FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

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

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

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,

and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

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

so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalm 36:5-10

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

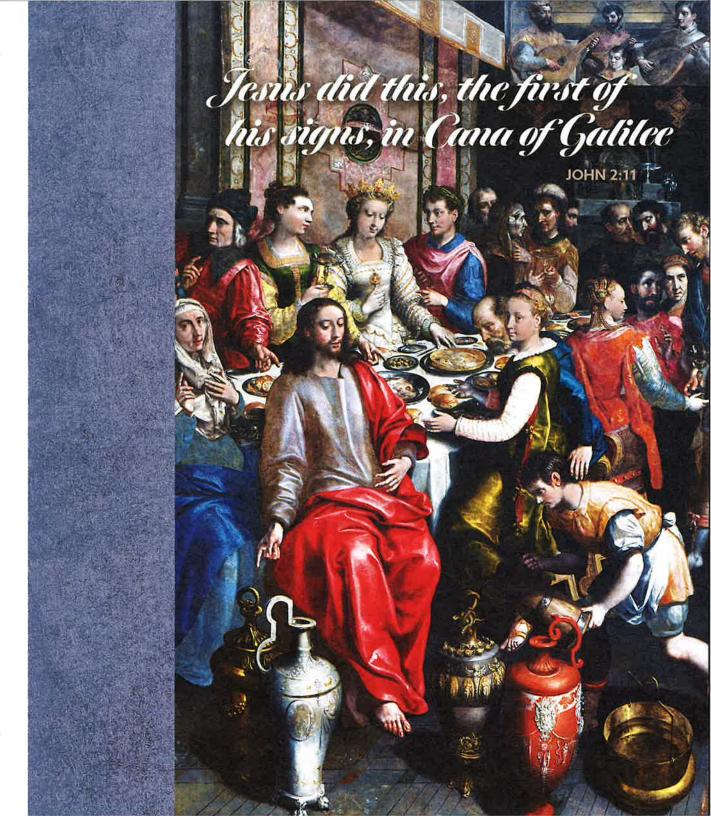
Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!"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

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

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

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

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



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Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel - We are delighted to have friends and family joining us for worship as we celebrate the Christ Child. May the gift of His birth give us hope for things to come going forward into the new year.

Prayer before Worship: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessings we receive each day. Open our hearts to receive the love you send through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer Requests: We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.

Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

The Lord's Supper, (offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. All are welcome to receive Communion at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

We have Children's Bulletins for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

> Newsletter, bulletin, and member information or changes may be sent to ckwilson1983@gmail.com or immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com

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This Week at Immanuel 9:30 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship

Sunday, January 19, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG

Lay Reader: Dan Harms

Greeters: Ron & Deb Jaskowiak

Ushers/Acolytes: Elton & Spring Mau Communion: Erin Ifft, Eli Petersen

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Sunday, January 26, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: TBD

Lay Reader: Louann Harms

Greeters: Phil & Angie Kratochvil Ushers/Acolytes: Acer K., Kasen Casson

Organist: Cindy Wilson

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Virginia Winterland, Gary Kessinger, Lucy McKinley, Cheryl Poppe, Robert Ruff, Jeannie Weber, Tim Dawson, Von Becker's Parents - Bob & Judy Logan, Nancy Lasser, Lori Becker (sister-in-law of Von Becker), and Daviney Steidinger-Reynolds (a student at Ridgeview)

Announcements

The Annual Meeting will take place on February 16, 2025 after worship. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Annual Reports are requested to be turned in by Sunday, February 2, 2025 or sooner if possible.

Offering Statements can be found in the mailboxes by the front entrance.

LWR Quilts - We will begin knotting quilts on Tuesday, January 28th from 12:30-3:00 p.m. If you can thread a needle, we would love to have your help! No other sewing skills are needed.

If you want to help by sewing a quilt top, there are packages of quilt squares in the parish hall. Please use ½" seams with a short, sturdy stitch and press seams open or to one side.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

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

*Congregation may remain seated or stand as you are able *CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

 → one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.
- C: Amen.
- P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Merciful God,
- C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.
- P: God proclaims these words of assurance:
 "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."
 In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.
- C: Amen.

Bind Us Together

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*GREETING *Please stand as you are able

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

C: And also with you.

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P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. (sung) C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. *C: Lord, have mercy.*

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. *C: Lord, have mercy.*

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE ELW page 140

All: Refrain ~ This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Women: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain

Men: *Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.*Refrain

All: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

All: For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Refrain

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

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C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

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The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 36:5-10

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the

great deep; you save humankind and animals, O Lord.

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

They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

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

Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

RFADING

1 Corinthains 12:1-11

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The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

John 2:1-11

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The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to John. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and iovful presence into the world.

After the reading: P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ. Congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Feig

HYMN OF THE DAY

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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*APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin

Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 INTERCESION

P: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition: P: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.

- P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
- C: Amen.

WE GATHER OUR OFFERING

*OFFERING SONG Please stand as you are able.

Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray... God of grace,

C: your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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P: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

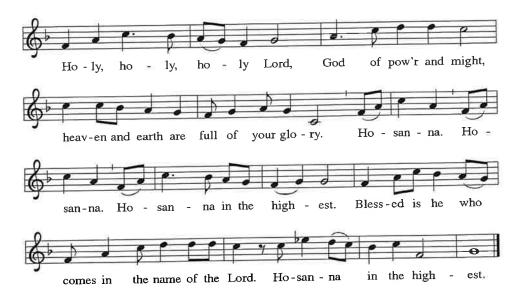
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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:



*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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- 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.
- C: 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.
- C: 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.
- C: Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness. Congregation may be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. The inner circle of cups contain grape juice, the rest are wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God
Will You Come and Follow Me
O Master, Let Me Walk with You

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After all have returned to their places, please stand as you are able.

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

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God ⊕ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen.

*HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE