




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**



For this world  
in its present form  
is passing away.

1 Corinthians 7:31

**Saturday, January 20, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, January 21, 2024 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**

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“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

## Welcome to Immanuel!

*Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!*

**If you are a guest**, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

**Members**, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

**We celebrate Holy Communion today!** In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

**During the communion service:** If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

## Worship at Immanuel is...

**Christ Centered.** We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

**Trinitarian.** We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Multigenerational.** We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

**Eclectic.** Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

*In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.*

## Divine Service, Setting One

(*Lutheran Service Book*, pg. 151)

**Preservice Music** (10:15 a.m. – Agape Ringers, “The Lamb/Winter” from Hymnal Supplement)

### Bells

### Welcome

**Opening Hymn**, *LSB* 856, “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve”

*Please stand*

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

### Confession and Absolution

(1 John 1:8-9)

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

**C** Amen.

## + Service of the Word +

### Introit of the Day

(Psalm 113:1-2, 4, 7-8; antiphon: v. 3)

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

**praise the name of the LORD!**

Blessèd be the name of the LORD

**from this time forth and forevermore!**

The LORD is high above all nations,

**and his glory above the heavens!**

He raises the poor from the dust

**and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

to make them sit with princes,

**with the princes of his people.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

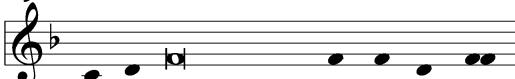
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

### Kyrie

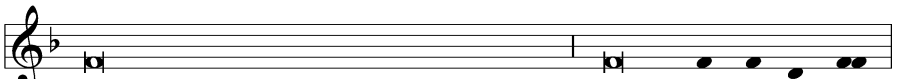
(Mark 10:47)



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



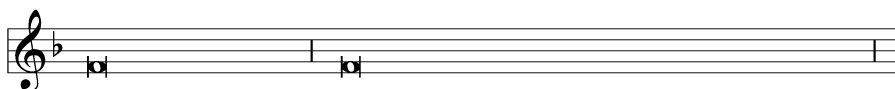
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



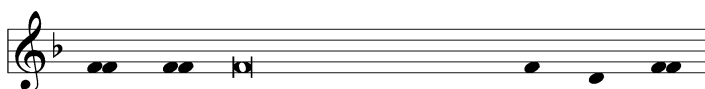
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



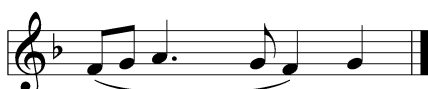
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## This Is the Feast

*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -  
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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*

(10:15 a.m.) **Agape Ringers**, “O Holy Night,” arr. L. Lamb

## Old Testament Reading, Jonah 3:1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.”

<sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now

Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them ... <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle, 1 Corinthians 7:29-35

<sup>29</sup>This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. <sup>32</sup>I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup>and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup>I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## Alleluia & Verse

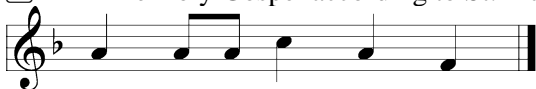
(John 6:68)

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel, Mark 1:14-20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” <sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

**Children’s Message** (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

**Hymn of the Day**, *LSB* 839, “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

## Sermon

*Please stand*

### Apostles’ Creed

**C** 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.

## Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**P** (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

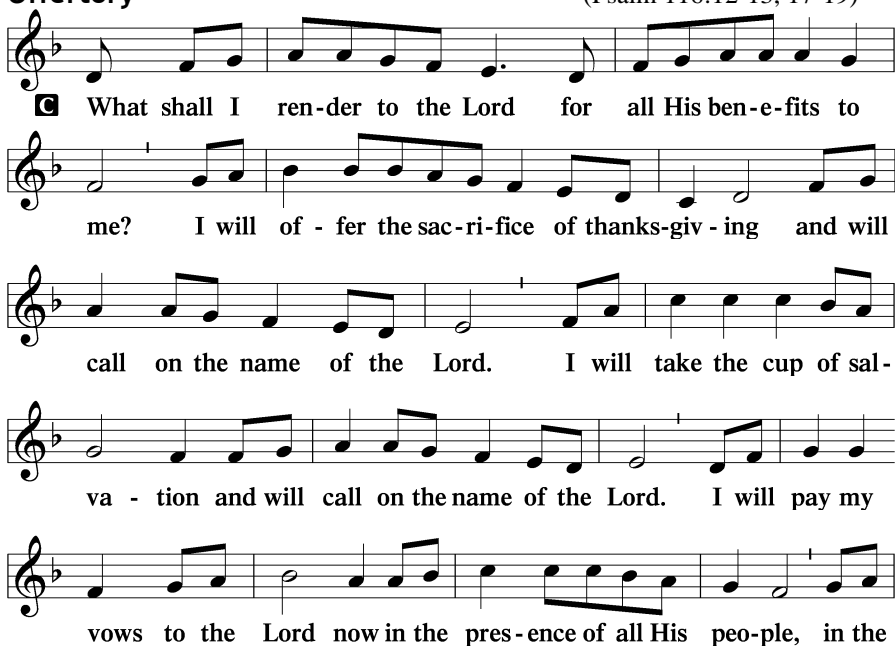
*Please be seated*

**Offering** (*During the Saturday service, please place your offering and attendance card in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.*) [7:45 a.m. – Keyboard Selection, “We Three Kings,” arr. Hopkins (Ayda Eggemeyer)]

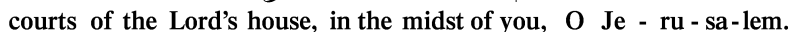
*Please stand*

## Offertory

(Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



*In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.*

**P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

**P** Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

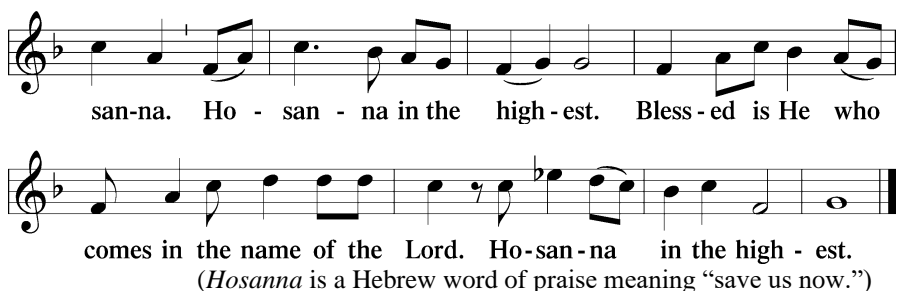
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** 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:

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)





## The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**C** **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.**

**Words of Our Lord** (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

## Pax Domini

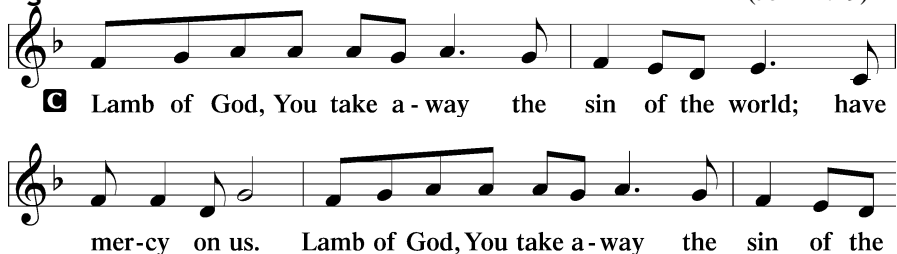
(John 20:19)

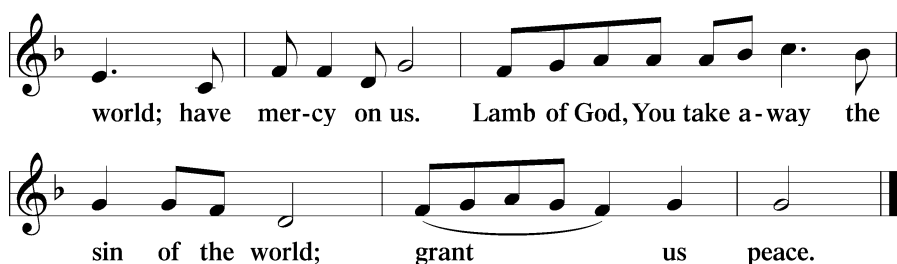
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)





*Please be seated*

### Distribution

*LSB 619, "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"*

*LSB 857, "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"*

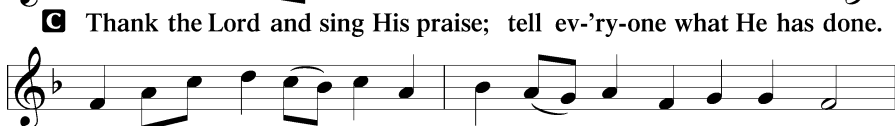
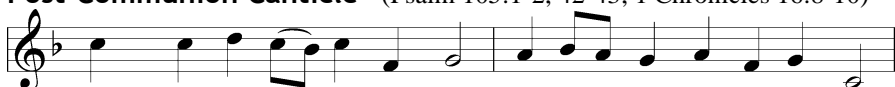
*Please stand*

### Dismissal

**P** The body and blood... Go in peace.

**C** Amen.

### Post-Communion Canticle (Psalm 105:1-2, 42-43; 1 Chronicles 16:8-10)



### Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our

days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**Closing Hymn, LSB 655, “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”**

## Bells / Postlude

*We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: [immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org).*

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## Worship Helpers

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### **Saturday, January 20, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski  
Server/Lector - Bob Polansky  
Altar Guild - Marilyn Collette

Pianist - Ron Jones  
Acolyte - Nash Bradley  
Media - Keaton Roberts

### **Sunday, January 21, 2024 - 7:45 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski  
Server - Howard Shive  
Acolytes - Myla & Henry Eggemeyer  
Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Maddy Prather

Music Director - Ann Frank  
Altar Guild - Barbara Altes  
Media - Ayda Eggemeyer

### **Sunday, January 21, 2024 - 10:15 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski  
Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors  
Acolytes - Jacob & Everly Dethrow  
Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer

Music Director - Ann Frank  
Altar Guild - Susan Hargrave  
Media/Facebook Live - Clark Deptula

### **Ushers - Sunday, January 28, 2024**

7:45 a.m. - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench  
10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Masson Fink

### **Acolytes - Sunday, January 28, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Avery Collmeyer  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - C. Richey & T. Major  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - A. Eggemeyer & K. Roberts

### **Lectors - Sunday, January 28, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Warren Frank

**Servers - Sunday, January 28, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cal Neeman  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Dean Harbison  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Warren Frank

**Media - Sunday, January 28, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Jensyn Collmeyer  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Nash Bradley

**Altar Guild - Sunday, January 28, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Diana Heins  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara Altes  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Linda Gutknecht

**HOW CAN I HELP?**

Join us in the  
**WCP 'PARK IT'**  
campaign!

WCP is collecting plastic caps, lids, and small bottles to be recycled into several tables and benches so you can 'park it' at the Splash Pad.

Scan the QR code for drop-off locations & a list of acceptable lids, caps, & bottles.



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Pastor Demski's Farewell Weekend  
February 3-4, 2024  
Saturday at 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday at 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

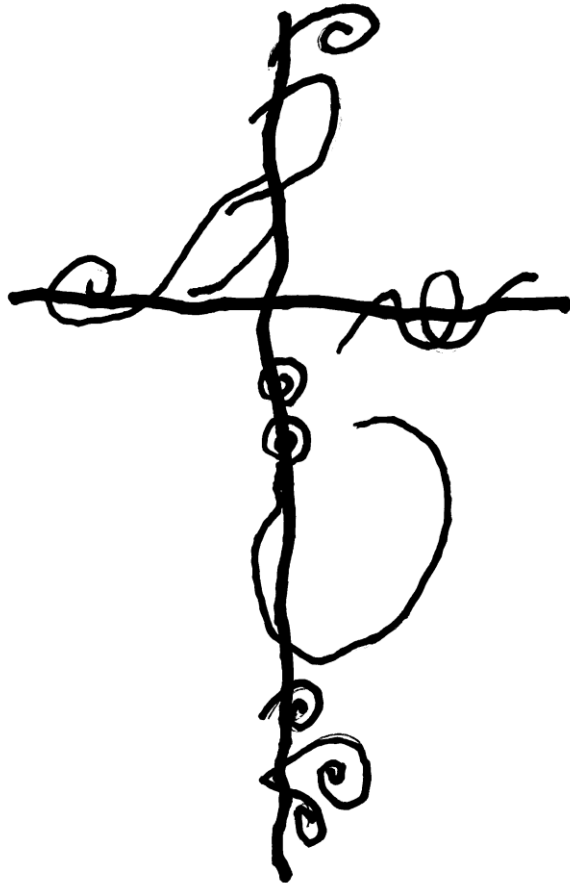
Potluck Luncheon following the  
10:15 a.m. service. All invited!

Meat, bread, and drinks will be  
provided. We are asking everyone to  
bring a dessert or side dish/salad.

Last names A-M: a dessert  
Last names N-Z: side dish or salad

## **Connected to Christ:**

I am the vine; you are the branches...John 15:5



Gavin Miller