

***Immanuel Lutheran Church***  
***Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod***



***The Divine Service I***  
***The Baptism of Our Lord***

*January 12, 2025*

*10:00am*

*3000 West Main Street*  
*Kalamazoo, MI 49006*

**PRELUDE**

**WILL CANFIELD, ORGANIST**

**WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

\* *The congregation will stand for sections beginning with an asterisk.*

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN**

***TO JORDAN'S RIVER CAME OUR LORD*      **LSB 405****



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom  
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of  
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -  
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the  
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the  
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,  
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.  
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.  
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5            The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
              Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
              As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
              To save the world and free us all.

6            Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
              This man is Christ, our substitute!  
              He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
              Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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### **\*INVOCATION**

*Pastor:* In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Cong: Amen**

*Pastor:* If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**Cong: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

### **\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

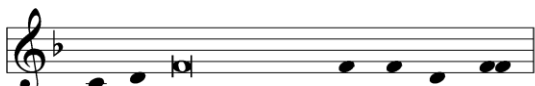
*Pastor:* Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Cong: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*Pastor:* Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Cong: Amen**

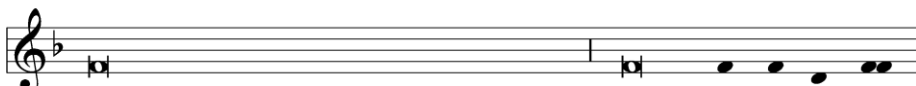
# KYRIE



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.




**C** Lord, have mer - cy.




**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



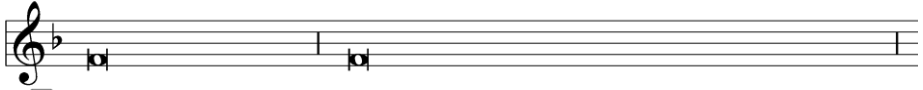
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



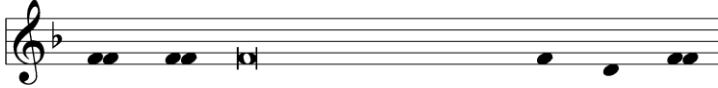
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### \*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

**Cong:** And also with you.

*Pastor:* Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong:** Amen.

### FIRST READING

### ISAIAH 43:1-7 (ESV)

Lector: But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.  
Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.

I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM**

### **PSALM 29 (ESV)**

Lector: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

**Cong: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Lector: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**Cong: worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

Lector: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**Cong: the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.**

Lector: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

**Cong: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Lector: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;

**Cong: the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

Lector: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,

**Cong: and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

Lector: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**Cong: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;**

Lector: the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**Cong: The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth**



Lector: and strips the forests bare,  
Cong: **and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”**

Lector: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
Cong: **the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

Lector: May the Lord give strength to his people!  
Cong: **May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

Cong: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.**

## **SECOND READING**

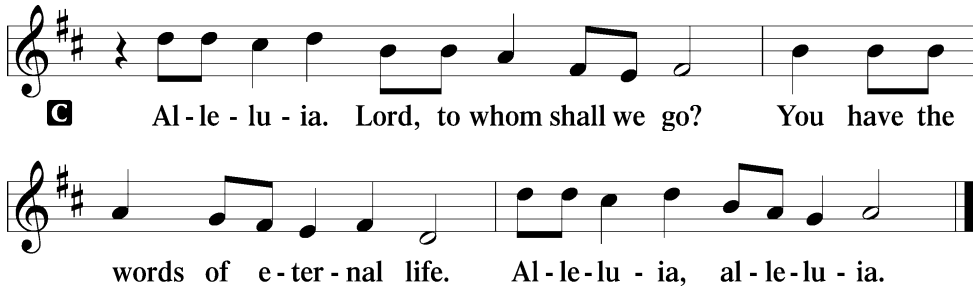
## **ROMANS 6:1-11 (ESV)**

Lector: What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

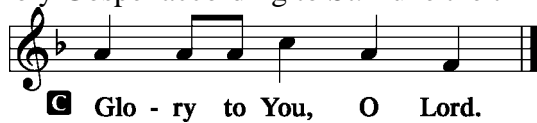


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

**LUKE 3:15-22 (ESV)**

*Pastor:* The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the third chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

*Pastor:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**PASTOR MARK COUCH**

*Pastor:* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**Cong:** Amen.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED*

LSB 603



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.



Em-braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;  
Re - born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life  
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.



And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.  
As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.



Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!

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## NICENE CREED

**Cong: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,**

**by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Lector:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Blessed Lord, You wonderfully foreshadowed the promise of Baptism in the passing of Your people through the Red Sea and Jordan River. In Christ and by His Baptism, You have kept Your Word and made Baptism the water of new life. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we would walk as the new and holy people You have declared us to be. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong:** hear our prayer.

Lector: We give You thanks that You call and gather the baptized into Your Church. Prosper the good work of preaching the Gospel and administering the life-giving Sacraments. Bless our Synod president, our district president, our pastor(s), and all church workers, that their ministry would be faithful and fruitful. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: Preserve the family, especially all Christian homes. Turn husband and wife toward one another in love, equip fathers and mothers for their holy duty as teachers of the faith, and preserve all children in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: Lord God, Your Son, Jesus, is the Christ and the true King of this world. Grant great humility to the rulers of the nations, that they would submit to the preaching of His Holy Word for the sake of their own souls and for the good of Your holy people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: We give You thanks for standing with us in times of weakness, illness, despair and death. Give us every aid of Your Holy Spirit, that we may endure these afflictions and find comfort in the healing wounds of our Savior. We especially remember those on our prayer list and those held in our hearts (*pause*) and ask for their healing and relief according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: O Lord, as You have joined us to Christ's death and resurrection in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, so feed us His body and blood for forgiveness and life in the Sacrament of the Altar. Give to Your baptized children who partake of the Supper today tender hearts that confess their need and rejoice in Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of Your dear Son. With Your voice, You directed us to the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness. Keep us, we implore You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your Son, strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong:** Amen.

**\*PEACE**

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

**Cong:** And also with you.

*Please greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: Peace be with you.*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**     *LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL*     **LSB 955**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord,     And fill     to the brim our  
cup     of     bless - ing. Gath - er     a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed     with the bread of     life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of     all;     U - nite them with the prayers     we  
of - fer now.     Grace     our     ta - ble with Your     pres - ence, and  
give us     A fore - taste of the feast     to     come.

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*We ask our guests to review our understanding and practice of communion on the back page of this worship folder.*

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **\*PREFACE**

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

**Cong: And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

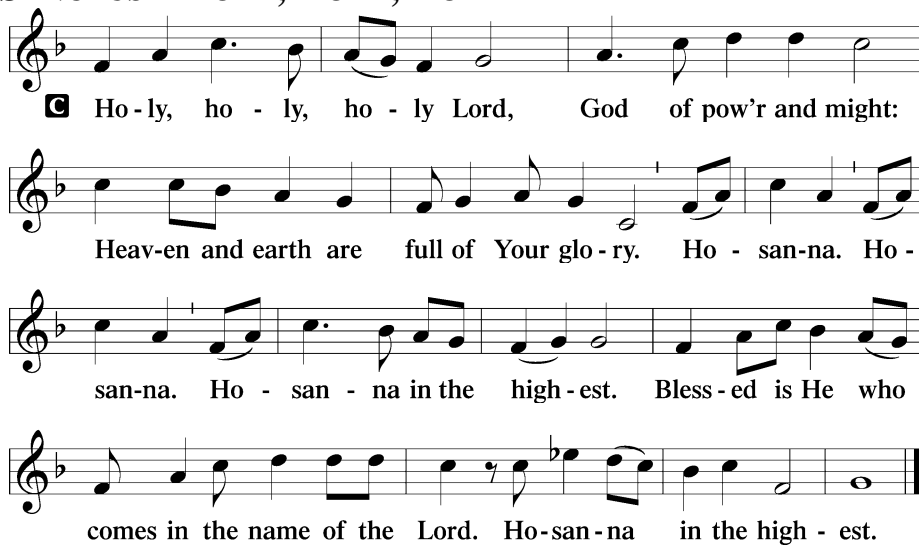
**Cong: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

**Cong: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Pastor:* It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## \*SANCTUS ~ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## \*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Pastor:* Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**\*PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*Pastor:* As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**Cong: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Pastor:* O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

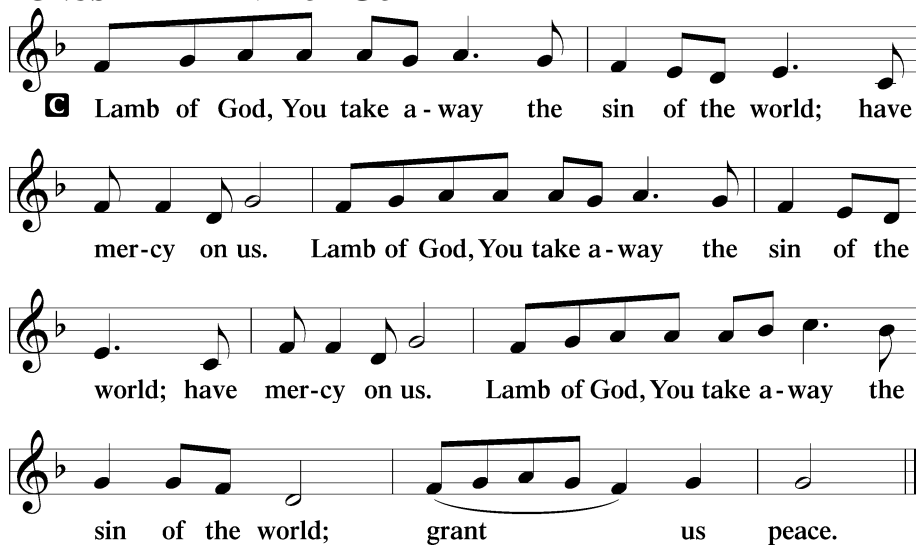
**Cong: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*PAX DOMINI**

*Pastor:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Cong: Amen.**

**\*AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD**



☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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**COMMUNION** {*INTENTIONAL PAUSE FOR SILENT MEDITATION*}

# COMMUNION HYMNS

## *BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME MOST HOLY*

**LSB 590**



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.  
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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# FATHER WELCOMES

LSB 605

*Refrain*




Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



*Refrain*

Mer - cy for your sin.  
Shall be born a - gain.  
Live in the peace of God.

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**\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**      *THANK THE LORD*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**CLOSING HYMN**      *SHINE, JESUS SHINE*      **WOV 651**

**\*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

*Pastor:* Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong:** Amen.

**\*BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

*Pastor:* Let us bless the Lord.

**Cong:** Thanks be to God.

*Pastor:* The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Cong:** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the water...the rivers...fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.



### ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

**Dixon Pulver** was found unresponsive Tuesday morning and was taken by ambulance to Bronson Hospital where was placed in the Neuro Intensive Care Unit. He had an AVF Malfunction that ruptured causing lots of bleeding on his brain. His condition remains critical.

**George Manley**, husband of Dotty Smith's dear friend Gladys, has had cardiac problems for several years. He is now having other problems and will see multiple doctors for diagnosis and treatment.

**Gary**, the husband of Cathy Mollet's friend and neighbor, suffers from pancreatic cancer. He is in hospice care at home and is very near the end of his life.

### GRIEF:

### THANKSGIVING:

**HOMEBOUND:** Marian Brugh, Marlys Olson, Ellen Plano, Jan Wilson, John Curtiss, Vince Marshall, Jerome Dirst, and Beth Mitchell.



## IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

### LONG TERM CONCERNS

<b>Rose Maxum</b> , requested by Chuck and Amber Townsend	<b>Susan &amp; Gregory Fritz</b> , Stephanie Beck's parents
<b>Amy Stillwell</b> , sister of Dave Reynolds	<b>Mary Ann Massey</b> , friend of Dotty Smith
<b>Bob Perri</b> , brother of Phil Perri	<b>Craig Rennhack</b> , requested by Bob & Maryalice Reck
<b>John Blasko</b> , requested by Elizabeth Blasko	<b>Mindy Mitchell</b> , sister of Shelly Reynolds
<b>Kyle Reinbold Family</b> , requested by Kyle's sister, Sonya DeVary	<b>James Leo Brown</b> , requested by Shelly and Dave Reynolds
<b>Karen McDougall</b> , requested by Sue Steuer	<b>Jim Sabo</b> , friend of Susan Steuer
<b>Katie VerKow</b> , former member of Immanuel, requested by Phil Roekle	<b>Sue Steuer's sister-in-law Christine's mother Elaine, and her daughter-in-law Molly</b>
<b>Vicki Dilley</b> , requested by Christa & Phil Perri	<b>Suzie Brink</b> , Christie Sidwell's mother and <b>Bill Brink</b> , her brother
<b>Joanne Cleason</b> , Esther Cleason's daughter	<b>Melissa</b> , friend of Dotty Smith and daughter Laura
<b>Marie Winberg</b> , godmother of Bill Bennett	<b>Hannah Bayer</b> , 4 y.o., requested by her father
<b>Lisa and David Wentzel</b> , Sue Steuer's cousins	<b>Jerry and Sandi McKenzie</b> , friends of Dotty Smith
<b>Ware Washam</b> , requested by Brian Long	<b>Sandy Hale</b> , requested by Stephen Presdorf
<b>Caroline Barkow</b>	<b>Jeri Noneman</b>
<b>Gene Jennings</b>	<b>Kay Hecht</b> , John Hecht's mother
<b>Loren Gerber</b> , Sue Anderson's father	<b>Beth and Bob Mitchell</b>
<b>Alice Schley</b> , Jane Schley's granddaughter	<b>Charlie Miller</b> , Marian Brugh's brother
<b>Toni</b> —Jane Schley's cousin	<b>Jason</b> , son-in-law of Sue & Craig Anderson
<b>Sharon S.</b> , requested by Dotty Smith	<b>Karen Petersen</b> , daughter of Cathy & Tom Mollet
<b>Ruth Krueger</b>	<b>Jason Nichols</b> , requested by Justin Beck
<b>Deb</b> , friend of Sue Steuer	<b>Marilyn Borgeson</b> , Annie Hecht's grandmother
<b>Sophie Rose Verile</b> , Brindley's grandniece	<b>Lynne Partridge</b> , friend of Christa Perri
<b>Linda &amp; Scott Spurlock</b> , req. by Esther C.	<b>Lucille and Lawrence Fritz</b> , requested by Jonathan Fritz
<b>George Manly</b> , requested by Dotty Smith	
<b>Kim N., Kim M., Emilie H., &amp; Sydney B.</b> , all friends of Kim Sharp; and <b>River Lint</b> , Kim's cousin's baby	
<b>All Crossroads Prison Ministry students</b> from all congregations around the country	
<b>Immanuel members:</b> Gail Stewart, Dolly Bryan, Cathy Mollet, Shelly Reynolds, Tina Lauer, Vince Marshall, Jerome Dirst & John Miller	

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## JANUARY'S MISSION: **KALAMAZOO LOAVES & FISHES**

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>12 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>COMMUNION SERVICE (COUCH)</p> <p>11:30AM ADULT CLASS &amp; CHILDREN'S CHOIR</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p>6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST</p> <p>10:00AM BIBLE STUDY @ ILC RE: BOOK OF GENESIS</p> <p>7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>11AM-12:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	17	18
<p>19 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>COMMUNION SERVICE (QUARDOKUS)</p> <p>11:30AM ADULT CLASS &amp; CHILDREN'S CHOIR</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>10:00AM BIBLE STUDY @ ILC RE: BOOK OF GENESIS</p> <p>7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL</p>	22	<p>23</p> <p>11AM-12:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	24	25
<p>26 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>COMMUNION SERVICE (COUCH)</p> <p>11:30AM ADULT CLASS &amp; CHILDREN'S CHOIR</p>	27	<p>28</p> <p>10:00AM BIBLE STUDY @ ILC RE: BOOK OF GENESIS</p> <p>7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL</p>	29	<p>30</p> <p>11AM-12:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	31	FEB 1
<p>2 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>COMMUNION SERVICE (???)</p> <p>11:30AM ADULT CLASS &amp; CHILDREN'S CHOIR</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>10:00AM BIBLE STUDY @ ILC RE: BOOK OF GENESIS</p> <p>5:30PM MARY/MARTHA</p> <p>7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>11AM-12:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	7	<p>8</p> <p>10-11AM "JOY" BIBLE STUDY</p>

## Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 1/12/2025	Linus Mandrick & Rory Beck	Jane Schley	John Hecht	Ninah Miller	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	AnnMarie & Philip Miller
Sunday 1/19/2025	Eliora Beck & Caviion Beck	Patti Wills	Ron Swinehart	John Quardokus	John Quardokus & John Wagner	Sue & John Wagner
Sunday 1/26/2025	Genevieve Miller & Adelaide Jefferies	Vivian Westphal	John Hecht	Dave Mandrick	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Helen & Phil Roekle (coffee) Jane Schley (snacks)
Sunday 2/2/2025	Maddie Hernandez & Adelaide Jefferies	Patti Wills	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Jane Schley (coffee) & Melanie Baumgart (snacks)
Sunday 2/9/2025	Linus Mandrick & Rory Beck	Sally Crawford	John Wagner	Andrew Lustila	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	Sue & John Wagner
Sunday 2/16/2025	Eliora Beck & Caviion Beck	Vivian Westphal	Ron Swinehart	John Krueger	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Amber & Chuck Townsend
2/23/2025	Genevieve Miller & Adelaide Jefferies	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Mark Miller	John Quardokus & John Wagner	Maryalice Reck
3/2/2025	Maddie Hernandez & Adelaide Jefferies	Jane Schley	Kim Sharp	Ninah Miller	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Rita Clarke



## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Our Belief and Practice

Our congregation believes that Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. Out of loving concern for the communicants and our understanding of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, we request that those who commune here:

1. Be Baptized Christians.
2. Are mature enough to examine themselves, recognizing their sin and their need for God's grace. (*1 Corinthians 11:28*)
3. Believe that in Holy Communion they receive Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the gracious remission of their sins. (*Matthew 26:26-28*)
3. Do so without giving offense to others. (i.e., Willing to forgive and be reconciled) (*Matthew 18:15-17*)

Guests of the congregation, who are instructed in Luther's Small Catechism, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All others are asked to speak with the pastor regarding the sacrament. Non-communicating children may join their parents. Communicants may choose from the Common Cup or individual cups.

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