



*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
with Holy Communion  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
February 1, 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 the 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

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

**#873**

### 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**

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Sunday School Dismissal** (Children may meet their teacher at the back of church)

## THE WORD

**First Reading: Micah 6:1-8**

*With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.*

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor

answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”<sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

*According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.*

<sup>18</sup> The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom,<sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles,<sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;<sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are,<sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,<sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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 5:1-12**

*Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 5. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

*(Congregation may be seated)*

## Sermon

## **Hymn Of The Day (With Intro)**

## *Come Ye Disconsolate*

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*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Apostles' Creed

## Back Cover of Hymnal

## Installation of Newly Elected Committee Members

- **Jeff Babinski:** Council
- **David Erickson:** Council
- **Deb Houdek:** Council
- **Pam Hendel:** Council
- **Troy King:** Council
- **Andrea Becker, Emily Riley:** Board of Ed
- **Larry Gordon:** Scholarships
- **Arien O'Heron:** Foundation
- **Cheryl Kuennen:** Auditing
- **Jan Rommes:** Memorial
- **Mary Frank, Kevin Weichert, and Samantha Weichert:** Synod Assembly Reps
- **Tom Danielson:** Nominating Committee
- **Nicole Flugge:** Nominating Committee
- **Connie Schroeder:** Nominating Committee
- **Jana Dittmer:** Nominating Committee

## 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)*

Any loose offering this morning goes to Immanuel's Hunger and Human Needs ministry

### 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.  
Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us.**

## Offering Prayer

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your 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.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

### Great Thanksgiving (Spoken)

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Holy, Holy, Holy

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### Words Of Institution

### 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.**

### Jesus, Lamb Of God (With Intro)

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### Distribution Of Communion

### Communion Hymns

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #803

*Let Justice Flow Like Streams* #717

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You* #818

### Communion Blessing

### Prayer After Communion

## SENDING

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

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**

*Soli Deo Gloria*

**#878**

**Blessing**

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**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:** Brayden Klug

**Live Stream:** Kevin Weichert

**Ushers:** Dave Renslo & Dean Schutte

**Acolytes:** Brayden Klug & Mitchell McCabe

**Reader:** Tom McPeak

**Coffee and Refreshments:** Crystal & Nicole

**Presentation Clicker:**

Flugge

**Communion Servers:** Crystal & Nicole Flugge,  
Brayden Klug, & Mitchell  
McCabe

**ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES CAN BE FOUND ON THE NEXT FEW PAGES!**

**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.

## 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!

### 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



### Immanuel Lutheran Church

#### ANNUAL MEATBALL SUPPER

Wednesday,  
February 11, 2026



Carry-Outs Only  
3:30 pm - Done

Serving Meatballs & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Fruit Salad, Dinner Roll, & Chocolate Bar

**Carry-Outs \$14.00**

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