



*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
January 25, 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

*We Are Marching in the Light (Siyahamba)-Sung in English & Zulu  
Pop-Up Choir & Congregation (words on page 4 of the bulletin)*

## 1. Choir & Congregation:

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.

(the light of God)

We are marching, (marching, we are marching), oo,  
we are marching in the light of God.

(the light of God)

We are marching, (marching, we are marching), oo,  
we are marching in the light of God.

## 2. Choir Only

*Siyahamb'* ("See-ya-hahm-bah")

*Ekukhanyen'* ("koo-kahn-yen")

*Kwenkhos'* ("kwen-kohss")

## 3. Choir & Congregation:

*Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.*

*Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.*

(*khanyen' kwenkos'*)

*Siyahamb', (hamba, Siyahamba), oo, siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'*

(*khanyen' kwenkos'*)

*Siyahamb', (hamba, Siyahamba), oo, siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'*

(*khanyen' kwenkos'*)

## 4. Choir & Congregation:

We are singing in the light of God,  
we are singing in the light of God.  
We are singing in the light of God,  
we are singing in the light of God.

(the light of God)

We are singing, (singing, we are singing), oo,  
we are singing in the light of God.

(the light of God)

We are singing, (singing, we are singing), oo,  
we are singing in the light of God.

**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**

**Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross 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: Matthew 4:12-23**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be

fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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 1:10-18**

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

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

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and

sisters.<sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.”<sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?<sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,<sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.<sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.<sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For 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.

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

*(Congregation may be seated)*

### **Sermon**

**Hymn Of The Day** (with intro)      *Will You Come and Follow Me*      **#798**

*(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.  
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 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

## Announcements

## **Sending Hymn**      *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

#815

## 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:** Brayden Klug & Chloe Kruse  
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**Coffee and Refreshments:** Church Council at  
the Annual Meeting