



Immanuel
Lutheran
of Evanston

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Worship with Eucharist 10:30 A.M.

January 20, 2019

Welcome!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.

We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.

We're glad God has called you here today! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

Facilities

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at any time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays, see the church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. On Sundays, additional parking is available across the street at the Holiday Inn or in Lot 6 on Lake St. across from the Police and Fire Headquarters. Parking meters are free on Sunday!
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by the elevator.
- We love having children in worship! There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome". Please use the Internet responsibly!

About Our Worship

Our Sunday worship is organized around the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It has a familiar form each week, but the content changes for each service according to a calendar shared with many other Christians. Our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is organized so that page numbers for the liturgy are in the front part of the book, while hymn numbers are in the second part. The liturgy and hymns are printed in this bulletin, but page numbers are provided for those who wish to follow along in the hymnal.

Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal, because Christ himself invites you! At the direction of the usher, come forward if you are able, and kneel at the altar rail, starting at the walls. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. (Gluten-free wafers are available. Just ask the pastor.) You may eat it immediately, then take the silver chalice and drink from it or, if you prefer, take a small cup from the tray. The cups in the outer ring contain wine. The cups in the center contain grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty cup in the trays provided at the ends of the front pews. Return to your place via the side aisles after you have communed. If you need to have Communion brought to you, please sit on the aisle, and let either the pastor or an usher know before the service that you would like to commune at your seat. If you desire a blessing but not the sacrament, you are invited to come forward with everyone else and fold your arms over your chest to indicate this.

Gathering: *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...*

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride." 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!

P: Presiding Minister **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister **R:** Reader **A:** Assembly
+ All may make the sign of the cross.

Pre-Service Music

"Voluntaries on Epiphany Hymns" Bach and others

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who shines in glory,
clothes us in compassion,
and bears gifts of mercy for all.

A Amen.

P Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God, Wonderful Counselor,

**A we confess that we have turned from your gifts
and chosen our own way.**

**We have not made room for you
in our hearts or in our world.**

**We have lived in fear;
we have not welcomed the stranger;
we desire gifts that will not endure.**

**Forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
and open us to receive the peace of Jesus
dwelling in and among us. Amen.**

P God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior.

We are saved, not by anything we have done,
but by God's mercy poured out on us richly.

In the name of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

Through the Spirit living in you,
may God give you faith to trust Jesus,
who is Love born for you, now and always.

A Amen.

You may reverence the cross as it passes you.



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light. Come and rev - el in



heav - en's love and light. Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin, the feast is read - y to be - gin.

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

A And also with you!

Kyrie

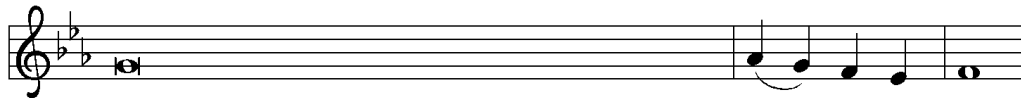
The Leader sings the bids, and the Assembly sings the "Lord, have mercy" and "Amen." **Hymnal p. 98**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



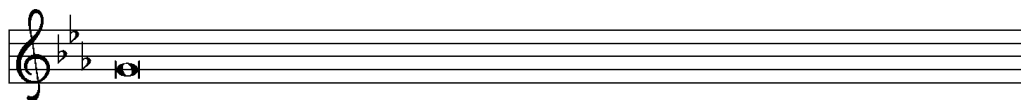
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



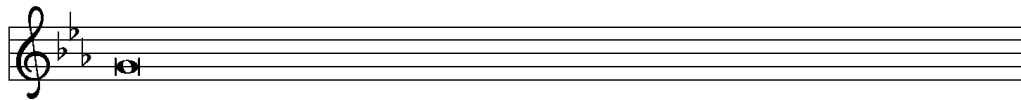
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



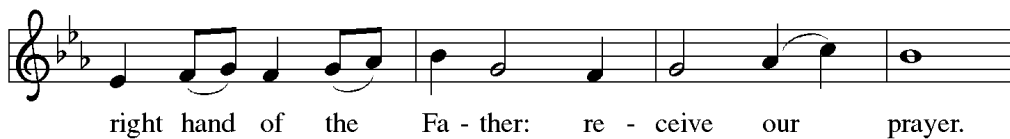
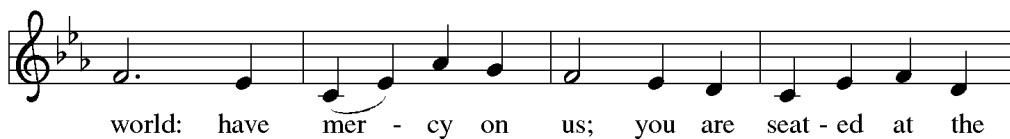
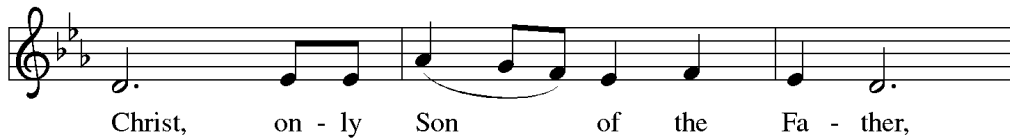
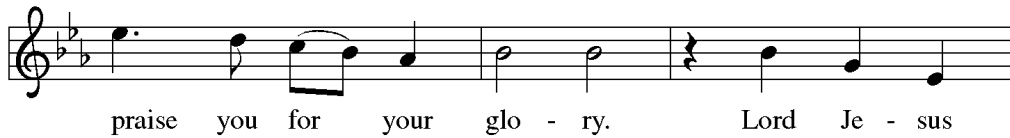
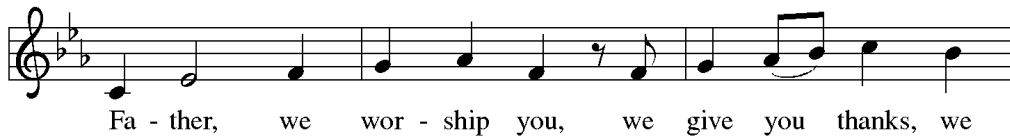
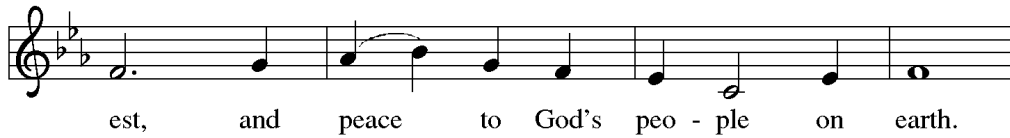
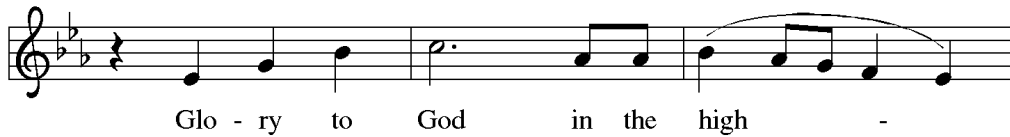
Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

Welcome and Announcements

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 62:1-5

R A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You 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.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 36:5-10

The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through.
The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses.
All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."

Tone:



Refrain:



We feast up - on the a - bun - dance of your house, O LORD.

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches [|] to the heavens,
and your faithfulness [|] to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like [|] the great deep;
you save humankind and ani- [|] mals, O LORD. R**

⁷How priceless is your [|] love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow [|] of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance [|] of your house;
you give them drink from the river of [|] your delights.**

⁹For with you is the [|] well of life,
and in your light [|] we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to [|] those who know you,
and your favor to those who are [|] true of heart. R**

Reading from the New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

R A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says, "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

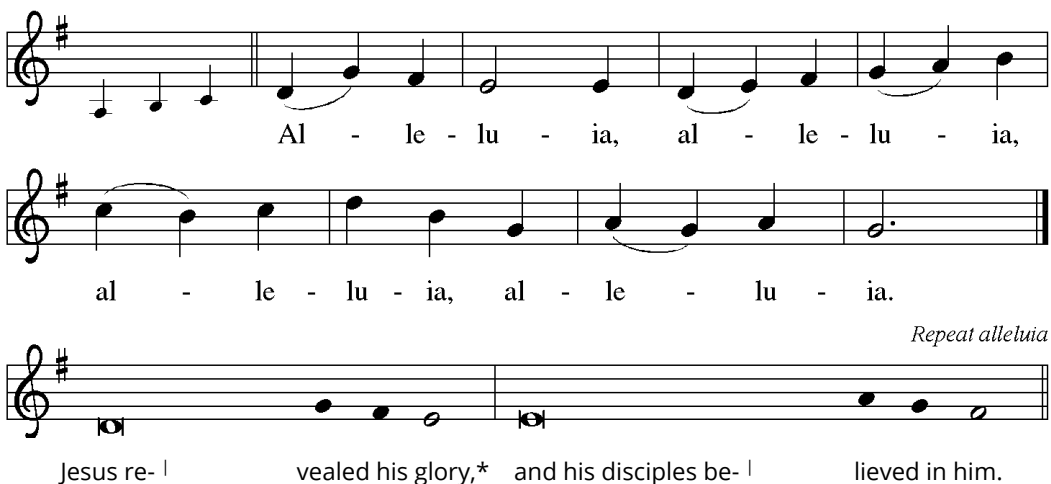
R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Hymnal p. 102



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Jesus re- l - vealed his glory,* and his disciples be - l - lieved in him.

Gospel

John 2:1-11

P This is the Good News of Jesus Christ according to John.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Alleluia of the Gospel Acclamation is sung once again. The Assembly is then seated.

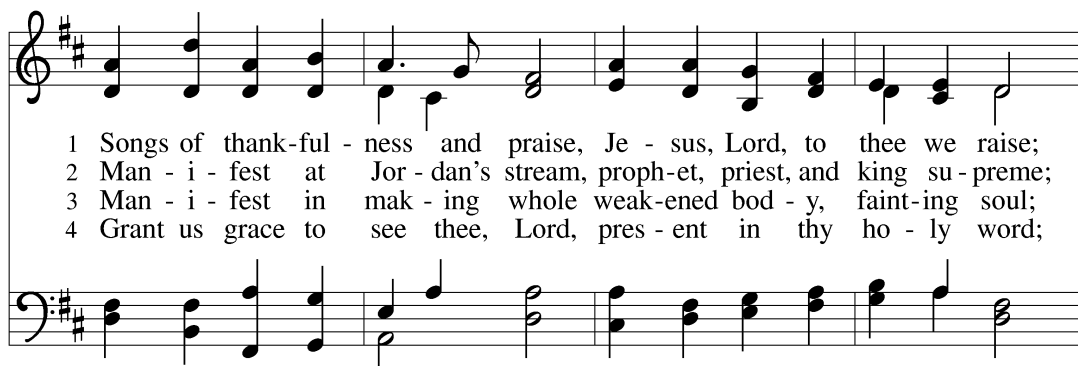
Sermon

Time of Silence

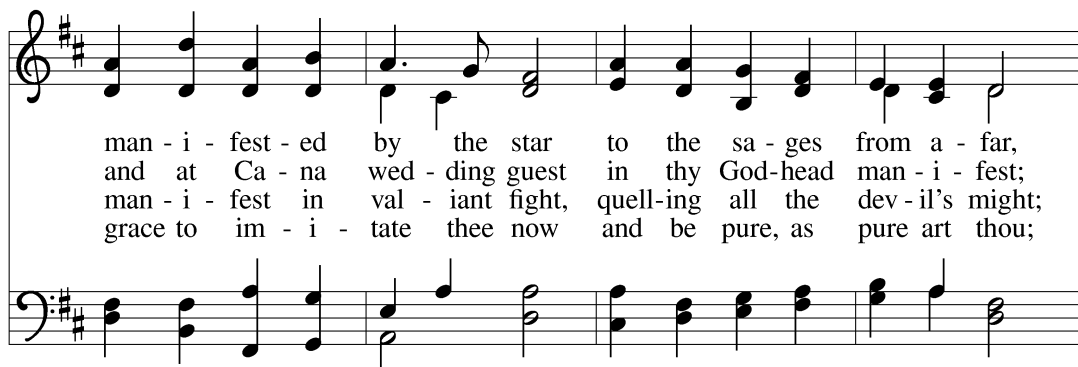
A bell will sound to signal a time of silence for reflection.

During this time, you may want to meditate on one word from the scriptures or from the sermon that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.

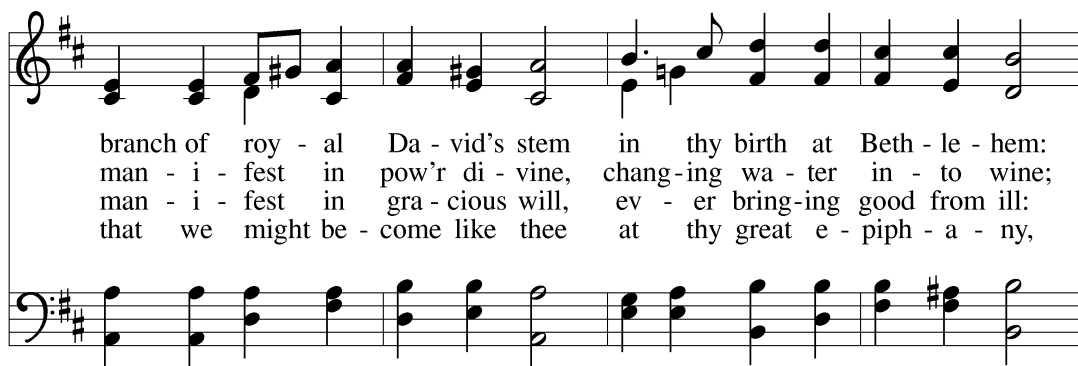
When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word with song.



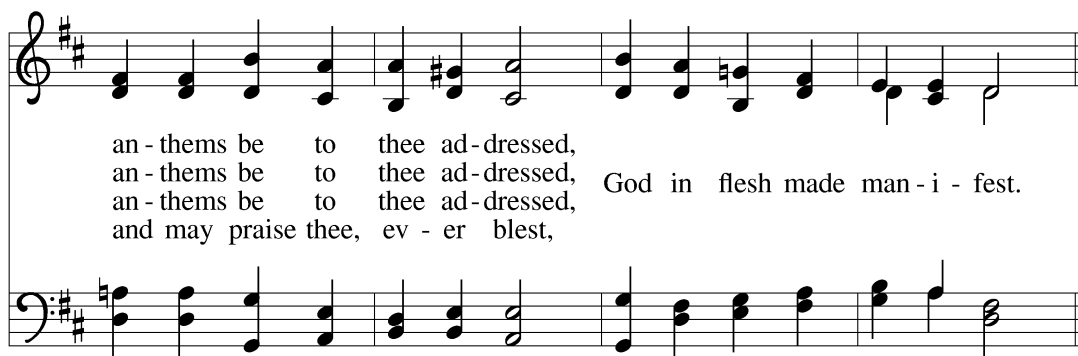
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

The Nicene Creed

L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

A We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the + resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

L United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

L We pray for the church. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, and all who lead your people in ministry. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Wayne, our pastor, Keith, our president, Sara, our Council, and for all whom you have called here in your name. Pour out your Spirit and make us bold to proclaim your reign of mercy and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L For the earth. For vineyards and orchards, fields and gardens, urban parks and wilderness areas. Fill the earth with your abundance and provide for the needs of all living things. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L For the nations. Guide leaders and decision makers toward the well-being of all in their care. Strengthen those who work to uphold human rights for the sake of the dignity of all people. Shelter communities threatened by violence and show us the way of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L For those in need. For those who face a scarcity of resources and those who struggle with debt. For all who suffer with chronic pain, all who grieve, and all who are ill, especially Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Jo Ann Fry, Jennifer Grethe, Judy Hokenson, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, Joe Skelton, Alyssa Steinberg, John and Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in our hearts [...]. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L For this assembly. Transform us and fill us with your life, so that we pour out your love in service to the world. Bless all who work to provide food for others. Lord, in your mercy,

A Hear our prayer.

L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.

L Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith, especially Agnes, Timothy, Titus, and Silas. Inspire us by their witness and unite us in the eternal light of your presence. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

P Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

A And also with you.

Greet one another in the peace of Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words.

If you prefer not to shake hands, you might raise your hand in a gesture of blessing as you speak peace to your neighbors. After the Peace, all return to their seats.

Meal: *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ ...*

Offering *An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.*

Offering Music

"Dicit Dominus: Implete Hydras Aqua" *Heinrich Isaac*

Implete hydras aqua, et ferte architriclino. Cum gustasset architriclinus, architriclinus aquam vinum factam, dicit sponso: Servasti vinum bonum. Hoc signum fecit Jesus primun coram discipulis suis.

The Lord said to them: Fill the water pots with water and carry them to the chief steward. And after the chief steward tasted the water made wine, he called the bridegroom, and said to him: But thou has kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee: and he manifested his glory and his disciples believed him.

Presentation of the Gifts

"Light Shone in Darkness" **Hymnal 307**

The Assembly stands and sings as the gifts are brought forward.



1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,
2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;
3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,
Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,
Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"
hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!
glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

**A Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger,
and your love flows from the cross.**

**As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us,
warm us to extend your care
among the hungry and all in need.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

P The Lord be with you!

A And also with you!

P Lift up your hearts.

A We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you give yourself to us in marriage and intoxicate us with the wine of your love. You created everything: skies, mountains, and seas, and filled the universe with your justice and faithful love. You chose for yourself a beloved people, and in them the light of your salvation dawned for all nations.

You sent your child, Jesus Christ, among us to gather all people under the warmth of your wings. Sharing with us our joys and sorrows, he brought forth new gifts in us when we thought we had run dry. When his hour had come, he was cursed and killed, but you raised him to life again and through him, filled us with the wine of your Spirit, equipping each one of us with gifts to be used in your service for the common good.

Therefore, with hearts full of gratitude, we sing joyfully, giving thanks to you, who are both Father and Mother to us, at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We join our voices with Agnes, Timothy, Titus, and Silas, and with all your holy ones of all times and places. With earth and all its creatures, with sun, moon, and stars, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your Name, and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P We give you thanks, O God,
 through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
 whom you sent in this end of the ages
 to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you,
 through whom you created all things,
 and in whom you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
 He there took on our nature and our lot
 and was shown forth as your Son,
 born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.
 He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
 and won for you a holy people;
 he stretched out his hands in suffering
 in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
 in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
 to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
 to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
 taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we take this bread and cup,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

A Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

A Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

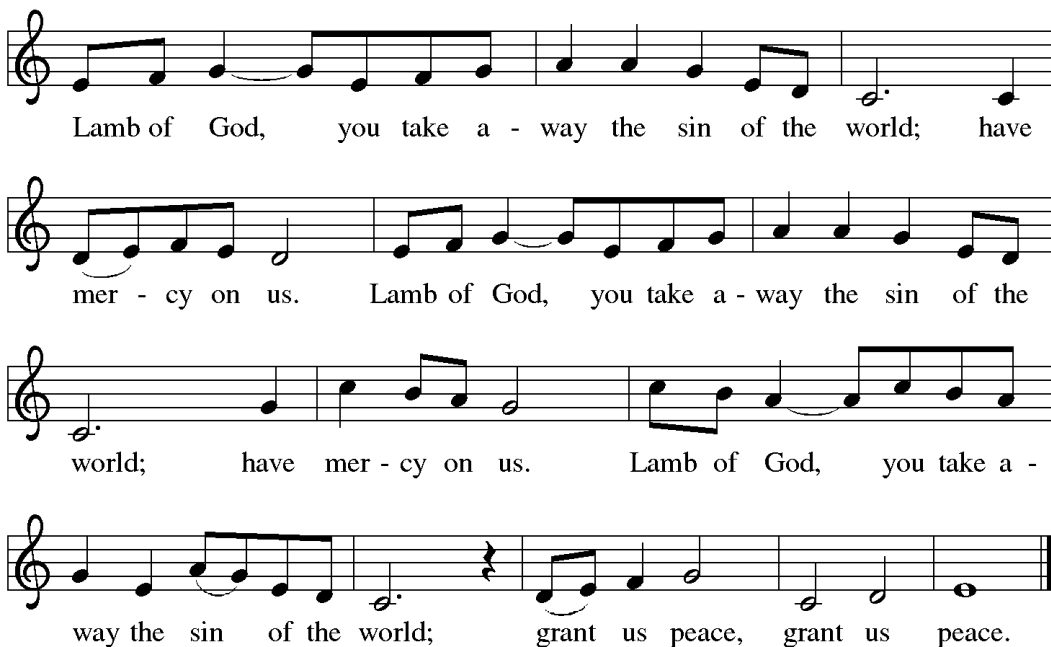
The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

L Come to the table where Christ meets you.
Eat, rejoice, and be glad!

A Thanks be to God!

Distribution of Holy Communion

*The Assembly is seated. Please come forward as the ushers direct, and as you are able.
See the inside front cover for instructions concerning Holy Communion.*



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, grant us peace.

This Week's Commemorations

Agnes, martyr, d. ca. 304

Monday, January 21, 2019

Agnes was a girl of about 13 living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

Conversion of Paul

Friday, January 25, 2019

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the Apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries

Saturday, January 26, 2019

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

Communion Song

"Come, Light of Lights"

*The Assembly is invited to sing. You may choose either part.
To sing in a round, you may begin at any of the lettered notes.*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 12/8 time signature. It consists of two parts, Part 1 and Part 2, each with two staves of music. Part 1 begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The notes are marked with letters A through E above them. The lyrics are: "Come light of lights in - to my heart. Come wis - dom of spi - rit in - to my heart. Come". Part 2 follows a similar structure with the lyrics: "Come light of lights in - to my heart. Come wis - dom of spi - rit in - to my heart. Come".

The Assembly stands when directed by the Presiding Minister.


Blessing after Communion

P May the body and blood of our + Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

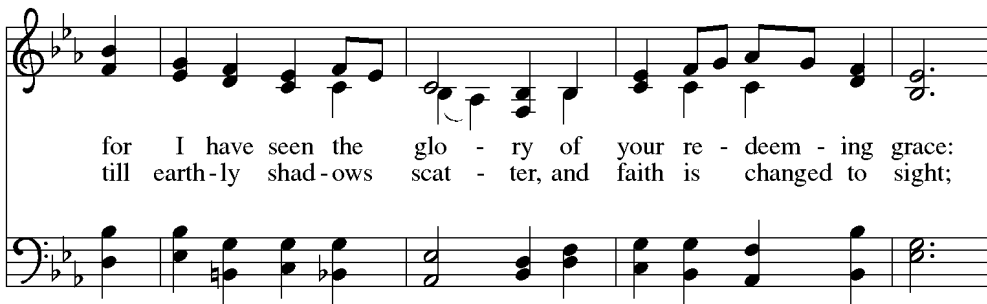
A Amen.

Post-Communion Song

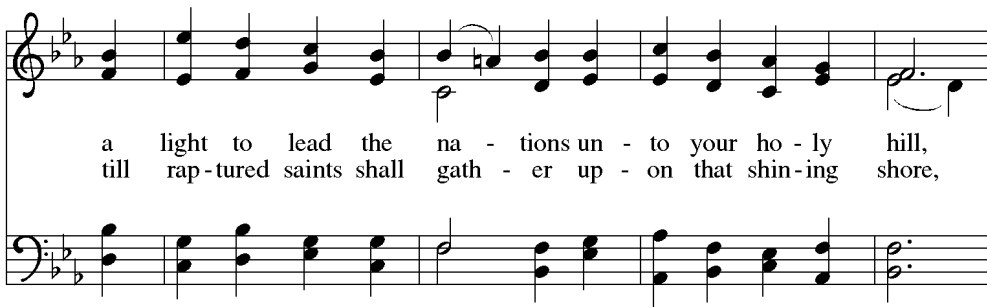
“O Lord, Now Let Your Servant” Hymnal 313




1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap - tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray. God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

A Amen.

Sending: *God blesses us, and sends us in mission to the world ...*

Sending of Communion

P Let us pray. Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother’s tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A Amen.

Sending Song

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” *[printed on next page]* **Hymnal 311**

Please turn as the cross passes you to face the doors through which you will be sent out in mission.

Blessing

P Go now, now, with your trust in Christ who has quenched your thirst with the wine of God’s love. Do not be silent about God’s faithful love, but shelter in the warmth of God’s wings and keep your hearts honest.

And may God rejoice over you and call you “My Delight”;
May + Christ Jesus bring out the best in you, to his glory;
And may the Spirit equip you all with gifts for the common good.

A Amen.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ!

A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“In Thee is Gladness” Bach

Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.

Refreshments are provided by Joe and Terri Simchak.

Come enjoy one another’s company and hear about all the opportunities for service and community!

Serving in Worship today...

Presiding Minister.....	Pr. Keith Fry
Assisting Minister.....	Kathryn Skelton
Acolyte	Kit McCarthy
Lector	Linda Edlund
Communion Minister	Kit McCarthy
Organist	Greg Hummel
Table Preparation	Kim Miller
Communion Bread	TBD
Ushers.....	TBD

Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.
 pre - cious in your sight.
 hill to val - ley flow.
 king - dom with out end.

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First Signs

People enjoy recounting predictive stories from their childhood. A nurse shares a story of tending to a sick pet at a young age. An engineer tells about the time she got in trouble for disassembling her parents' TV. An entrepreneur narrates the saga of his first lawn-mowing business. Do you have a story like this that you like to tell? Such stories get shared because in them we recognize the first traces of the people we have become. They are stories full of signs that point toward something coming.

Today's gospel shares a story about the first "sign" of Jesus. When the wine runs out at a wedding he is attending in Cana, Jesus transforms water into wine to help keep the party going. Like the stories we tell about ourselves, this sign points toward who Jesus is going to become. His first miracle is marked by kindness, compassion, joy, pleasure, and abundance. Jesus brings life to a party that is dying. Like stories of our own development, this story feels light-hearted even as it points toward the more profound ways in which we know Jesus will fulfill his own calling to bring joy to those in sorrow, compassion to those in need, and, ultimately, life to those who have died.

Worship is also a place of signs. The rich texture of our words, music, and actions points us toward the truth of God revealed in Jesus Christ. This truth was made known in Jesus' earthly life, but it continues to unfold in the present. Today as you worship, pay attention to moments in the service that speak with power to your life. These may be signs of what God is changing in you—healing wounds, developing gifts, or growing a special calling!

Upcoming Events

Friday, January 25	Evening Quilters	7:00 PM
Sunday, January 27	Annual Congregational Meeting	12:00 PM

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Keith Fry	Pastor
Sara Krentz	Congregation Council President
James Morehead.....	Music Director
Greg Hummel.....	Organist
Laurie Stivers.....	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu.....	Parish Administrator

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