# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Fifth Sunday in Epiphany
February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

To God be glory for 143 years of His grace at Immanuel and 71 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast!

## Prelude Ringing of Bells Welcome

## Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 728

How Firm a Foundation

Stand

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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.
- C Amen.

## Service of the Word

**Psalm** 

Blessèd are you, O LORD;

teach me your statutes!

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Blessèd are you, O LORD;

#### teach me your statutes!

With my lips I declare

all the just decrees of your mouth.

# In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

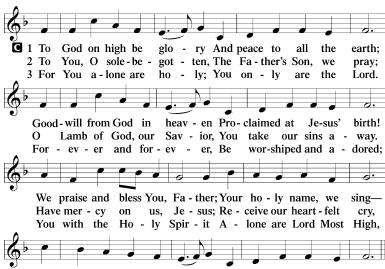
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### **Kyrie**



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

#### Gloria in Excelsis



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 58:3-9a

3""Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?'

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day

will not make your voice to be heard on high.

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,

a day for a person to humble himself?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,

and a day acceptable to the LORD?

6"Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of wickedness,

to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover him,

and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

<sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily;

your righteousness shall go before you;

the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse





**Holy Gospel** 

Matthew 5:13-20

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- **C** Glory be to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

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.

Sit

# Hymn of the Day #LSB 672

Jerusalem the Golden

Sermon

Title: Christ Crucified Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1–16

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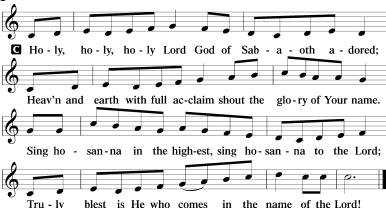
Prayers of the Church Offering

# Service of the Sacrament

#### **Preface**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

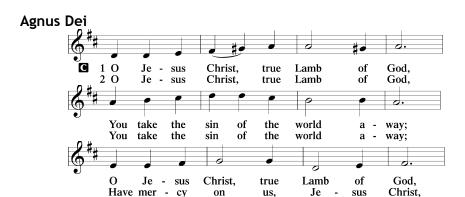
Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

#### The Words of Our Lord

#### Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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Beautiful Savior Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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### **Nunc Dimittis**



#### Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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 in 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.

C Amen

#### **Benedicamus**

- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

## Hymn to Depart #LSB 461 vv.1-4 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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## The Lord's Week

Sun.	<b>9:00am</b> 10:15am 7:15pm	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/ SS 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
Mon.	8:30am 6:30pm	Royal Oak Bible Study Altar Guild
Tues.	4:30pm	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
Wed.	10:00am 7:00pm	Women's Bible Study Combined Choir Practice at Holy Cross
Sun.	<b>9:00am</b> 10:15am 7:15pm	<b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> BC/ SS 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

**Our Immanuel Board of Education** is selling trash bags at \$13/roll. There is an order form and envelope the Narthex or you may contact Courtney Gieselman for more information. 660-815-4080. The proceeds support the tuition program for our students enrolled in Christian Education schools.

**Heit's Point** at Cole Camp is hosting a **Singles Retreat** for March 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Come join other Christian singles on a outdoors retreat weekend in the Ozarks! Although we can't guarantee the weather, time spent studying scripture, making new friends from across the state and just being able to unplug for a bit is guaranteed. All you need to do is register, pack a bag, and invite a wingman! Heit's Point is a LCMS Ministry camp located near Lincoln, Missouri. Cost is \$85 for 2 nights and all meals or \$65 for one night and 3 meals. Register online at <a href="www.heispoint.com">www.heispoint.com</a> or call 660-668-2363.

Trinity Alma Men's Club Pancake Supper is Sunday, February 5, in the school cafeteria, serving 5:00–7:00 pm.; pancakes, sausage and beverages. Freewill Donation, with proceeds going towards Lutheran Campus Ministries, Heit's Point and Trinity's Early Childhood Center.

**Sweet Springs High School Project Prom 2023** is *accepting donations* for this event made payable to "Sweet Springs R-VII After Prom". Sent c/o Jenny Trautman, 18723 130<sup>th</sup> Rd., Sweet Springs, MO 65351. (A complete letter from the After Prom Committee is on the fellowship hall bulletin.

You are invited! Plan to attend the **St. Paul's Lutheran School** annual *Gifts of Grace Benefit Dinner and Auction* on **Saturday, March 11, 2023**. Tickets are \$35 per person and available for purchase at the SCHOOL office. Reserved seating and additional perks available by upgrading to the Table of 8 Package Deal or the Platinum Experience!

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church**, Ernestville, Missouri is sponsoring a **Chili-Soup Dinner in the Church Basement, Sunday, February 19, 2023**, from 11:00am to 1:00-m. The proceeds will be used for the St. Paul's Elementary School Tuition Program.

Trivia night at Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, MO Test your knowledge as the SPLHS Classes of 2023 and 2026 put on this year's trivia night. The event will be held on Saturday, February 18th in the Gym Annex at SPLHS. Doors open at 6:00pm, trivia begins at 6:30pm. Cost is \$80 per table with a maximum of 8 people per table. Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place, plus team prizes for best costumes/table decorations (choose your own theme). Teams can bring their own snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. To register a team, send name and contact person to <a href="CGifford@splhs.org">CGifford@splhs.org</a> or call 660-463-2238 ext. 266 by Wednesday, February 15th.

## **Those Serving**

Musicians:	Maria Mueller
Acolyte	Gus Luetjen
	Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
Video	Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others
	Kevin Wulff, Jared Eichholz, Ryan Sims, Jason Staples
	Judy Teufel
	Laura Flippen
	Pastor Alan Mueller

# PRAYER

**Members of Immanuel:** Cari Higgins, Ty Higgins

**Family and Friends of Immanuel:** Cindy Bernard, Larry and Eileen

Winfrey.

Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents: Dolores Fischer, Lester & Louise Harms, & Martha Jane Vogelsmeier (LGSNH) Dorothy Krause (The Villa); Thelma Nienhueser (The Essex of Concordia)

**Mission Workers:** Josh, Coco, John, and Sophia Lange (China): Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand), Jim & Claudia Dahlke (Mission of

Christ Network), those serving POBLO

Military: Owen Dobbins, and MaKenna Eckhoff



#### The Board of Property needs your assistance!

The Board of Properties will be placing a plaque either in the Narthex or at the back of the Sanctuary **recognizing memorial gifts** given to the church. **If you would like a loved one's memorial gift to be recognized on the plaque,** please let Dave Gieselman (660-815-7470) or any member of the Board of Properties.

Unfortunately there has not been a recording of this information and this is an effort to fix this error and to recognize these much appreciated gifts to our church. An example would be:

Kenneth Stange Memorial Gifted in 2023 Hymnals.

Please help the Board by providing knowledge of gifts lovingly given that you are the memory caretaker of the gift.

Thank you so much for your help so that we can continue to honor our forefathers' gifts.

Board of Properties

Dave Gieselman Susan Guier Kevin Wulff Allen Bredehoeft Garret Sims Marc Johnson

Whether you are a lifelong member or visiting for the first time we are honored to have you here this morning. Please feel free to contact the office regarding questions of membership or of a spiritual or personal matter. *You may contact the office at:* 660-335-4141.

If you get a chance check us out online at: www.immanuelsweetsprings.com

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

