

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist February 6, 2022

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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 to worship today via Zoom!

About Our Worship Today

In order to maintain safety and include singing in our worship, only worship leaders and choir will be present in the sanctuary. Please remain muted until you get to the part where you will be invited to unmute and participate in some parts of the liturgy, as marked by this symbol. () = UNMUTE.

Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal because Christ invites you! There is no specific age requirement for Communion. If you would like to participate in Holy Communion, you are invited to prepare a small bit of bread of any sort, and wine or juice if they are accessible to you, creating sacred space.

This Week's Commemorations

Presentation of Our Lord Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Forty days after the birth of Jesus we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There they were greeted by Simeon, an aged priest who offered the song "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace," as well as by the prophet Anna, who spoke of the redemption of Israel.

Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, died 865 Thursday, February 3, 2022

A monk who helped bring Christianity to Scandinavia, Ansgar returned to Germany where he was named bishop of Hamburg. He is remembered for his love for poor people.

The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597 Saturday, February 5, 2022

Christianity was brought to Japan in the sixteenth century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

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

Pre-service Music

Six Preludes By G. Frescobaldi

Gathering

P The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- A Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

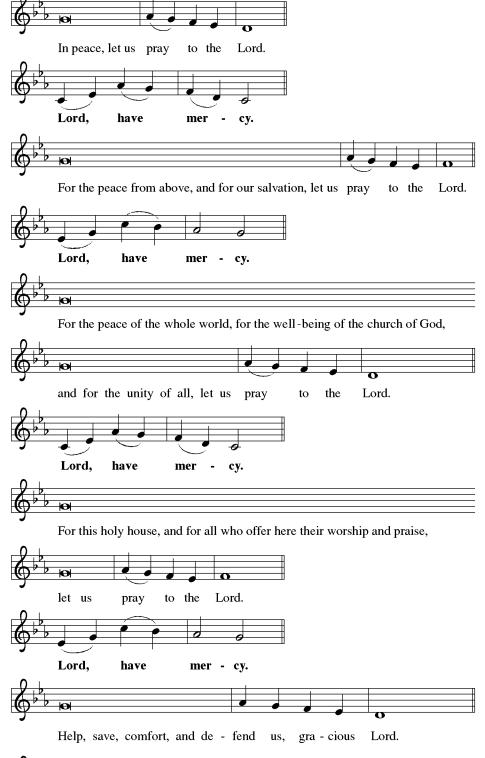
Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P Most merciful God,
- A () (UNMUTE) we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.
 We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.
 We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.
 We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.
 Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.
 For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
 Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.
- P Rejoice in this good news:
 In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
 You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.
 Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
- A Amen.



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!





Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- A 🔇 And also with you.

Pause for a moment of silence...

- P Let us pray. Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- A Amen.

Word: God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures:

Isaiah 6:1-13

R A reading from Isaiah.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

⁹And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend;

keep looking, but do not understand.'

¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull,

and stop their ears,

and shut their eyes,

so that they may not look with their eyes,

and listen with their ears,

and comprehend with their minds,

and turn and be healed."

¹¹Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said:

"Until cities lie waste

without inhabitant,

and houses without people,

and the land is utterly desolate;

¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away,

and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

R Word of God, word of life.

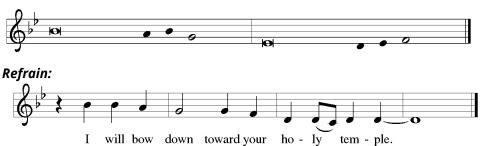
A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 138

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:

ELW Psalm Tone 3, 2 Flats



¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;

before the gods I will [|] sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast [†] love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things. R

³When I called, you ¹ answered me;

you increased my [|] strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise [|] you, O LORD,

when they have heard the words [|] of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways ¹ of the Lord,

that great is the glory $^{\mid}$ of the ${\tt LORD}.$

⁶The Lord is high, yet cares [|] for the lowly, perceiving the haughty [|] from afar. R

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹ keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right [|] hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your pur-¹ pose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works $^{\rm |}$ of your hands. ~ R

Reading from the New Testament

R A reading from 1 Corinthians.

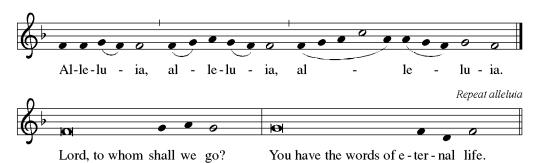
¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- A Praise to you, O Christ!

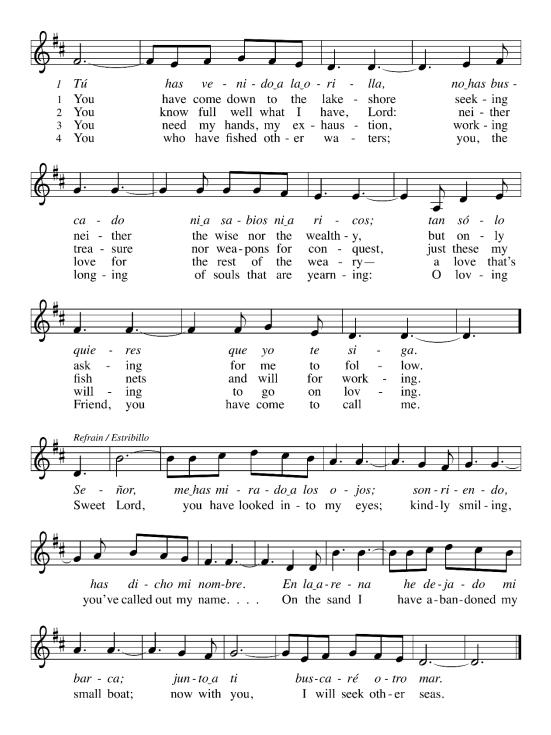
Sermon

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 "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore (PESCADORE DE HOMBRES)" Hymnal p. 817



The Assembly is seated. Members of the new Congregation Council will come forward for a blessing and to be formally installed as leaders of the Assembly.

Installation of Congregation Council

The Apostle's Creed

- L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.
- A I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People 🔇 the Responses

- L The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.
- L Equip your church to proclaim the good news that we have first received: the forgiveness and grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. Send us out as apostles, sharing the hope of your salvation with a waiting world. God of grace,

A hear our prayer.

L You bestow humility and thoughtfulness in our leaders. We pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Dana, our council, and anti-racism task force. God of grace,

A hear our prayer.

L Holy are you, O God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Reveal your splendor in fiery sunsets and in deep blue twilights. Teach us to recognize you in the beauty of our natural world. God of grace,

A hear our prayer.

L You who are our hope and strength, our rock and our refuge, guide all nations in your paths of peace, especially, Ukraine, Afganistan, and Myamar. God of Grace,

A hear our prayer.

L Soften the hearts of rulers and governments that they perceive and tend to the needs of their people. Remove corruption and the impulse toward violence. Protect first responders and military personnel who risk their lives in service of others. God of grace,

A hear our prayer.

L Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon those who look to you for hope and healing. Bless doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, and all caregivers. Draw near to those who are scared, sick, or in pain, especially Steve Andes, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Babs Deacon, Lucas Forzley, Jim Jung, Susan Knohl, Judith Kratochvil, John and Nancy Lang, the family of Larry Lee, Veronica Repasz, Lorrie Roche, Darryl Simchak, Lloyd Stivers, Grace and Alex, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...].

Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,

A hear our prayer.

L The disciples received help from partners as they brought in an abundant catch of fish. So strengthen this congregation's partnerships with community organizations and ministries. Multiply our shared efforts and bring joy to our relationships. God of grace,

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 God of grace,

A hear our prayer.

L We give thanks for our ancestors in faith who boldly answered your call. By their example give us courage to live in faith and to proclaim your mercy until the day that you gather us into your glory. God of grace,

A hear our prayer.

- P Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- 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.

Offering An offering for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need. You scan this code with your smartphone camera to make your financial offering online.



Offering Music

In the Year that King Uzziah Died By Rachel Aarons

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

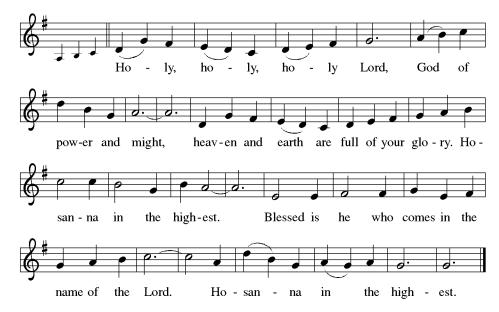
Dialogue

- 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 The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn::

Holy, Holy, Holy The Assembly joins in singing:



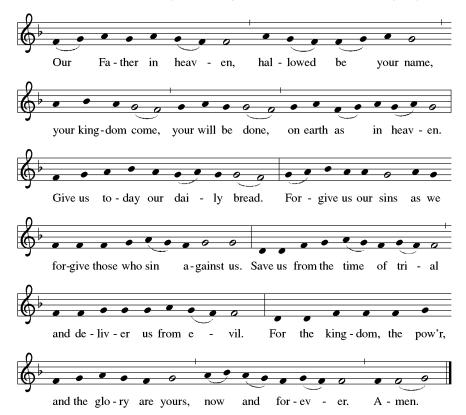
Hymnal, p. 108

Thanksgiving at the Table

P 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 darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might. 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. 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. Through him all glory and honor is 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: All sing.



The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

- P Come to God's table, There is a place for you and enough for all!
- A 🕥 Thanks be to God!

Distribution of Holy Communion

- P This is the body of Christ, given for you. All communing may partake of the bread
- P This is the blood of Christ, shed for you. *All communing may drink of their cup.*

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. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
 Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.
- A Amen.

Sending Song

"Here I Am, Lord (HERE I AM LORD)" ELW 574



Farewell and Godspeed to Scott Romans and Fran Bushhammer

Blessing

- A 🔇 Amen.

Dismissal

- L Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news
- A 🐧 Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Bouree en Trio By Conrad Michael Schneider



To join coffee hour via Zoom on a smartphone, scan with your camera to get the link.

Serving in worship today...

| Presiding Minister | The Rev. Mark Sloss |
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| Assisting Minister | Anne Heider |
| Cantor | Sara Krentz |
| Lector | Susan Ross |
| Organist | James Morehead |
| Music Director | James Morehead |
| Table Preparation | Kit McCarthy |
| Zoom Host | Grace Yarnoff |
| Audio-Visual Technicians | Tom Couch, Kevin McDaniel, Tyler Heyl, Mark Kearns |
| Ushers | |

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Upcoming Events – for details see the weekly e-blast, *Immanuel Newsfeeds,* or the website Calendar at <u>www.immanuelevanston.org</u>.

| Midweek Adult Spiritual Formation | 7:00 pm |
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| Choir Practice | 7:30 pm |
| Wilmette Band Practice | 7:30 pm |
| Feeding Our Faith Discussion | 9:00 am |
| Sunday Virtual Worship | 10:30 am |
| New Community Church | 1:00 pm |
| North Shore Squares | 2:00 pm |
| | Choir Practice Wilmette Band Practice Feeding Our Faith Discussion Sunday Virtual Worship New Community Church |

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

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| Bert Mount | Congregation Vice President |
| Steve Warner | |
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