



Baptism of Our Lord
Immanuel Lutheran Church
January 11, 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)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth:
wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your
promise and servants of all.

Through water you remind us of the gift of baptism.

Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need;

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

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Greeting

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Kyrie

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Hymn Of Praise (with Intro)

Glory to God

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Prayer Of The Day

O God our Father, **at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn (children come forward)

Cradling Children in His Arm

#444

Word For Kids

THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

Psalm 29 (Read Responsively)

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ **the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- ⁸ **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- ⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**
- ¹¹ O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and

allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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 3:13-17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 3. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

(Congregation may be seated)

Sermon

Hymn Of The Day (with intro)

Baptized and Set Free

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(Please stand as you are able)

Apostles' Creed
Prayers Of The People

Back Cover of Hymnal

The response to each prayer will be, "God of grace,"
Congregation reply will be (sung), **Hymn #752:**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace."

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 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.**

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

Let Streams of Living Justice

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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:

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Presentation Clicker:

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Acolytes:

Coffee and Refreshments: