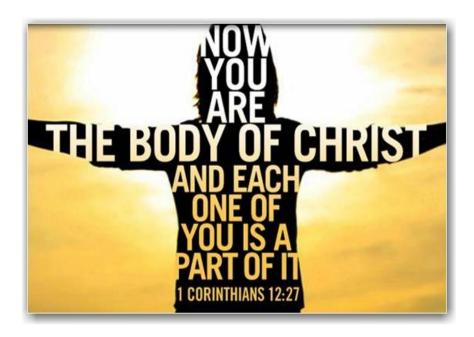


# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

## Third Sunday after the Epiphany



Saturday, January 25, 2025 – 5:30 p.m. Sunday, January 26, 2025 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

#### 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.

**Preservice Music** [10:15 a.m. – Agape Ringers, "Joy to the World," arr. J. Honore]

#### Bells / Welcome

Please stand

**Opening Hymn,** *LSB* 398, "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

#### Invocation

- 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

(Psalm 19:7-9, 11-14)

- P The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
- the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
- the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
- Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
- Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

- **P** Let us confess our sin to God our Father.
- I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

- Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
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- **C** And also with you.

### Greeting / Peace of the Lord

#### + Service of the Word +

#### Introit of the Day

(Psalm 102:18-22; antiphon: v. 13)

You will arise and have pity on Zion;

it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

that he looked down from his holy height;

from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

to hear the groans of the prisoners,

to set free those who were doomed to die,

that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,

and in Jerusalem his praise,

when peoples gather together,

and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

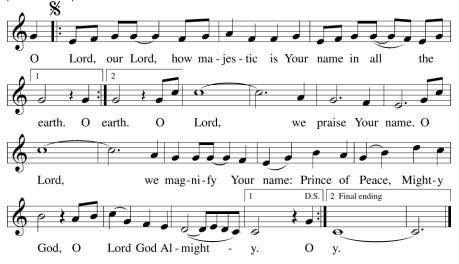
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

You will arise and have pity on Zion;

it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

## Hymn of Praise, "How Majestic Is Your Name"

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.
- 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, "Go Tell It on the Mountain," arr. J.A. Behnke

## Old Testament Reading, Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

<sup>1</sup>All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law... <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people

stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground... <sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Epistle,** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 14For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse (Luke 4:18a)

P Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel, Luke 4:16-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18". The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup> and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

**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,** "The joy of the Lord is their strength"--Nehemiah 8:10c

Please stand

#### **Apostles' Creed**

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)

Let us pray to the Lord for His church, for all Christians, and for everyone as they have need.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

- P God of mercy, You have made known to us Your Word, and from that Word we have come to know Jesus. Guard our unity in Christ, and give us the Holy Spirit, that we may work together in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Send down upon Your church, Your Body, the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may be united in faith and in the confession of Your name. Keep us from thinking too highly of ourselves than we ought. Give strength, wisdom, and understanding to those who confess your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Hear the prayers of those who cry out to You in any need or want and daily and richly supply Your people with all they need for this body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Give ear to Your people and to those who govern in every place, that we may enjoy the blessing of good government and good leaders and so reflect this gift by faithful stewardship of Your

gifts and good citizenship wherever we live. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- Lift up those who have been brought low by illness, affliction, a troubled heart or mind, or grief over the loss of those whom they love, that Your grace may support, defend, and heal them in the day of trouble. [Hear us especially for...] Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- By the power of Your Holy Spirit, bring us to repentance and faith that no sin may prove harmful to us and we may be strengthened and nourished in faith by this Holy Communion with the body and blood of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Though we have every treasure of this moment, without Your grace we live in poverty of life and spirit. Grant to us eyes to see, ears to hear, and a grateful heart to give thanks to You for all Your kindness to us, and inspire us to be faithful in tithes and offerings and generous to those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Additional petitions may be included here.

- As You are one, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, make us one people on earth, united in the confession of Your name, until that day when every barrier and division shall be overcome and Your church on earth and Your church in heaven shall be one forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.
- 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.)

Please stand

**Offertory,** "I Love You, Lord" AGPS 129. Text/Tune: Laurie Klein. CCLI License 1102860.

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice To worship You, O my soul rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what You hear May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear. (Repeat once.)

#### ▼ Service of the Sacrament ▼

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.

#### **Preface**

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

C And also with you.

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

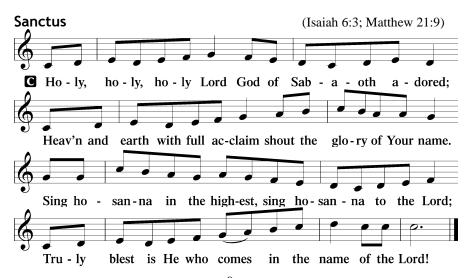
We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## **Proper Preface**

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:



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, 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. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## The Lord's Prayer

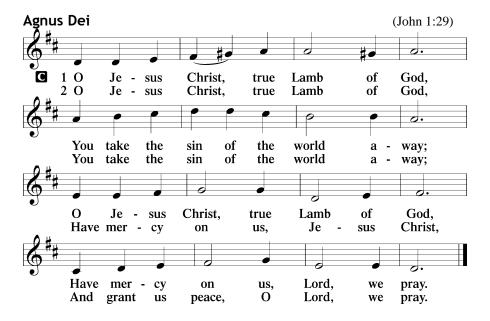
(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

Pax Domini (John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



Please be seated

#### Distribution

LSB 333, "Once He Came in Blessing" LSB 583, "God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

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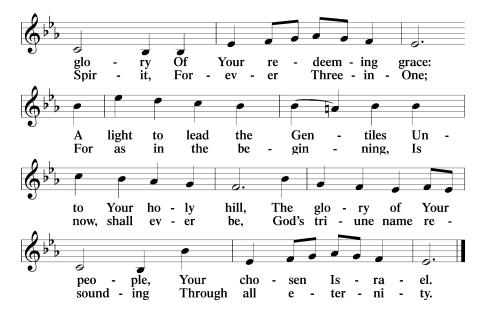
#### Dismissal

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

C Amen.







#### Post-Communion Thanksgiving

(Psalm 118:1)

- P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
- for His steadfast love endures forever.
- 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 849, "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

#### **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.

## **Worship Helpers**

Saturday, January 25, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Servers - Rodney Clamors & Kevin Wheat

Altar Guild - Susan Starbuck

Sunday, January 26, 2025 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs Server/Lector - Don Birrittier

Acolytes - Brady Drewes & Logan Kettler

Ushers - Jason Valerius, Trinity Drewes, Jeriah Fink, Brielle Fink

Sunday, January 26, 2025 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Bob Polansky & Doug Simms

Acolytes - Henry & Myla Eggemeyer Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Masson Fink

Media/Facebook Live - Ayda Eggemeyer & AJ Helms

Ushers - Sunday, February 2, 2025

7:45 a.m. - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier, Mason Wilhelm

10:15 a.m. - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Chase Richey, Jakson Gregory

Acolytes - Sunday, February 2, 2025 Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Audrey Braun

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Jakson & Jase Gregory Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rosie & Brielle Fink Servers - Sunday, February 2, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Greg Wiegand Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Alex Voges

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - R. Clamors & Dusty Dethrow

Media - Sunday, February 2, 2025 Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Gwen Wiegand Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Olivia Rusteberg Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Will Hanks

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolytes - Quinn Menke & Avery Griffin

Media - Loralei Griffin

Music Director - Ann Frank Altar Guild - Barbara Altes

Media - Tyler Major

Music Director - Ann Frank Lector - Bob Polansky Altar Guild - Carol Kassel

Lectors - Sunday, February 2, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors Altar Guild - Sunday, February 2, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Diana Heins Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Pam Nagel Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Susan Hargrave

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MEAT, BREAD & DRINKS PROVIDED ENJOY GOOD FOOD & GREAT FELLOWSHIP!



## Preschool Student of the Week January 27-31, 2025

Jesus, Founder and Perfecter of our Faith HIS love endures forever! Heb. 12:1-3

