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LUKE 4:21, NRSV

Third Sunday after Epiphany  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
January 23rd, 2022

*Due to the high case count of COVID-19 in Houston County, we ask that all who would like to sing in the sanctuary at this time to please wear masks while doing so.*

**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.

Because we strive to show equal respect for all preferences in worship music, we select hymns & songs meaningful to every age group via a balanced music selection consisting of (a) the great classic hymns written 1520-1870, (b) the old gospel hymns written 1871-1960, and (c) the three generations of contemporary praise songs written 1960-1978, 1978-1995, and 1995 to today.

### ***Find Us Online:***

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Worship is streamed live on Facebook  
Recorded worships are found on our website  
City Hall plays a recorded copy of worships on  
Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 10:00 AM.  
**If the video is not showing, please call 507-725-3450.**

For those without internet access, items can be mailed out each week as requested.

*Church office hours: Monday – Thursday from 8 am to 1 pm.*

### **Church Calendar**

**Sunday, 1/23:** 9:00 am Worship w/ *Holy Comm.*

10:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am 7TH & 8TH CONFIRMATION

**Monday 1/24** Sew Blessed 10:00 am

**Tuesday, 1/25:** 10:00 am 3D Discussion

**Thursday, 1/27:** Do Day 1:00 pm

**Sunday, 1/30** 9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Annual Meeting

***Masks are strongly recommended while in the church due to the high level of cases within Houston County.***

## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you have called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

*Arise your light has come*

**#314**

### GATHERING

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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, **you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.*

**FIRST READING:** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the LORD is your strength.”*

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.

<sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>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 standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. 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 when 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 of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: Psalm 19(**READ RESPONSIVELY**)

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## KIDS TIME

*(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: LUKE 4:14-21

*Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

The holy gospel according to Luke chapter 4. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. 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:

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

*(Congregation may be seated)*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Meyer**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Praise the one who breaks the darkness*

**#843**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

*Located on the insert in the back of your hymnal and on the screens*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The response to each prayer will be, “Lord, in your mercy,”

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**

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**#885**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

For all that you have given us, we thank you, gracious God. For day and night, evening and morning, for land and sea, for fish and birds, plants and animals, for humankind, and for your Son, who came among us with the gift of life abundant. Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**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.*

**BLESSING**

*(Congregation may be seated)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

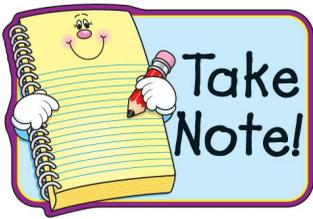
**SENDING HYMN**

*Let streams of Living Justice*

**#710**

**DISMISSAL** Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**



*This space is reserved for you to jot down any scripture, prayer needs, notes, reminders or thoughts you may have.*