

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.
⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the
wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Psalm 1**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

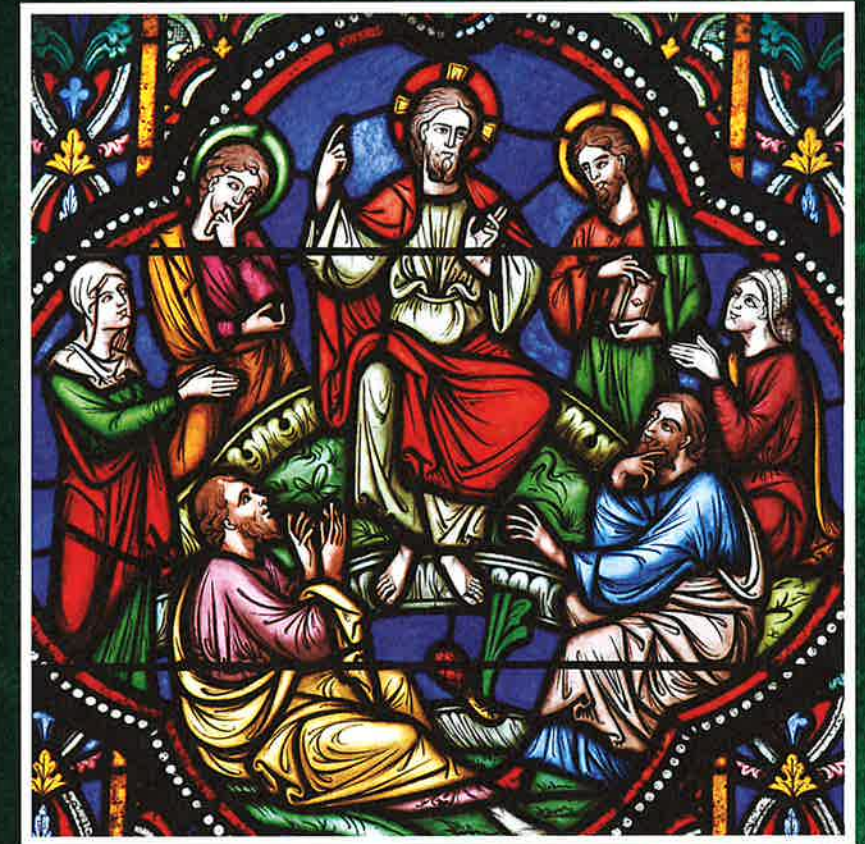
²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

Blessed
are you

LUKE 6:22



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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 grateful that you have chosen to spend this time with us. We pray that you feel Christ's love and carry it with you through the coming week.

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
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This Week at Immanuel 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship

Sunday, February 16, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG

Lay Reader: Janelle Hoffman

Greeters: Alan & Sabrina Petersen

Ushers/Acolytes: Harlan Brucker, Shannon R.

Communion: John & Cindy Harris

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Sunday, February 23, 2025

WORSHIP LEADERS: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG

Lay Reader: Erin Ifft

Greeters: Eli & Katelyn Petersen

Ushers/Acolytes: Dan and Ty Harms

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, Nancy Lasser, Bob & Judy Logan, Kevin and Chad Allen (family members of Von Becker), and Daviney Steidinger-Reynolds (a student at Ridgeview)

Announcements

The Annual Meeting will take place today, February 16, 2025 after worship.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Annual Reports can be found on the tables in the fellowship hall.

Newsletters will be published soon. Please send reports or information to be shared to Cindy by next Monday, February 24. Thank you.

In order to keep our church records up to date, please check the Directory Pages for current addresses and phone numbers. Make changes as necessary, please. The pages can be found on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

LWR Quilts - We will begin knotting quilts on Tuesday, February 25th 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.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ones" and the "woe to's" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

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.

GATHERING SONG

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434

*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.

*KYRIE

ELW page 138

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

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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. Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the
poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives
make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

Word

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

READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

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These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

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

PSALM

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate
on God's teaching day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked
shall be destroyed.**

READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

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.

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:17-26

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The Gospel is announced:

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

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

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

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

ELW 754

*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 INTERCESSION

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.*

ELW 182

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.**
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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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 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
Christ, Be Our Light
Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

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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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.


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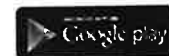


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3. After you submit your information, we must approve the submission to insure your security. You can then download the App or the website

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You will then be able to access your profile and all of those who have already been included in the Immanuel Online Directory. You can update your photo or make other changes as often as you wish. Editing can be done through the menu in the upper corner of the App.

There are printed forms available in the information table that will assist us with completing profiles of those who would like to be included.

We understand this is a work in progress, as we are learning how to do this right along with you. We will help you however we are able, if you will also be patient with us.

For those who do not use computers or smartphones online, but still wish to be included, please contact Cindy, Marcia, or Erin for assistance.