthians 11:27).
   If you do not agree with the above, or have questions, please see Pastor before communing at Immanuel

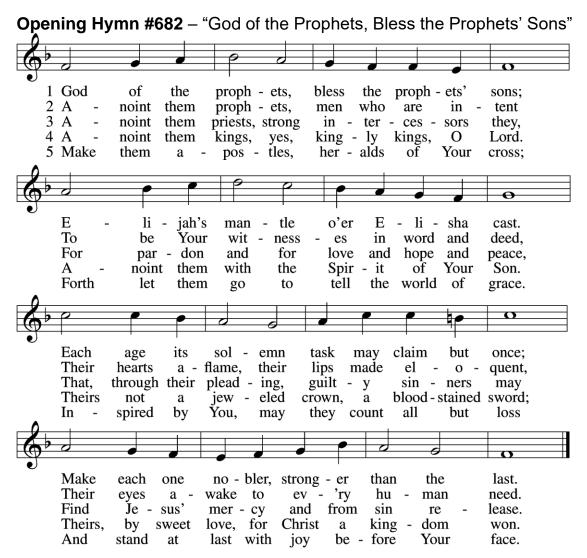
# Until further notice, Worship will be held in the Library/Conference room beginning January 28th

# Piano Prelude – "Fantasy on How Great Thou Art"

arr. James Mansfield (1927-2018)

#### "Near the Cross"

arr. Chris Addison



Text: Denis Wortman, 1835-1922, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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# Divine Service, Setting Three

#### Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Stand

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P 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.
- C Amen.

#### Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; antiphon: v. 10



Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,\*

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,\*

whose sin is | covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,\* and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;\*

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;\* surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;\* you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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#### Gloria in Excelsis



P Glory be to God on high: C and on earth peace, good - will toward



#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

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 dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup>"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— <sup>16</sup>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.' <sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup>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."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

# Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** *Psalm 117:1-2a: 96:8* 



Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

<sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

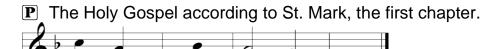
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### **Alleluia and Verse**



Holy Gospel Mark 1:21-28



**G** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>"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." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

# P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life 

of the world to come. Amen.

# Hymn of the Day #842 – "Son of God, Eternal Savior"



Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855-1932, alt.

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**Sermon** I will confess my sins to the Lord.

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# PIANO VOLUNTARY – "A Balm in Gilead"

arr. Ross Anderson ((1934-2015)

# Offering

(We join with Christians all over the world in worshipping God through the giving of our financial resources. If you are a first-time visitor, you are our guest and we do not expect

you to give an offering. For members and friends, the ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your generous giving. Our offering is a significant act of worship.)

#### Stand



# **Prayer Of the Church**

O Holy Trinity, You are God of gods and Lord of lords. Truly, there is no God but You alone. From You and from Your Son, Jesus Christ, are all things. Reveal the saving knowledge of Christ's truth to us and all the world, that loving You and one another, together we may be known by God. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Heavenly Father, guard our families and homes, and build them up in love. Support parents in their task of instructing their children, strengthen those whose faith is weak, and make us bold to forego convenience and security to attest the truths of our most holy faith. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

trusting in Your merciful care, and graciously relieve them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

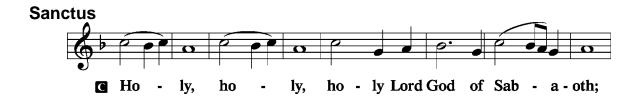
Lord of hope, guard and keep all who face the temptations of the devil, the world and our sinful flesh, and preserve the faith of those troubled by doubts. Through the daily remembrance of our Baptism, enable us to win the victory over all that threatens our faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

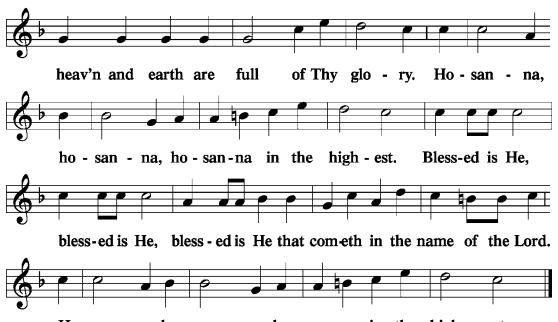
O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### + Service of the Sacrament +

#### **Preface**

- P The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- It is meet and right so to do.
- It is truly meet, 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:

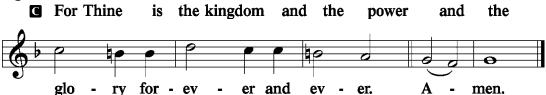




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# **Lord's Prayer**

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.



#### The Words of Our Lord

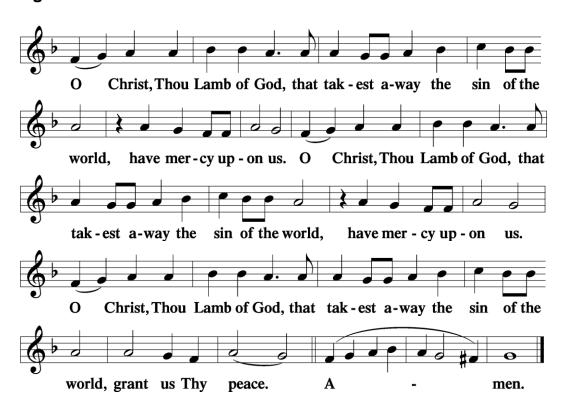
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

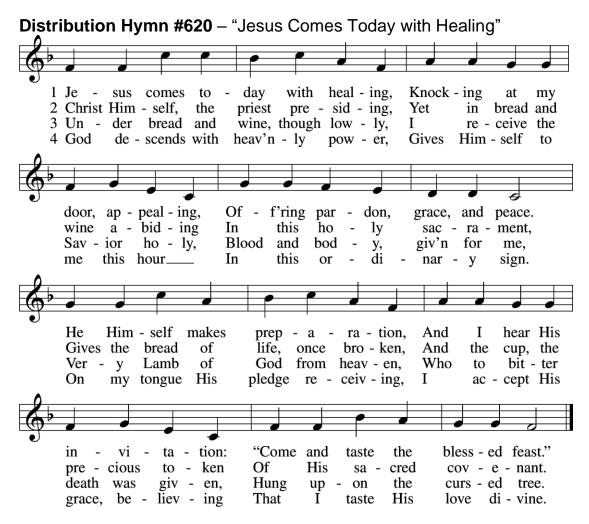
# P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways. • A - men.

**Exchange of Peace** 

# **Agnus Dei**



Sit



- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation, Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

Text: Heinrich Puchta, 1808–58; tr. David W. Rogner, 1960

Tune: Johann Löhner, 1645–1705; adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758

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#### Stand

# **Nunc Dimittis**



# **Thanksgiving**

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- **and His mercy endureth forever.**
- **A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

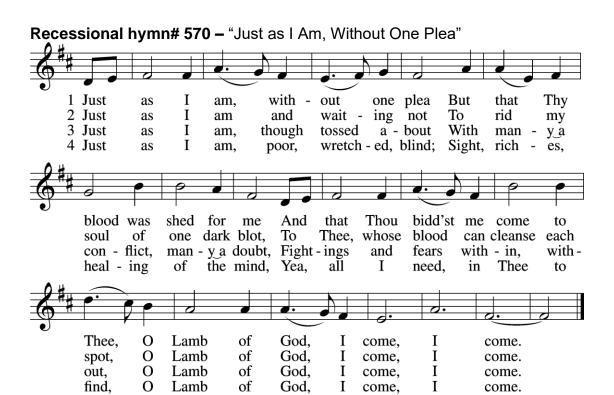


#### **Announcements**

#### **Salutation And Benedicamus**

- P The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.
- A Bless we the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **Benediction**



- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871 Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68 Text and tune: Public domain

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

# Piano Postlude – "Blessed Assurance"

arr. Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1839-1908)

**Those Serving Today:** 

Pastor Rev. Charles Minetree

Officiant

Lay Reader Gary Stratemeyer
Director of Music Muriel Hopkins

Altar Guild Mary Ruble/Veronica Hylton

# Birthdays this Week: Anniversaries:

29 Mark Smith

Roland Obedekah

31 Fay Husted

2 Charles Libby

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#### This Week at Immanuel:

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Sunday	Jan 28	9 am	Adult Bible study Sunday school, ages 3-12
		10 am	Worship & Holy Communion
Wed	Jan 31	Noon	Book of James Bible class
Thursday	Feb 1	7 pm	Choir practice
Sunday	Feb 4	9 am	Adult Bible study Sunday school, ages 3-12
		10 am	Worship & Holy Communion

# **Ministry Notes**

A Voters Assembly will take place on Sunday, February 4 in the Library/Conference room immediately following the 10 AM service. The agenda will include presentation of the 2024 budget and reports from pastors and key leaders. Please plan to attend. (1/21, 1/28)

**Book of James Bible Class** will be held the next two Wednesdays, January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 7th at noon. These will be the last two classes until after Easter.

#### **New Online Zoom Class at Immanuel**

Pastor Minetree will be teaching a class on 1st-3rd Letters of John. John is referred to as the apostle of love. He wrote the Gospel and letters that bear his name. He also wrote Revelation. In these three brief letters, John packs a great amount of teaching about our

Lord and a Christian's life of love. The class will be held twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Pastor is gaging interest in the times: noon or 6:30 PM start times. Please send pastor an email (<a href="mailto:cminetree@verizon.net">cminetree@verizon.net</a>) as to the time you prefer. This class is open to all. The class will begin on Thursday, February 1st. A ZOOM link and study sheets will be emailed to those registered for the class.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

-Heavenly Father, we pray that You be glorified through the effort of our 'Til All Have Heard Ministry. Guide us and Pastor Witt as we seek and pursue avenues to declare that Your Kingdom is coming clearly and powerfully. Give us the opportunity to plant, water, and harvest for Your Kingdom according to Your will, and grant patience to wait on Your timing and purposes. Lord, in Your mercy/Let us pray to the Lord .....

- -For peace in Ukraine and Israel
- -Naomi Kruelle for health reasons
- -John Kruelle who is battling cancer
- -Wendie Wegner, who is battling cancer
- -Donna Gerhard, daughter of former pastor at Immanuel, who is recovering from surgery
- -Lillian Cooperman, friend of Ray Ward, who has stage 4 colon cancer
- -Ted Henn, who is at Levindale Rehab facility, 2434 W. Belvedere Avenue
- -Robert Sigler, being treated for cancer
- -Ryan Schwartz, who broke his neck in a diving accident
- -Harry Bortner who has cancer
- -April's dad, for continued good health. The doctors found left over cancer cells.
- -Bradley Will, son of Ray, who is losing his battle with cancer
- -Diana, friend of Denise Waicker, who has been diagnosed with cancer
- -Rosemarie Wilson, the daughter of Filleseta James, for return of strength in her left leg
- -Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown