

Second Sunday After Epiphany, January 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

Zoom Service 10:30 AM

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Prelude O Zion Haste, ELW 668

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

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*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923  
 Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Welch, 1837–1901

## Announcements

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

**Amen.**

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.

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.  
**Amen.**

### **Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Meeting Announcement**

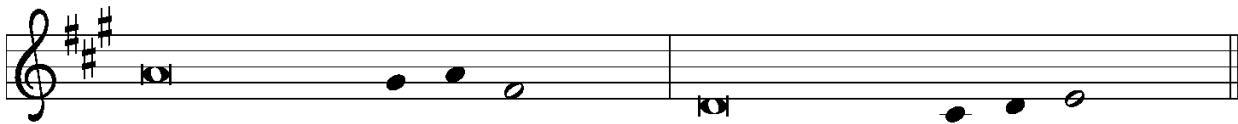
#### **Reading from the Old Testament, 1 Samuel 3:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

## PSALM: 139:1-6, 13-18



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- <sup>1</sup>Lord, you have | searched me out;  
O Lord, you | have known me.
- <sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;  
you discern my thoughts | from afar.**
- <sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my | resting-places  
and are acquainted with | all my ways.
- <sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it | altogether.**
- <sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind | and before,  
and lay your | hand upon me.
- <sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**
- <sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my | inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.
- <sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.**
- <sup>15</sup>My body was not hid- | den from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.
- <sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written | in  
your book;  
my days were fashioned before they | came to be.**
- <sup>17</sup>How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!  
How great is the | sum of them!
- <sup>18</sup>**If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.**

## **GOSPEL: John 1:43-51**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

## **Sermon**

HYMN: Will You Come and Follow Me, ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

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## **Prayers of the People**

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need, responding to each petition muted or un-muted with the words 'Your mercy is great'.

Let us pray for the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day. We pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, pastor Kim, our president Scott, our council, call committee, our pastoral candidate and family, and the reopening team. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable. We pray for an end to white supremacy, for reconciliation, and for justice that will lead to true and lasting peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for relief from the pandemic. Bring meaningful work to those furloughed. Guide and watch over all first responders and essential workers. Surround with your presence family and friends who are anxious for those on the front lines of crisis. Inspire healthcare workers and medical researchers as we rejoice in the arrival of vaccines. Be a powerful presence with those in quarantine, those who feel isolated, and with all students, teachers and staff in academic communities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, especially Steve Andes, Maren Baylaender, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Babs Deacon, Laura Burdick, Mid Carlson, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Pat Helm, Jim Jung, John and Nancy, Judith Kratochvil, Gordon Larson, Elizabeth and Ernie's family, Elaine Nelson, Veronica Repasz, Darryl Simchak, Alyssa Steinberg, George Stewart, Leslie Thais, Scott Weidler, and those whose names we call out to you here, muted or un-muted: . . . *A brief silence.* Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

And now, siblings, for what else shall we pray, silent or spoken aloud? *A longer period of silence.* Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray in thanksgiving for the faithful departed. Especially this week we give thanks for the life of Ernie LeVon and his gifts to this community, and for the life, ministry and prophetic justice of Martin Luther King, Jr. May their lives give us a vision of love, of faith, and of the gospel in action as we are inspired to work for a better world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

### **Offertory Anthem: Locus Iste by Anton Bruckner**

We worship God with our offerings. We give thanks for those who support Immanuel's life and mission. [We invite you to do that online](#) or by mail, and with your presence, prayer, and talents.

### **Offertory Prayer**

And now, as we unmute ourselves for the Great Thanksgiving we pray together:

**Come Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to all be blessed.**

**Feed us with your living bread, that all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Prayer at the Table**

Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our night,

revealing to us your mercy and power.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his preaching and healing,  
his dying and rising,  
and his promise to come again,  
we await that day when all the universe  
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

And for this we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,  
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
we may be light for the world,  
revealing the brilliance of your Son.

And for this we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

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

**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.**

**Communion**

Come for all things are now ready; the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**This is the body of Christ, given for you.**

*All communing may receive their bit of bread from God's hand, and may share with others in their household also using these words.*

**This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.**

*All communing may drink of the cup they have prepared, and may share with others in their household also using these words.*

*For those fasting, receive this prayer of blessing in God's presence:*

May God who loves you be truly present with the Spirit of grace, mercy and joy, uplifting and blessing you in the promise of your baptism.

### **Table Dismissal**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

### **Benediction**

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;

and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

**Amen**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

### **Coffee hour/Announcements**

### **TODAY AT IMMANUEL**

**Special Congregational Call Meeting following worship**

### **THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL**

#### **Midweek Gathering**

7 pm Wednesday on zoom

Join us for gathering, discussion on next Sunday's scripture readings, and prayer.

#### **Coffee and Connections Check in!**

9:30 am Thursday on zoom    Look for link on the Midweek Gathering email

Start this day with a cup of coffee or tea and settle in for a check-in and conversation space hosted by Linda Edlund and Pastor Kim.

#### **Immanuel Quilters and Knitters**

10:30 am Thursday on zoom

### **NEXT WEEK AT IMMANUEL**

#### **Budget Informational Meeting**

Sunday, January 24 following worship

## **LOOKING AHEAD AT IMMANUEL**

### **Book Discussion on *How to be an Anti-Racist* by Ibram X. Kendi**

Tuesday, January 26

### **Congregational Annual Meeting**

Sunday, January 31 following worship

## **COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES**

**January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 HEROS MLK Workshop**, with breakout rooms on areas such as Affordable Housing, Local Education, Local History, Civic Engagement and Beginning Your Anti-Racism Journey. See the newsletter to register, or talk to Audrey Moy, one of the organizers, for more information.

### **Interfaith Action of Evanston Walk for warmth (on wheels) on Jan. 18, 2021**

Send a check to church with IAE Walk for warmth in the memo, or donate online:

<https://interfaithactionofevanston.networkforgood.com/projects/119434-action-team-s-fundraiser>

On MLK's National Day of Service, January 18, Walk for Warmth on Wheels will raise funds for operating the Emergency Overnight Shelters and heighten community awareness of people in Evanston who are homeless.

### **GoFundMe page for Swedish Covenant Meals through Prairie Grass Café is still open.**

Now more than ever we give thanks for our front line medical workers. God's work, our hands!