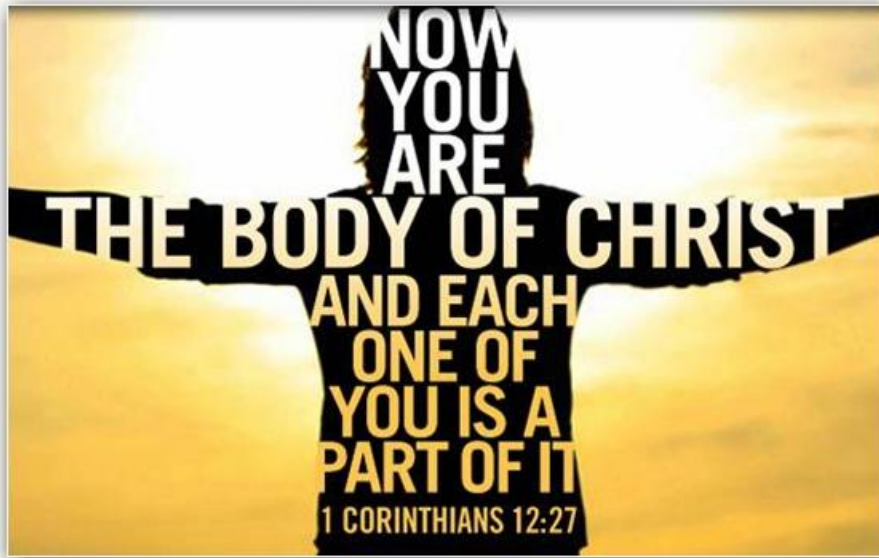


Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Divine Service I
The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 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

O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS

LSB 906



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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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

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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, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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

NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (ESV)

Lector: And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And 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.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

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 as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 19 (ESV)

Lector: The heavens declare the glory of God,

Cong: and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Lector: Day to day pours out speech,

Cong: and night to night reveals knowledge.

Lector: There is no speech, nor are there words,

Cong: whose voice is not heard.

Lector: Their voice goes out through all the earth,

Cong: and their words to the end of the world.

Lector: In them he has set a tent for the sun,

Cong: which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

Lector: and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

Cong: Its rising is from the end of the heavens,

Lector: and its circuit to the end of them,

Cong: and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Lector: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

Cong: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

Lector: the precepts of the Lord are right,
Cong: rejoicing the heart;

Lector: the commandment of the Lord is pure,
Cong: enlightening the eyes;

Lector: the fear of the Lord is clean,
Cong: enduring forever;

Lector: the rules of the Lord are true,
Cong: and righteous altogether.

Lector: More to be desired are they than gold,
Cong: even much fine gold;

Lector: sweeter also than honey
Cong: and drippings of the honeycomb.

Lector: Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
Cong: in keeping them there is great reward.

Lector: Who can discern his errors?
Cong: Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Lector: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
Cong: let them not have dominion over me!

Lector: Then I shall be blameless,
Cong: and innocent of great transgression.

Lector: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Cong: be acceptable in your sight,

Lector: O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
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 12:12-31A (ESV)

Lector: For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

***HOLY GOSPEL**

LUKE 4:16-30 (ESV)

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

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

O CHRIST, OUR TRUE AND ONLY LIGHT* **LSB 839*

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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 God of Zion, we give You thanks that You have arisen to
show pity to our fallen world and set us free from sin and death.
In Christ the appointed time of favor has come for all people.
Cause Your name to be declared among all peoples, that Your
grace may not be rejected in our time but received with delight
in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

**Lector: O Lord, Your people in the days of Ezra the priest returned to
Your Word with attentive ears. Give us eagerness to hear Your
Word with understanding, that our days may be sanctified and
Your commandments put into practice among us. Lord, in Your
mercy,**

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord God, Giver of the Holy Spirit, You bless Your servants with a variety of gifts from one and the same Spirit. Grant that each of us may use these gifts for the common good of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Give wisdom and courage to all who govern our communities and country, that they may lead well, following Your will rather than man's whims. Grant us willingness to support them with our prayers and encouragement. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Gracious and compassionate Lord, comfort those who mourn, especially the family of Dixon Pulver. As our Great Physician, mend the bodies and uplift the spirits of all in need, including those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause*). Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, Your Son has come with favor to deliver us, and in His blessed Sacrament He brings cleansing and strength. Give us faith that we would not despise our Savior and this Holy Communion. Do not pass through us and go away as at Nazareth, but dwell among us graciously. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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

LORD OF ALL GOOD

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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 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**

***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 ✠ 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

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COMMUNION HYMNS

THE GIFTS CHRIST FREELY GIVES

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5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

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***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

Go, My CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

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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

NOTE: A special Voters Assembly Meeting will be held after our worship service this morning to extend a pastoral call to **Joshua Grotelueschen**.



ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

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

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY'S MISSION: WMU SOLID GROUNDS MINISTRY

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNION SERVICE (QUARDOKUS) 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
9 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNION SERVICE (COUCH) 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 1-3:30PM "A DAY OF BEAUTY— WITHOUT AND WITHIN"
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Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
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 & Elijah Lawrence	Patti Wills	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Jane Schley (coffee) & Melanie Baumgart (snacks)
Sunday 2/9/2025	Cailyn Hecht & Norah Lawrence	Sally Crawford	John Wagner	Andrew Lustila	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	Sue & John Wagner
Sunday 2/16/2025	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Vivian Westphal	Ron Swinehart	John Krueger	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Amber & Chuck Townsend
Sunday 2/23/2025	Eldorado & Caviion Beck	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Mark Miller	John Quardokus & John Wagner	Maryalice Reck
Sunday 3/2/2025	Genevieve Miller & Adelaide Jefferies	Jane Schley	Kim Sharp	Ninah Miller	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Rita Clarke
3/5/2025 Ash Wednesday	NA	Jane Schley	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sunday 3/9/2025	Maddie Hernandez & Elijah Lawrence	Patti Wills	John Wagner	John Quardokus	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Shelly Reynolds



Come join us for a Day of Beauty - Without and Within

Saturday, February 15th from 1:00 to 3:30pm
Immanuel Lutheran Church

What is this?

A time of fellowship, beauty, devotion and supporting women in need. Michaela Hernandez-Haw, our own Mary Kay representative will be doing make overs, demonstrations, answering questions and giving tips on skin care and make up. This will be a hands-on experience in "Beauty Without." A short devotion from 1 Peter 3:3-4 about "Beauty Within" will be given.

During this event, we will be collecting items for the YWCA. Their mission is: "Improving the lives of children, promoting maternal and child health, and caring for victims of abuse."

Below is a list of what they could use:

- Diapers (size 3, 4, 5, 6)
- Baby Wipes
- Gift Cards (any denomination)
- Personal Care Items (full size body wash, deodorant, hair care products, lotions, etc.)
- Linens (new or gently used twin sheets, blankets, towels, etc.)

If you would like to give a cash donation for purchase of personal care items, Michaela would be happy to order these items and take them to the YWCA.

We will end with refreshments and fellowship!

You will have an opportunity to purchase Mary Kay products if you choose.



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.

Serving Today at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Rev. Mark Couch, Visiting Pastor

Ms. Ailene Buchtrup, Secretary

Mr. Will Canfield, Director of Music

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