



*Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
February 15, 2026*

**Welcome** to this place of praise and prayer. We gather today in celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as part of God's family.

- ❖ We would appreciate having you sign our guest book so that we can remember your presence with us. Please note that in the ELW the page numbers are printed at the bottom of the page and hymn numbers are located at the top. The order of worship is outlined on the following pages.
- ❖ The offering reminds us that all of life is a gift of God. We are stewards of that gift. In response, a portion of our income is given as an act of worship to do God's work in the world. Immanuel is a first-fruits congregation. That means that every Sunday when the offering is taken in, we give first to the mission and the ministry of the ELCA. We don't wait to see if we can pay our bills before we give away for God's mission. It is our hands doing God's work, for the sake of the world our Lord loves.
- ❖ We serve Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and at all festivals. We offer an open invitation to all baptized believers to participate. It is our understanding that Christ offers his body and blood with the bread and wine to forgive sin and strengthen faith and life. If you receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive communion here.
- ❖ We have a toddler worship area in the middle-right section of our pews. This area is intended for children ages 0-3 accompanied by an adult(s) to sit during worship. Children 4K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade are welcome to join us for Sunday school during worship downstairs. This is a space for families to be fully engaged in worship, while providing quiet activities for young children to accommodate their natural need to move and be busy. Please follow posted guidelines for use of this space. Thank you!
- ❖ We have accommodated seating available in the middle-left and the front-right sections of our pews. Please feel free to utilize this space for those who may need it!

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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### Prelude

### Welcome And Worship Announcements

\*Please note all **bold** text throughout the service are congregational responses

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Mighty God, **lover of justice, you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Dazzling Presence on the Mountain*

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## Dazzling Presence on the Mountain

1 Daz - zling pres - ence on the moun - tain: hu - man eye had  
2 From this mount of mys - tic splen - dor to the cross Christ  
3 From the heights of new cre - a - tion, Christ be - holds his  
4 Let our praise ring from each moun - tain, in - to deep - est

nev - er seen such a won - der, such re - splen - dence,  
press - es on; here no Mo - ses nor E - li - jah,  
world, re - deemed; as with Pe - ter and com - pan - ions,  
val - leys pour, where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice,

heav'n and earth in cloud con - vene.  
on - ly thieves Christ's wings a - dom.  
brings us now to sights un - seen.  
we a - dore Christ ev - er - more.

"This is my Son, the be - lov - ed." thun - d'rous voice from  
"Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy." was one's pen - i -  
Jus - tice, mer - cy, and com - pas - sion: these the booths he  
To the Son, God's own be - lov - ed, and the Spir - it

cloud ex - claimed. Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion,  
ten - tial sigh. With trans - fig - ur - ing as - sur - ance,  
bids us build, that the earth he loves may flour - ish  
end - less - ly, may the church's praise be lift - ed

to dis - ci - ples God pro - claimed.  
Christ re - joins his fer - cry.  
as each life with grace is filled.  
to the bless - ed Trin - ty.

Text: Paul E. Hoffman, b. 1956

Music: WAVERLY, Karen E. Black, b. 1960

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## Dialogue

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

In the beginning was the Word.

**And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

In the Word was life,

**And the life was the light of all people.**

The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

**Hymn Of Praise (with Intro)**

*Voices Raised to You*

**#845**

## Prayer Of The Day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## THE WORD

### First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the LORD” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we

come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### **Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

*At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

<sup>16</sup> We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Gospel Acclamation***Sanctuary*

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary for you.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9**

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 17. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*(Congregation may be seated)*

**Sermon****Hymn Of The Day** (with intro)*How Good, Lord, to Be Here!***#315***(Please stand as you are able)***Apostles' Creed****Back Cover of Hymnal**

## Prayers Of The People

The response to each prayer will be, "God of grace,"  
**Congregation** reply will be, "**Hear our prayer.**"

## Sharing Of The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(You are welcome to send a text or email to share peace with others.)*

## Offering

*(Offerings may be placed in the wooden offering box as you leave the sanctuary)*

### Offering Response

*Goodness is Stronger than Evil*

**#721**

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;  
Light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death;  
Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us.  
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## Offering Prayer

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these our gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Sending

*God Blesses Us And Sends Us In Mission To The World.*

### Benediction

*A Closing Prayer – by Don Besig*

**Immanuel Choir**

## Announcements

**Sending Hymn**

*Shine, Jesus Shine*

**#671**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

### **Thank you to Today's Volunteers!**

**We would love to have your help during our worship service. Please sign up at the kiosk in the church narthex or on the church website under the sign-up link on the home page. Thank you!**

**Greeters:**

**Live Stream:** Cheryl Kuennen

**Ushers:** Dave Renslo & Dean Schutte

**Acolytes:**

**Reader:**

**Coffee and Refreshments:**

**Presentation Clicker:**

**Host/Hostess:** Nicole & Crystal Flugge

## **Additional News and Notes:**

### **Discipleship Matters: The Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How of Prayer**

Do you want to pray better? You aren't alone! This February, join Rev. Kathy Ingbritsen for a special online class: *Keeping a conversation going with God*. Together, we will tackle the challenges of a consistent prayer life and discover the immense blessings that follow.

- **Dates:** Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, and 26
- **Time:** 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM via Zoom
- **Cost:** \$35
- **How to Join:** Register online at [www.LaCrosseAreaSynod.org](http://www.LaCrosseAreaSynod.org) or by scanning the QR code below!

Come join a group of fellow seekers as we learn to meet this challenge and grow in faith!



**Church Rummage sale coming up!!!**  
**Sale dates are March 11, 12, 13 with set up starting March 8.**

We will take any of your help you can offer starting after church on Sunday March 8. All day March 9 and 10 for set up. Then any time you can offer for sale dates. Each sale we get people who say they would love to help but are just unable. We all understand this - life happens. We want to help yet our job or family determine otherwise. I would like to offer some things you can do to help even if you think you can't help

First - bring donations. **But make sure they are clean and usable.**

Don't bring things that should just get thrown away. We always end up with bags of trash and have generous volunteers who take what they can to their own home trash can to ease the trash amount on the church.

Separate your items out. Kitchen from books from clothing.

If you are bringing clothing donations - simply make sure they are **clean** and right side out. If you are bringing small people clothes - separate them out into size bags. Even better band together sets so our volunteers know what goes together.

Label sheets and bedding with proper size.

Offer to bring others people's donations in for them if you can. We always have a handful of people who cannot bring in their own donations. Helping them out helps the greater cause.

And simply help spread the word.

This project is really a community service project. It is self-sufficient and does its best to not make anything a financial hardship on the church. A portion of the sales are taken off the top right away and sent to the general fund to offset the additional expenses of electricity. Printing. And anything else used from the facility.

The rummage sale also funds the community service project of God's Work Our Hands.

Any questions can be answered by Pricilla Jacobson, Grace Mikula or Tricia Babinski  
You can email [tricia@jtbabinski.us](mailto:tricia@jtbabinski.us) if that is easier for you.

Thank you so much for your continued support to the church rummage sale.



## Introducing Summer Eats!

We would like to introduce you to a new endeavor at Immanuel. We are calling it Summer Eats! Our goal is to make take away sack lunches for children up through high school over the summer. Summer Eats! will operate Starting Monday June 1 through Wednesday August 19. We will be serving lunch Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30 to 1:00. Lunch will be a choice of sandwich (meat and cheese or peanut butter jelly), fruit or vegetable, milk, and hopefully some extras. Extras depend on funding and donations.

The school is no longer able to provide free lunch over the summer so we would like to take some of the financial burden off families with children home all summer. Children will be required to be present at lunch pick up. We are not serving lunches to daycares.

**You are invited to be a part of this project.** In the next months a Sign-Up Genius will be going out for days to help. We are looking to 6-8 people per day to make sandwiches and then hand out meals. A donation of your time would not require you to be at the church 3 days a week all summer. If you can only offer one day, that would be amazing. Any donations of funding or food will also be more than welcome. We are in the process of putting together an Amazon wish list for anyone wanting to help out with direct items. Watch for that link in the coming months. Monetary donations can be made out to Summer Eats! And either left at the church office for a committee member or taken direct to Merchants Bank into the Summer Eat! Program bank account.

The operating committee consists of Tricia Babinski, Jan Klug, Grace Mikula, Lissa Peterson, Kevin Weichert, and Pastor Meyer. If you would like to be on a list of helping you can reach to anyone on the committee. You can also send an email with questions on volunteering or donating to [immanuelsummereats@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelsummereats@gmail.com)

We are so excited to be offering this from Immanuel. We look forward to having your help.

**St Mary's Annual Fish Fry & Raffles**  
**Friday, March 13, 2026**  
**St Mary's Gym – Caledonia, MN**

Carry Out: 4:00-7:00 pm  
Dine In: 5:00-7:00 pm  
Local Deliveries Available Call: 725-3355



**Fish Fry \* Basket Raffles \* Desserts**  
**Music By "Simply Sis" Starting at 5:00 pm**  
**Fish Dinner - \$16.00**

**Spring Raffle Drawing moved to Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

