



*5th Sunday after Epiphany
Immanuel Lutheran Church
February 8, 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-6th 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

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P/C: **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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Come, Beloved of the Maker

#306

Dialogue

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

C: And also with you.

P: In the beginning was the Word.

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

P: In the Word was life,

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

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: **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

P/C: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

THE WORD

First Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

Jesus said: ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light

shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

The holy gospel according to 1 Corinthians, chapter 2. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power,⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory⁸ and which none of

the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.⁹ But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God.¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny.¹⁶ “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

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

(Congregation may be seated)

Sermon

Hymn Of The Day (with intro)

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

#802

(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

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

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

Offering Prayer

P/C: 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

P/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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sending

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

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

**Verse 1: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

Verse 2. Hide it under a bushel – no! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel – no! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel – no! I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Verse 3: Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Verse 4: Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let is shine, let it shine!

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: 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: Crystal & Nicole Flugge

Ushers: Dave Renslo & Dean Schutte

Reader: Jana Dittmer

Presentation Clicker:

Live Stream: Nicole Flugge

Acolytes: Brayden Klug & Chloe Kruse

Coffee and Refreshments:

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 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 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

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



Sons of Norway Valentine's Day Party

Saturday, February 14, 11:00 a.m.



Giants of the Earth Heritage Center
163 West Main Street, Spring Grove, MN



Attend! Valheim Lodge February Meeting

A lunch of hearty soup & homemade bread

Enjoy!

An entertaining program about Sons of Norway

Learn!

And HEART Waffles for Dessert

Learn about Sons of Norway...
and (if you aren't already)
consider becoming a member!!



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

