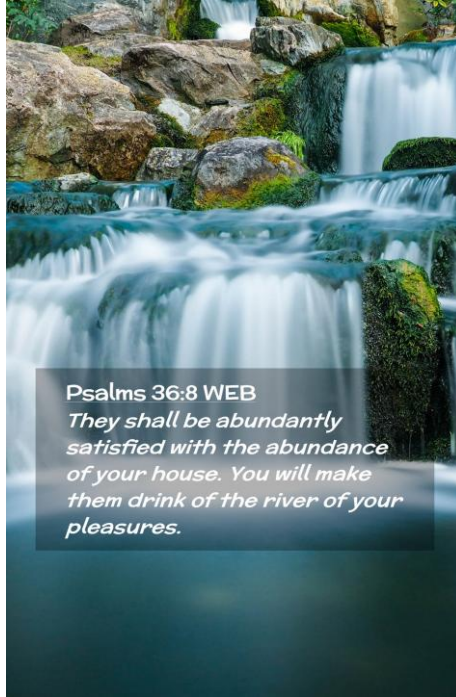


*Immanuel Lutheran Church*  
*Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*



*The Divine Service I*  
*The Second Sunday after Epiphany*  
*January 19, 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**

**LSB 400**

***BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS OF THE MORNING***



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,  
Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.  
Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;  
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.  
Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?  
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

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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**

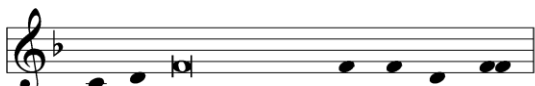
*Pastor:* Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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**

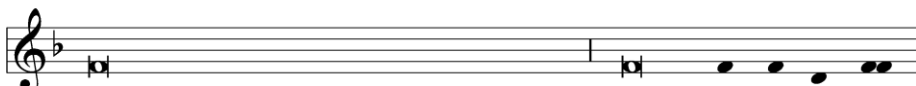
# KYRIE



**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.



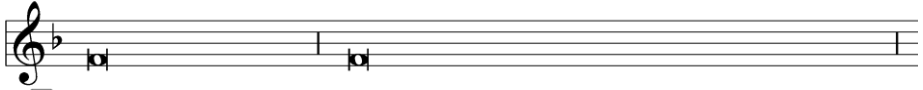
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



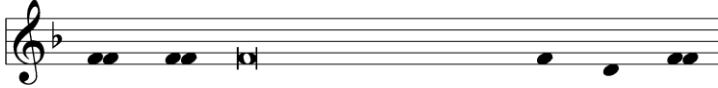
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong:** Amen.

### FIRST READING

ISAIAH 62:1-5 (ESV)

*Lector:* For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your sons marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

*Lector:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong:** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM****PSALM 128 (ESV)**

Lector: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,

**Cong: who walks in his ways!**

Lector: You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;

**Cong: you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.**

Lector: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;

**Cong: your children will be like olive shoots around your table.**

Lector: Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

**Cong: The Lord bless you from Zion!**

Lector: May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem

**Cong: all the days of your life!**

Lector: May you see your children's children!

**Cong: Peace be upon Israel!**

**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****1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11 (ESV)**

Lector: Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.



Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

**\*ALLELUIA AND VERSE**



The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with quarter and eighth notes.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

**JOHN 2: 1-11 (ESV)**

*Pastor:* The Holy Gospel according to St. John the second chapter.



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**REVEREND DR. PHILIP QUARDOKUS**

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

**Cong:** Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*COME JOIN IN CANA'S FEAST*

**LSB 408**



1 Come, join in Ca - na's feast Where  
 2 The old wine now is gone From  
 3 But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids  
 4 Come, friends, and share the feast; Here  
 △ 5 For now He lives and reigns Through



Christ is hon - ored guest. He wel - comes all who  
 jars that stand a - part. No long - er can it  
 wa - ter turn to wine. He fills our emp - ty  
 drink the wine sup - plied By Him who is both  
 all e - ter - ni - ty With Fa - ther, Spir - it,



come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.  
 sat - is - fy The yearn - ing, thirst - ing heart.  
 cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine.  
 guest and host— For us, the cru - ci - fied.  
 Three in One, The glo - rious Trin - i - ty.

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## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**Cong: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting.  
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.**

Lord, You manifested Your glory in the sign at Cana. As You restored creation through the shedding of Christ's blood, pour out Your grace in abundance. Give us joy and gladness in the revelation of Your truth in the person of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

**Lector: O God, You gather Your Church and bring her to Your banquet,  
both now in Your Word and Sacraments and in the eternal  
wedding feast to come. Spread the banner of Christ's steadfast  
love over the doors of every congregation, that the preaching of  
His righteousness may be constant and that patient love may  
mark our lives also. Lord, in Your mercy,**

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: Lord of glory, You blessed the wedding at Cana with Your presence and honored it with Your first miracle. Strengthen and give Your gladness to all married couples and their families. Be present in our homes and lives with Your free and abundant forgiveness, and preserve us in the true faith from each generation to the next. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: Heavenly Father, uphold our nation. Bless every effort to maintain peace and promote justice. Watch over and guide all military personnel. Thwart every effort to destroy life unnecessarily, and permit righteousness and goodness to flourish in our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: Heavenly Father, Your Son showed divine compassion even for a groom who ran out of wine. By Your Spirit, give us compassionate hearts to notice the needs of others, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause*). Comfort also the lonely, the depressed, the mentally ill and any who feel abandoned. Let them know You and Your Son, who rejoices over them as a bridegroom over his bride. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: Lord of glory, as You manifested Yourself by the sign at Cana, changing water into wine, so manifest Yourself to us here, making bread and wine Your very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, and making us fit partakers in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that of Your grace You have instituted holy matrimony, in which You keep us from unchastity and other offenses. We implore You, send Your blessing on every husband and wife. Do not let them provoke one another to anger and strife, but let them live peaceably together in love and godliness. Strengthen them with Your gracious help in all temptations, and help them to rear their children in accordance with Your will. Grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, putting our trust in You and leading such lives on earth that, in the world to come, we may have everlasting life; through 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**

**IMMANUEL CHILDREN'S CHOIR**



*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.

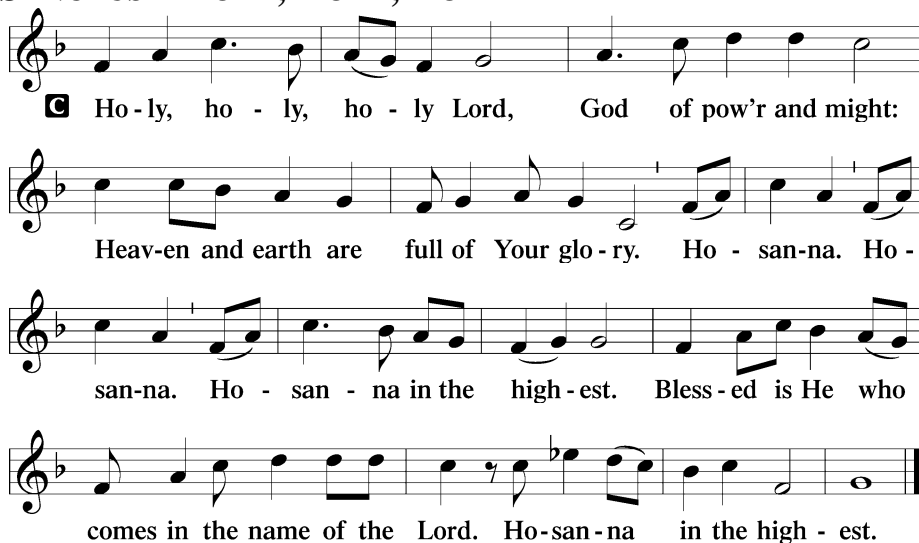
**Cong:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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**

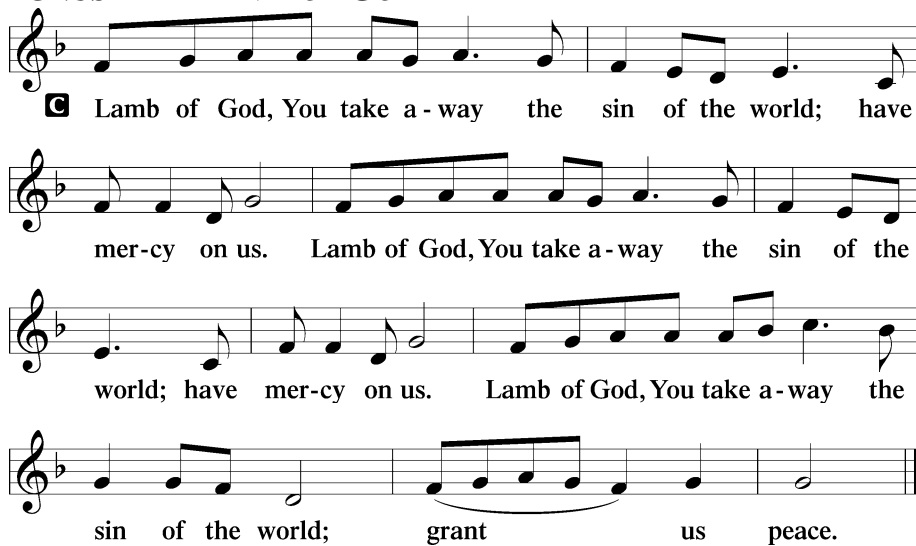
**Cong: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.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

## *THE STAR PROCLAIMS THE KING IS HERE*

LSB 399



- 1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,  
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed  
3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly  
4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter  
△ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly  
on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they  
Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was  
red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it  
Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.  
trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.  
known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.  
flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.  
dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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**HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE THEE FACE TO FACE LSB 631**



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,  
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.  
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.  
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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**\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

Thanks Be to You



1., 3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy! Thanks be to you for  
 2. From of old you loved and sought us! Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
 Thanks be to you for ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us.

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## **\*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**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.



**ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:**

**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:** Our beloved Immanuel member and brother in Christ, **Dixon Pulver** (age 60), died on Thursday, January 9, 2025, after a brief illness.

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

## Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Altar</b>	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Worship Assistant</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
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
3/5/2025 Ash Wednesday	NA	Jane Schley	John Wagner	John Quardokus	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	NA



## **Champions Academy**

### **The Launch of St. Michael Lutheran Church (SMLC) Champion Chapter**

Church and State. Both are instituted by God our heavenly Father. Both are distinct but also related, each having objectives for serving the LORD's purpose in creation. In our highly polarized world, it is becoming more and more important that Christians know the distinctions between Church and State and serve the LORD through both of them. That is one of the reasons why SMLC is joining the LCLR Champions Network, an emerging network of Champion Chapters and LCMS Churches from around the country.

The Launch of SMLC Champion Academy  
The Champion Academy, a 12-month program, starts in February 2025. The curriculum will educate and train attendees in the following:

- Learning and communicating the principles of religious liberty.
- What it means to be God's Two-Kingdom Citizen.
- Learn the best practices for beginning to engage your community as God's Two-Kingdom Citizens.

Reverend Mark Frith will be holding an information meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:30 pm to overview what's involved in the Champions Academy. You can join this meeting in person in SMLS Library or online via Zoom (Zoom link to be provided at later date).

For more information, contact Mark Chilcott, (269) 998-6147 or Bill Semrau, (269) 271-6112. For more information:

<https://forms.gle/ZmE8HHrvKpshoUXw9>



## 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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