



## **Baptism of Our Lord**

**10:30 A.M.**

**Worship with Eucharist  
January 11, 2026**

# 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.

**Masks are now optional during worship service.**

## 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. 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! Activity bags are available from the ushers. 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. The liturgy is printed in this bulletin. If you're worshipping via Zoom, 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. There are two options: Those who wish, please come forward as the ushers direct. Receive the bread from the Pastor and wine or grape juice from the Assisting Minister. The glasses will be pre-poured, with the grape juice in the inner circle and wine in the outer circle. Each person will take their own glass from the tray. The acolyte will collect the empty glass.

The other option is we have individually packaged communion with either wine or grape juice that you can pick up at the entrance of the sanctuary. The pastor will say "The body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you" following the singing of the Communion Song. Please deposit the cups and wrappers in the trash receptacles as you leave the sanctuary.

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

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, 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.*

**Prelude**                    "Christ Our Lord Came to the Jordan" by Dietrich Buxtehude, "Pastoral No. 3" by Cecil Chaminade, and "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" by Johann Pachelbel

*The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**A** 🗣️ **Amen.**

**P** Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Mighty God, lover of justice,

**A** 🗣️ **you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

**P** The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in ✙ Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**A** 🗣️ **Amen.**

## Blessing for a House of Worship at Epiphany

L Matthew writes that when the magi saw the shining star stop overhead, they were filled with joy. "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother" (Matt. 2:10-11).

### Greeting

P May peace be to this house and to all who enter here.  
By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established;  
through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. (Proverbs 24:3-4)

### Inscription

*This inscription may be made with chalk above the entrance:*

20 † C M B † 26

*Following an eastern European tradition, a visual blessing may be inscribed with white chalk above the main door. The numbers change with each new year. The three letters stand for either the ancient Latin blessing *Christe mansionem benedicat*, which means "Christ, bless this house," or the legendary names of the magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar).*

The magi of old, known as  
C Caspar,  
M Melchior, and  
B Balthasar,  
followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us

20 two thousand  
26 and twenty-six years ago.

† Christ, bless this house, CMB *Christe mansionem benedicat*,  
† and remain with us throughout the new year.

*You may reverence the cross as it passes you.*

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

**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!**

# Gloria

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

**A And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

*Pause for a moment of silence...*

P 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.*

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

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## Reading from the First Lesson

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

R A reading from Isaiah.

- <sup>1</sup> Here 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.
- <sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
or make it heard in the street;
- <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
- <sup>5</sup> Thus 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:
- <sup>6</sup> 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,
- <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name;

my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup> See, 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, or The Word of the Lord.

**A Thanks be to God!**

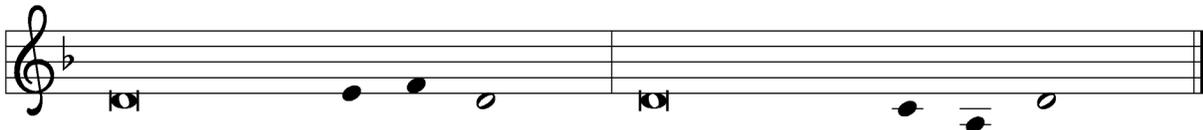
## Psalm 29

## Psalm Tone 8, 1 flat

*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:**



The voice of the LORD is up - on the wa - ters.

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- ry and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. R**
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup> **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- <sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. R**
- <sup>9</sup> The 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!"
- <sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength <sup>l</sup> to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- <sup>l</sup> ings of peace. **R**

## Reading from the Second Lesson

**Acts 10:34-43**

**R** A reading from Acts.

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how 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. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not 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. <sup>42</sup> He 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. <sup>43</sup> All 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, or The Word of the Lord.

**A** 🎤 **Thanks be to God!**

*The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.*

## Gospel Acclamation

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## Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**A Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

<sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens 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 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 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.*

*Refrain*

All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All



- 1 See that host all dressed in white,
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the
- 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
- 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.  
 looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.  
 the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.  
 just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All

*Refrain*



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

## The Affirmation of Baptism

*Those making affirmation may gather with the ministers at the front.*

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

L I present Christian Lynch Kloster, Elora Madeline Kloster, Lilah Dorothea Wenzel-Jones, and Parker Thomas Kloster who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,  
enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,  
and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,  
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

**A Amen.**

## Profession of Faith

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.*

*The assembly may stand and join in the responses.*

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**A I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**A I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**A I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**A I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**A 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**A 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.**

### **Affirmation of Baptism**

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.*

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each person responds:*

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

P People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**A We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*The assembly is seated. Those making affirmation kneel.*

*The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.*

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*The blessing is repeated for each person. The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:*

P Stir up in \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**A Amen.**

*Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.*

*Presentation of certificates and Confirmation Bible Verses.*

*The assembly stands and a representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.*

L Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**A We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*The Assembly responds with joy.*

*The Assembly sings Verses 1&4*



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
 2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
 3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
 peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
 right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
 love ex - pressed,  
 church, re - jice,

## Prayers of the People

L As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*(brief pause)*

L Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God,

**A** 🕊️ **receive our prayer.**

L Joyous God, you fill our hearts with joy as we serve our neighbors. We pray for our bishops Yehiel and Wayne, our pastor Mark, our president Michael, our council, our justice ministries and all who guide and instruct our communities. Merciful God,

**A** **receive our prayer.**

L Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God,

**A** **receive our prayer.**

L Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God,

**A** **receive our prayer.**

L Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill, especially Maren Baylaender, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Tom Couch, Jim Jung, Nancy Lang, the family and friends of Jack McDaniel, Elaine Nelson, Shirley Patrick, Joseph Sloss, Steve Warner, Marina Yarnoff, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Merciful God.

**A receive our prayer.**

L Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for Christian, Elora, Lilah, and Parker in their ongoing journey of being your servants, striving for justice and peace in all the Earth. Merciful God,

**A receive 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 Merciful God,

**A receive our prayer.**

L Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, especially Martin Luther King, Jr., Antony of Egypt, and Pachomius. We trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God,

**A receive our prayer.**

P Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus 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 Christ, saying "Peace be with you,"  
"The peace of the Lord," or similar words.*

*The Assembly is seated.*

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

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

**Offering Music**

"Christmas Joy" By Mark Schweizer

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky has withdrawn,  
When the kings see their prophecy rightly fulfilled,  
When the princes and shepherds have gone;

Then the true work of Christmas begins.

to find the lost,  
to heal the broken hearts,  
to feed the hungry,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among all brothers,  
to make music in the heart.

**Presentation of the Gifts**

"Light Shone in Darkness" (LUX IN TENEBRIS)

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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.  
L God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,

yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Dialogue

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

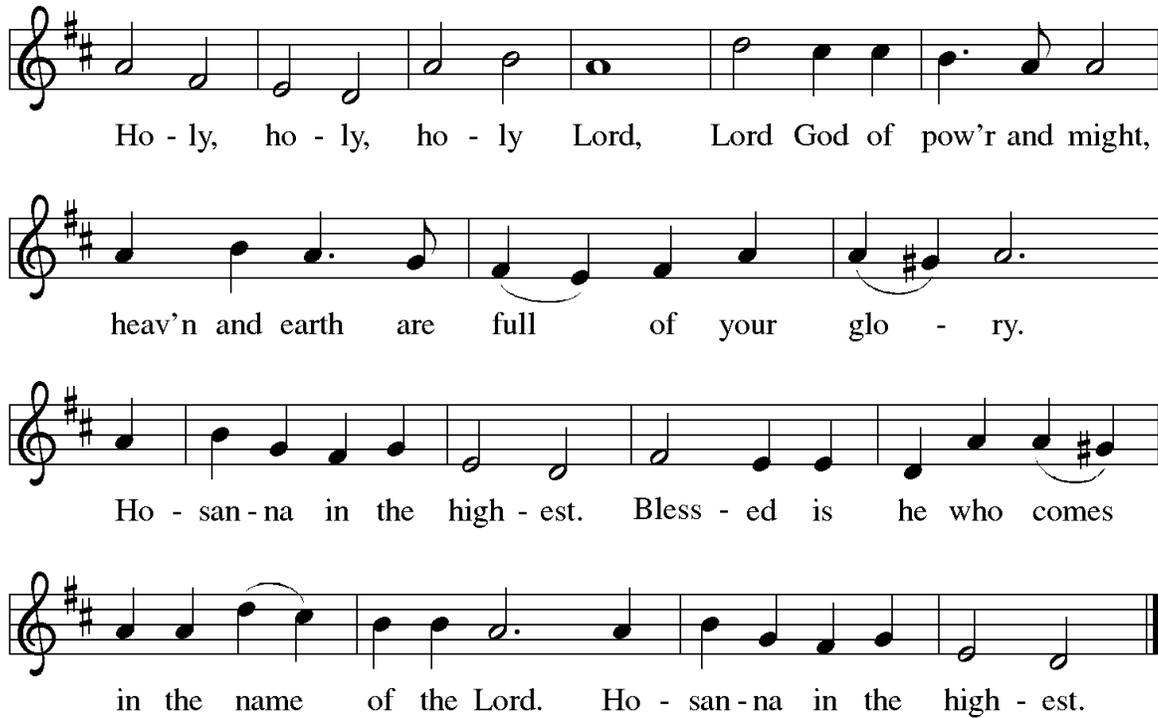
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.

**A We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**A We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**A We thank you, O God.**

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 his love for us on the way,  
 at the table, and to the end,

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**A**

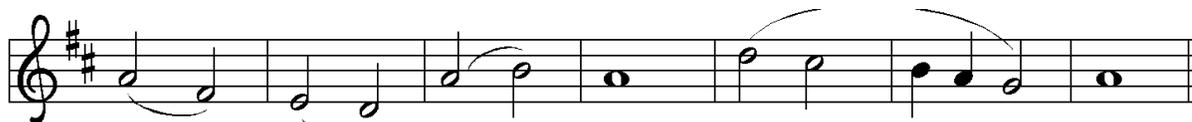


Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
 in our gathering; within this meal;  
 among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,  
 through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit,  
 in your church, without end.

**A**



A - men. a - men. a - men.

### The Lord's Prayer

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

**A** **Our Loving God in heaven, Father and Mother of us all,  
 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

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

A  We come to the feast of joy.

*The Assembly is seated.*

### Communion Song

Lamb of God

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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.

### Distribution of Holy Communion

*For those who are communing with the packets or online, the pastor will say "The body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you."*

*Those who wish, please come forward as the ushers direct, to assemble around the rail to receive communion. Those who are able may kneel. You will receive the bread from the Pastor and wine or grape juice from the Assisting Minister. The glasses will be pre-poured, with the grape juice in the inner circle and wine in the outer circle. Each person will take their own glass from the tray. Empty glasses will be collected by the Acolyte. This will be a continuous communion.*

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

*All communing remotely or with individual packets may partake of the bread.*

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

*All communing remotely or with individual packets may drink of their cup.*

*When you receive the elements, you may respond by saying, "Amen."*

*The Assembly sings the hymn.*

*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*Refrain*

*The Assembly stands as directed.*

## **Blessing after Communion**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**A Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

L Let us pray...  
Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A Amen.**

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

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P The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 12:30 pm. A Pizza Lunch will be provided during Coffee Hour.

## **Blessing**

P May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**A**  **Amen.**

## **This week's commemorations....**

### **Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968**

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

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, died around 356**

**Saturday, January 17, 2026**

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, died 346**

**Saturday, January 17, 2026**

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

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1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
 joy like seed and, all our days, to  
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
 share a dream and help the blind to see.  
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

**Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

A **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

“Toccatà in F” by Dietrich Buxtehude

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

*Today's refreshments are hosted by Mark Kraemer.*

*Come enjoy one another's company and learn what's happening in and throughout the Immanuel congregation!!*

**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
- Assisting Minister ..... Kit McCarthy
- Lector ..... Kathryn Skelton
- Acolyte..... Chris Djuric
- Organist ..... Christine Kraemer
- Music Director.....James Morehead
- Table Preparation..... Kathryn Skelton
- Zoom Host..... Bert Mount
- Audio-Visual Technician..... Kevin McDaniel
- Ushers .....Nicholai Schousboe, TBD
- Counters ..... Terri Simchak

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**Upcoming Events** – for details see the weekly e-blast, *Immanuel Newsfeeds*, or the website Calendar at [www.immanuelevanston.org](http://www.immanuelevanston.org). Worship services can be attended either in person or online.

Tuesday, Jan.13	Tai-Chi Class	8:00 am
	Midweek Group Bible Study	2:00 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 14	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Jan. 15	Wilmette Band Practice	7:30 pm
Saturday, Jan. 17	Indoor Farmers' Market	8:00 am
Sunday, Jan. 18	Feeding Our Faith	9:00 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	New Community Church	1:00 pm

## **Immanuel's Staff and Leadership**

The Rev. Mark Sloss .....	Pastor
Michael Kloster .....	Congregation President
Terri Simchak .....	Congregation Vice President
Dana Barron .....	Congregation Secretary
Susan Ross .....	Congregation Treasurer
Greg Hummel, Jerry Larson, Kit McCarthy, Laura McDaniel, Steve Warner .....	Congregation Council Members
Laurie Stivers .....	Financial Secretary
James Morehead .....	Music Director
Christine Kraemer .....	Organist
Laurie Stivers .....	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu .....	Parish Administrator

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