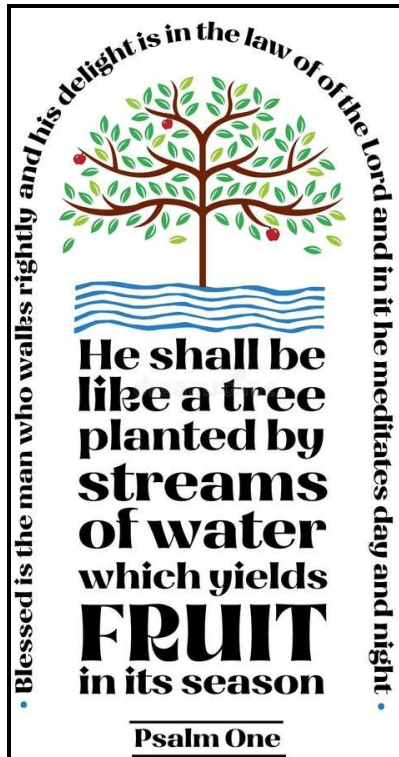


*Immanuel Lutheran Church*  
*Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*



*The Divine Service I*  
*The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

*February 16, 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**

**RENEW ME, O ETERNAL LIGHT**

**LSB704**



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all  
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the  
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be  
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.  
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.  
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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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

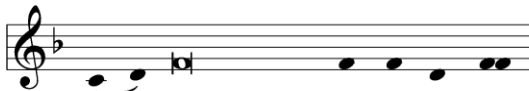
*Pastor:* Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Cong:** Amen.

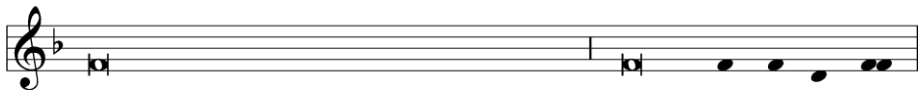
## KYRIE



**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.



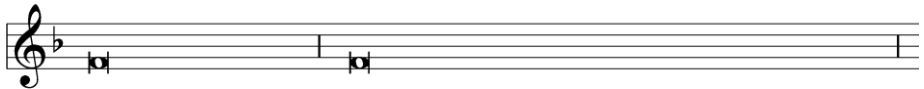
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



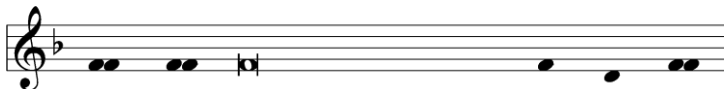
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

# THIS IS THE FEAST



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

### JEREMIAH 17:5-8 (ESV)

*Lector:* Thus says the Lord:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the Lord.

He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

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

**Cong:** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

**PSALM 1 (ESV)**

Lector: Blessed is the man

**Cong: who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,**

Lector: nor stands in the way of sinners,

**Cong: nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

Lector: but his delight is in the law of the Lord,

**Cong: and on his law he meditates day and night.**

Lector: He is like a tree planted by streams of water

**Cong: that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.**

Lector: In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so,

**Cong: but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Lector: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

**Cong: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

Lector: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

**Cong: but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**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 15:1-20 (ESV)**

**Lector:** Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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 6:17-26 (ESV)**

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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



## **SERMON**

**REV. 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

## *JESUS SAT WITH HIS DISCIPLES*

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1 Je - sus sat with His dis - ci - ples On a  
2 "Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble, All the  
3 "Bless-ed are God's sons and daugh - ters, Mak - ing



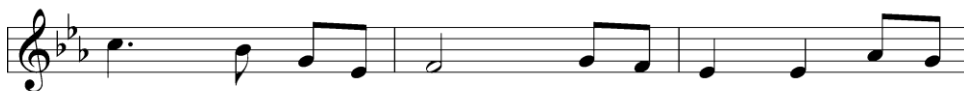
moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo-ple  
earth to them is willed. Those who hun - ger to be  
peace where there is strife. Bless - ed are the per - se -



gath - ered, He be - gan to teach and say:  
ho - ly, They are bless'd and will be filled.  
cut - ed, Who for righ - teous-ness lose life;



"Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it, Heav - en's  
Yes, the mer - ci - ful are bless - ed, Mer - cy  
Their re - ward is great in heav - en, In the



king - dom they will share. Bless-ed are the sad and  
will to them be shown. And the pure in heart are  
king - dom up a - bove— So be glad to share My



mourn - ing, Joy and com - fort will be theirs.  
bless - ed, They have eyes for God a - lone.  
suf - f'ring And re - joice to know My love."

## **\*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  $\dagger$  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.

Heavenly Father, Your kingdom has been made manifest in the preaching and miracles of Jesus Christ. Gather together a great multitude from every Gentile nation and from Judea's remnant, that many may know Wisdom come in our flesh. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: Grant, O Lord, that Your people may always hold fast to the Word that has been preached to them and not believe it in vain. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: Lord God, You bestow favor and honor and withhold nothing from those who walk uprightly. Bless parents and those who teach children Your ways, that generations to come would love Your promises, walk in Your truth and dwell in Your house. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: O Lord, preserve us from the ways of the wicked, and prosper us in Your paths. We commend to You all who bear office in our land and ask You to make them a blessing to those they serve. Grant to us every joy in the calling You have given to us, that we would render service to You in our works of love toward our neighbor. Remember those in need of honest labor and daily bread, and give them gainful employment according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: Merciful God, hear our prayer for those who are troubled by any unclean spirit, memory or thought; for the sick; and for all who need Your healing, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause*). Send forth Your power in the name of Christ Jesus, that they would hear Your Word and be cured. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: Bless all who trust in You and come to eat the holy body and precious blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins in the blessed Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: O Lord, Your Son is risen from the dead and has promised that He is the firstfruits from among those who sleep. Preserve us in Christ Jesus with hope beyond this life. Comfort those who mourn with the certainty of Christ's resurrection, especially the family of Jan Wilson, and grant us to live in confident expectation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lord God, heavenly Father, plant us as trees by the stream of Christ, our Savior. Root us securely in His Word and wisdom. Do not let us turn from You, nor put our trust in man and this flesh, which fail. Preserve us from all anxiety, and take our fears away through right fear of You. Cause us, by Your Holy Spirit, to bear much fruit and, when affliction and persecution come, to stand firm and rejoice at the great reward that is laid up for those who trust in You; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong: Amen.**

## \*PEACE

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

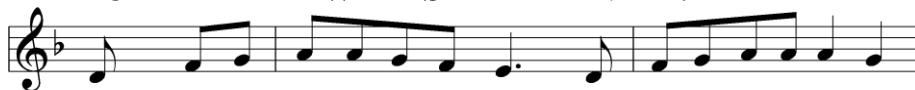
**Cong:** And also with you.

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

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

### WHAT SHALL I RENDER?



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.





*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.

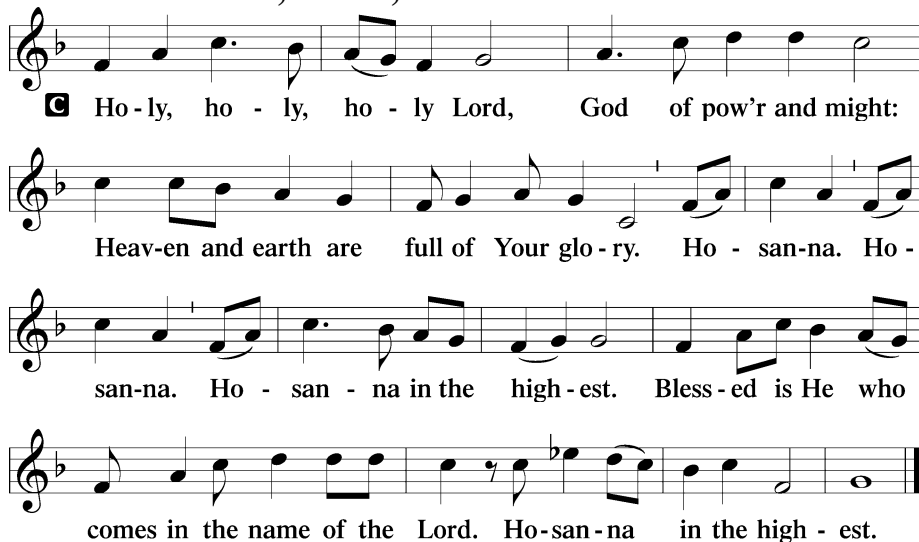
**Cong: We lift them to the Lord.**

*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 HYMNS**

## *DRAW NEAR*

## IMMANUEL CHOIR

### REFRAIN

Draw near, draw near!

Take the body of your Lord.

Draw near, draw near!

Drink the blood for you outpoured.

1. Draw near and take the body of your Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.  
Saved by his body and his holy blood,  
With souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.
2. Christ, our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,  
Has by his cross and blood the vict'r'y won.  
He gave his life for greatest and for least,  
Himself the off'ring and himself the Priest.
3. Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,  
Gives all believers life that never ends.
4. With heav'nly bread makes those who hunger whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.  
Judge of the nations, to whom all must bow,  
In this great feast of love is with us now.

*THY BODY, GIVEN FOR ME, O SAVIOR*

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1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which  
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in  
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is  
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not  
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and  
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my  
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and  
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of  
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
 soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
 thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
 death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
 prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.



*Refrain*  
 Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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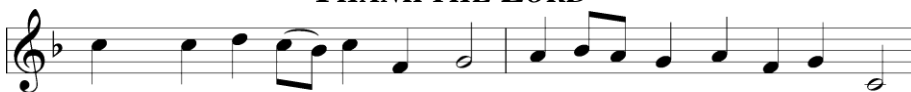
## \*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

*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.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

### *THANK THE LORD*



☐ 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.

## \*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

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in Him and offers power to heal us all.

### **A NOTE FROM WILL CANFIELD, MUSIC DIRECTOR:**

*To the members of Immanuel:*

*I will be leaving as your Director of Music soon. My last Sunday will be February 23<sup>rd</sup>. As I swiftly approach the age of 70, I'm now winding down my many commitments. I have accepted a position at Zion Lutheran Church as one of their staff organists, playing two Sundays per month.*

*I want to thank everyone for your welcoming spirit and kindness. A special thanks to all the talented choir members who committed their time and talents to the music program at Immanuel. Special thanks also to Linda Richter, Judie Eckert, and Beth Mitchell for accompanying congregational services and the choir on several occasions. My prayer is that the Lord will send this congregation both a pastor and music director soon—both of whom will dutifully serve the unique needs of Immanuel.*

*Thank-you again for the opportunity you gave me to serve all of you!*

*In Christ's Service,  
Will*

***SPECIAL NOTE:*** *Our annual diaper drive is right around the corner, so start taking advantage of the spring diaper sales which are in progress now!*

***A MOST SPECIAL NOTE:*** *We wish good-bye and God's blessings to Christa and Phil Perri as they make their new home in beautiful Traverse City very soon!!! You will be missed here at Immanuel!*





**ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:**

Tom and Cathy Mollet's daughter, **Jean Ellen**, has hypertension. In early February, she nearly suffered a stroke. Thankfully, doctors provided prompt treatment and averted a stroke.

**Paul Wills** recently fell on the ice and broke several ribs.

**GRIEF:**

**Jan Wilson**, long-time Immanuel member, passed away at Rose Arbor on Monday, February 10, 2025. A funeral for Jan will be held at Immanuel on Monday, February 17 at 11:00am, Rev. Mark Couch officiating.

**THANKSGIVING:**

**HOMEBOUND:** Marian Brugh, Marlys Olson, Ellen Plano, 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> , 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>Justin Nickels</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>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

## MARCH'S MISSION: **LCMS MICHIGAN DISTRICT**

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>16</b> 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  COMMUNION SERVICE (QUARDOKUS)  11:30AM ADULT CLASS & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	17	18   7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL	19	20   11AM- 12:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	21	22
<b>23</b> 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  COMMUNION SERVICE (COUCH)  11:30AM ADULT CLASS & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	24	25   7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL	26	27	28	<b>MARCH 1</b>
<b>2</b> 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  COMMUNION SERVICE (IQBAL)  11:30AM ADULT CLASS & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	3	4  5:30PM MARY & MARTHA MTG.  7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL	5 ASH WEDNESDAY  6:00PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER BY FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE  7:00PM COMMUNION SERVICE	6	7	8
<b>9</b> 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  COMMUNION SERVICE (QUARDOKUS)  11:30AM ADULT CLASS & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	10	11 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST  7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL	12  6:00PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER BY PROPERTY COMMITTEE  7:00PM COMMUNION SERVICE	13	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 2/16/2025	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Vivian Westphal	Ron Swinehart	John Krueger	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Shelly Reynolds
Sunday 2/23/2025	Elliora & Caviion Beck	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Mark Miller	John Quardokus & John Wagner	Marylalice 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	Amber & Chuck Townsend
Sunday 3/16/2025	Cailyn Hecht & Norah Lawrence	Sally Crawford	Ron Swinehart	Dave Mandrick	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	AnnMarie & Philip Miller
Sunday 3/23/2025	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Amber Townsend	John Hecht	John Hecht	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Helen & Philip Roekle— (Coffee) Dotty Smith— (Snacks)
Sunday 3/30/2025	Elliora & Caviion Beck	Rita Clarke	Kim Sharp	Andrew Lustila	John Quardokus & John Wagner	Marylalice Reck



**Ash Wednesday is March 5th this year.** Ash Wednesday kicks off Lent, a somber church season that prepares Christians all around the world for Easter.

***Mid-week services are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.***

***Soup Suppers will precede each mid-week service and will start at 6:00p.m.***



We have midweek Lenten services with soup and bread meals before each service to remind us of the early church traditions of sharing food and living lives together. As we contemplate all that Jesus did for us on the Cross, let us use this wonderful time to delve deeply into the spiritual side of our lives while we also pray and enjoy good food and fellowship with other believers.

This is a “donated” meal so we encourage you to sign up to bring food or help in some other way as you are able. (See the sign-up poster in the Narthex.)

**We look forward to seeing you at supper and at worship on these Wednesday evenings during Lent!**

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER—WEEKLY SPONSORS:	
March 5, 2025	Fellowship Committee
March 12, 2025	Property Committee
March 19, 2025	Worship Committee
March 26, 2025	Discipleship Committee
April 2, 2025	Outreach Committee
April 9, 2025	Service Committee



## 2025 Alma College Choir Tour

Sun, Feb 23  
4pm

Memorial Presbyterian Church  
1310 Ashman Street, Midland, MI

Tues, Feb 25  
7pm

Presbyterian Church of Traverse City  
701 Westminster Road, Traverse City, MI  
featuring choirs from St. Francis HS, Kingsley HS, & Glen Lake HS

Wed, Feb 26  
7pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
47 Jefferson Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI

Thurs, Feb 27  
7pm

First Presbyterian Church  
508 Franklin Ave, Grand Haven, MI

Fri, Feb 28  
7pm

First Presbyterian Church  
321 W South St, Kalamazoo, MI

Sat, March 1  
3pm

Lansing Central United Methodist Church  
215 North Capital Ave, Lansing, MI

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## 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***

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Ms. Ailene Buchtrup, Secretary

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