

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist January 12, 2020

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 until 1:00 P.M. 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! Activity bags are available from the greeters. 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! There is no specific age requirement for Communion. If you would like your child to commune, please let the pastor know. At the direction of the usher, come forward if you are able, and kneel or stand 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 or near 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.

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany ("being made manifest" or "appearing"), Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the Servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim Good News to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

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

Pre-Service Music

Variations on "Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came", "In Thee is Gladness" and other Epiphany hymns

Bach et al.

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the Presiding Minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

A Amen.

- P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
- P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,

making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,

and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

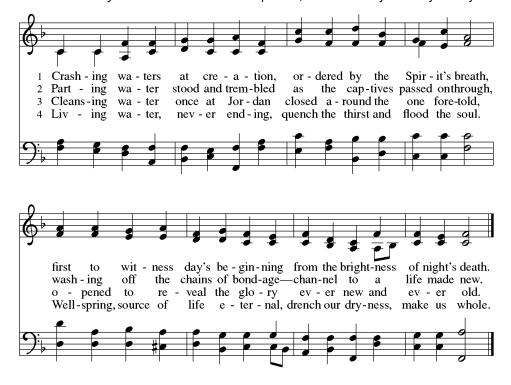
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

A Amen.

Gathering Song

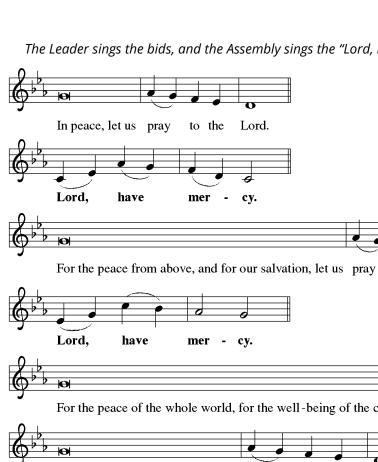
The Assembly is sprinkled with water as a reminder of the gift of baptism.

You may reverence the cross as it passes, then turn to face the front of the worship space.



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!

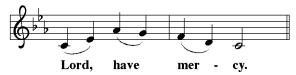


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

to the

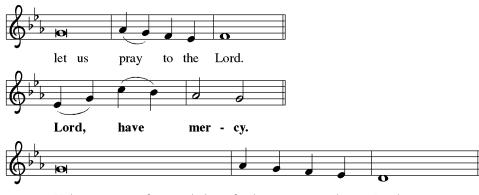
Lord.







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



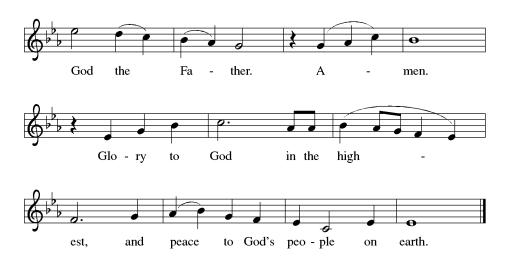
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



Canticle of Praise Hymnal p. 99



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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

Welcome and Announcements

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 42:1-9

R A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

God's Servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The Servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the Servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the Servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,

my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;

he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,

or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,

and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed

until he has established justice in the earth;

and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,

who created the heavens and stretched them out,

who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it

and spirit to those who walk in it:

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m 6}$ I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,

a light to the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;

my glory I give to no other,

nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have come to pass,

and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,

I tell you of them.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 29 ELW Psalm Tone 8

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:



¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of [|] glory thunders; the LORD is upon the [|] mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the [|] cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce- [|] dars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

⁷The voice [|] of the LORD bursts forth in [|] lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilder- ness of Kadesh. R

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

¹¹O Lord, give strength | to your people; give them, O Lord, the bless- | ings of peace. **R**

R A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the Good News of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

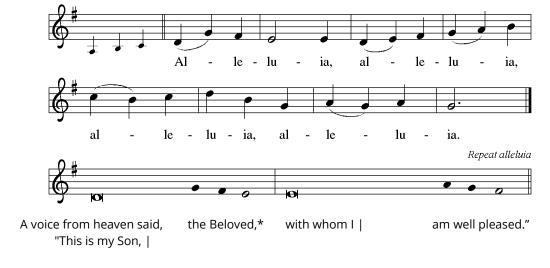
R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Hymnal p. 102



Gospel Matthew 3:13–17

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Alleluia portion 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.

Hymn of the Day



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 Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.
- L Renewing God, thank you for the gift of baptism. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Yehiel; for our pastor, Keith; for our president, Sara; for our Council; and for all those you have gathered here in your name. Give your church boldness to proclaim your promises. Tear down obstacles of injustice so that your word of hope reaches the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

A Hear our prayer.

L Almighty God, we rejoice in the glory of your creation: the beauty of rivers and streams, glaciers and oceans, lakes and ponds. Bring restoration to your earth, and free us from overuse and abuse of water, air, and land. Lord, in your mercy,

A Hear our prayer.

L God of peace, we give thanks for order in the midst of chaos, though we long for greater justice in our world. Raise up wise and compassionate servant leaders so that all experience your reign of peace. We pray especially for peace with Iran. Lord, in your mercy,

A Hear our prayer.

L Holy God, thank you for the powerful healing we witness through doctors and nurses, medication, therapy, and holistic means. Break through clouds of pain and anguish with your voice of comfort. Proclaim hope to all who grieve, and send healing to all who are sick, especially Steve Andes, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Babs Deacon, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Judith Kratochvil, Hal Larson, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, Elaine Nelson, Tom Rowan, Andy Sheer, Darryl Simchak, Alyssa Steinberg, Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. Lord, in your mercy,

A Hear our prayer.

L God of courage, we rejoice in this community of hope. Strengthen all who are preparing for baptism and renew the faith of sponsors, mentors, parents, grandparents, friends, and all who guide the newly baptized in this life of joy. 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 God of hope, unleash your Spirit to increase our trust in you. We give thanks for the lives of the saints who inspire us with lives of baptismal witness, remembering especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, and martyr; Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church; and Pachomius, renewer of the church. Inspire us by the faithfulness of your saints to serve you and all your people. Lord, in your mercy.

A Hear our prayer.

P We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, 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 the Risen 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

"Wade in the Water" arr. Michael Kravchuk

Wade in the water, Wade in the water, children, Wade in the water, God's a-goin'a trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white, the leader looks like the Israelite.

See that band all dressed in red, like the band that Moses led.

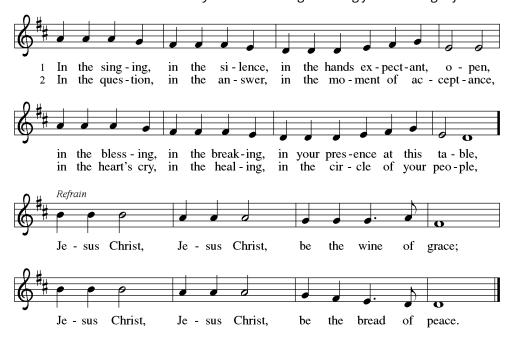
Look over yonder, what do I see? Holy Ghost a-coming on me.

If you don't believe I've been redeemed, follow me down to Jordan's stream.

Presentation of the Gifts

"In the Singing" Hymnal 466

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



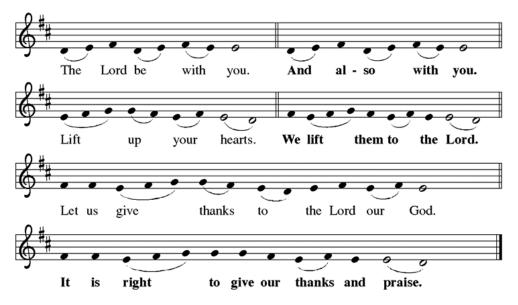
Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

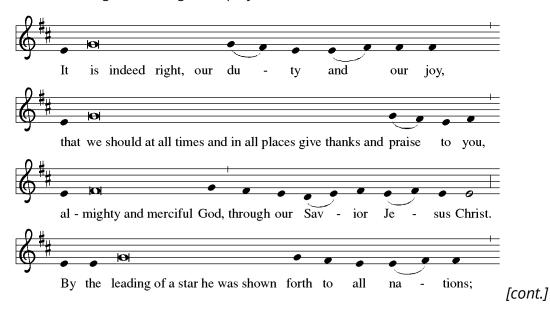
A Generous God,
you have given us life, this community,
and these gifts of the earth
that become the meal of your grace.
Move in our hearts,
that we might use your gifts
to bring hope and blessing wherever we go,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

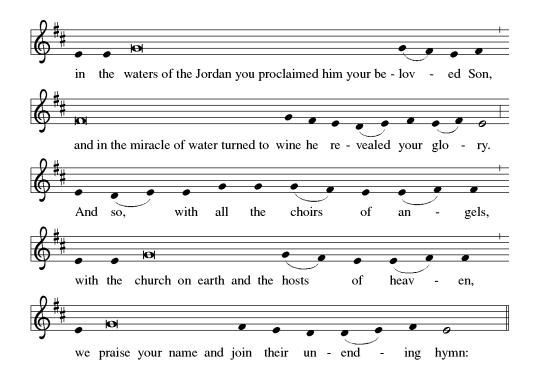
The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue The Assembly sings the boldfaced responses.

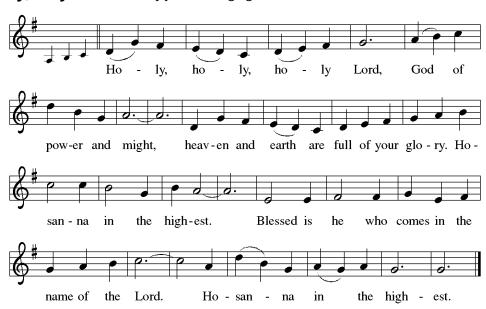


Preface The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:





Holy, Holy, Holy *The Assembly joins in singing:*



Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, 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.

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

A Come, Lord Jesus!

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

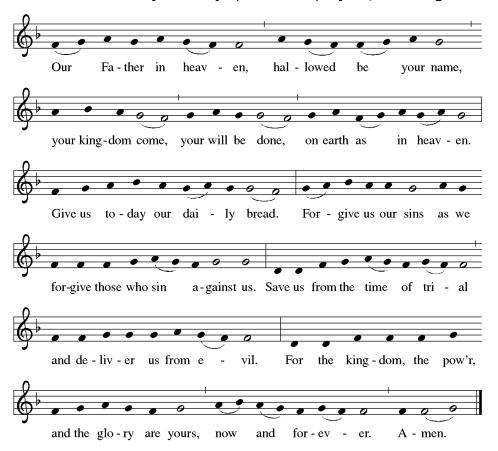
A Come, Holy Spirit!

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, One God, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: All sing.

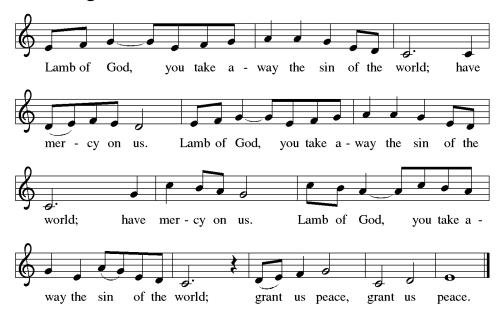


The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

- L Love has come: God's love for all people. Come and eat, for Christ invites you!
- A Thanks be to God!

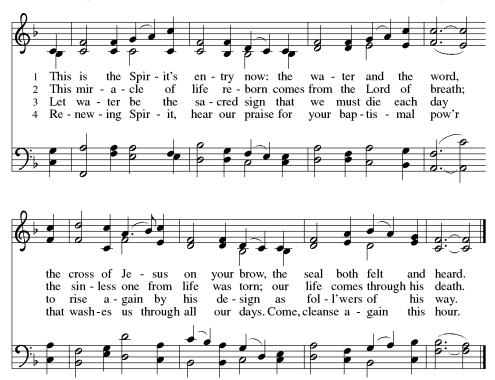
Distribution of Holy Communion

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.



Communion Song

"This is the Spirit's Entry Now" Hymnal 448



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.



Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

A Amen.

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Sending of Communion

P Let us pray. Gracious God, you come to us in our darkest night, dawning on us as the Sun of Righteousness. May your light and hope dawn on our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound as we send bread and wine from this table to be shared with them. May it be to them a star shining in the night to show them your presence in the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, "God with us."

A Amen.

Sending Song

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" [printed on next page] **ELW 310**

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

Blessing

P Go now as a light to the nations. Honor the Lord; preach what you know of the risen Christ, and fulfill all righteousness.

And may God strengthen you and bless you with peace; May + Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you; And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved ones.

A Amen.

Dismissal

- L Go in peace. Share the Good News!
- A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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

Refreshments are provided by The Chatains.

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

Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Keith Fry
Assisting Minister	
Acolyte	
Lector	Dana Barron
Communion Minister	
Organist	Greg Hummel
Music Director	
Table Preparation	-
Communion Bread	
Ushers	

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



This Week's Commemorations

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, d. 1968 Wednesday, January 15, 2020

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, d. ca. 356 Friday, January 17, 2020

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Pachomius, renewer of the church, d. 346 Friday, January 17, 2020

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. Disturbed by the worldliness of the church, he became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community whose purpose was to pray for the world. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Confession of Peter

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Today the church remembers the Apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the Living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 15	Choir Practice	7:30 PM
Friday, January 17	Community Warming Center	2:00 PM
Saturday, January 18	Memorial Service for Lynn Carson	11:00 AM
Sunday, January 19	Adult Spiritual Growth	9:00 AM
	Worship with Eucharist	10:30 AM
	Budget Forum	12:15 AM

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Keith Fry	Pastor
Sara Krentz	
Linda Edlund	
Susan Ross	
Tom Couch, Greg Hummel, Melisa Larson, Kevin McDaniel, Scott Romans,	
	Congregation Council Members
Joe Simchak	Treasurer
Mary Ann Kearns	Financial Secretary
Elizabeth Stegner	Assistant Financial Secretary
James Morehead	Music Director
Greg Hummel	Organist
Laurie Stivers	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu	Parish Administrator

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