

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9
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.
²He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not
quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus 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:
⁶I 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,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Psalms 29

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43
Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17
Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED

MATTHEW 3:17



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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're so glad you're here! There are many good reasons to come to church, but the best one is to worship and thank God for His amazing love — shown through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That's what our church is all about.

Prayer before Worship: Lord, remind us that every new beginning starts with your grace. Renew our faith, restore our peace, and help us live as your people of light and hope. 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. **There is also a prayer box with cards to use on the table under the mailboxes for prayer requests.**

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 Sunday of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered.

If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of wanting a blessing.

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

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.

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This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School

Sunday, January 11, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR JEFF HENDRICKS

Lay Reader: Dee Winterland

Greeters: Norman & Karen Harms

Ushers/Acolytes: Eli & Katelyn Petersen

Communion: na

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Sunday, January 18, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: TBD

Lay Reader: Dee Winterland

Greeters: Norman & Karen Harms

Ushers/Acolytes: Eli & Katelyn Petersen

Communion: na

Organist: Cindy Wilson

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Lois Barker, Cheryl Poppe, Jeannie Weber, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Cindy Harris, Rebecca Casson, Kris Barnett, Betty Petersen.

Announcements

Today we welcome Pastor Jeff Henricks as our visiting worship leader.

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting of the Congregation to take place February 15, 2026 after worship.

LWR Quilts - There is a box in the parish hall of pre-cut packages of quilt squares that can be sewn into quilt tops. These will help us prepare for quilting next year. Please use 1/2" seam, a tight/short stitch, and do not make a cross pattern.

We are back to knotting quilt tops! We will be meeting on Tuesdays, January 13 and 27th from 1:00-3:30 p.m. We would love to have some new faces join us! It's easy and the company is great! 😊 Please let Dee Winterland know if you plan to attend so if we need to cancel due to weather or illness, she can let you know in advance.

There is a large printed version of our Congregation Directory on the table in the fellowship hall. Please take a minute to see if your contact information is correct or if there is anyone who needs to update their information. This is very helpful in many ways for our congregation but we do not publish any of this information on any media sites.

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

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.

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, the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: 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,

C: 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.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

As With Gladness Men of Old

ELW 302

*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

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P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. *(sung or spoken)* **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.

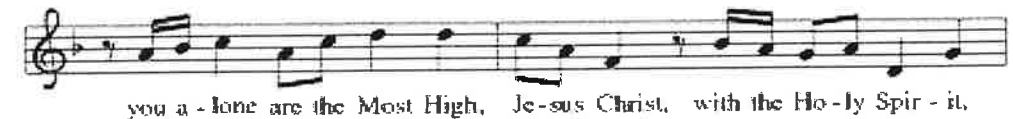
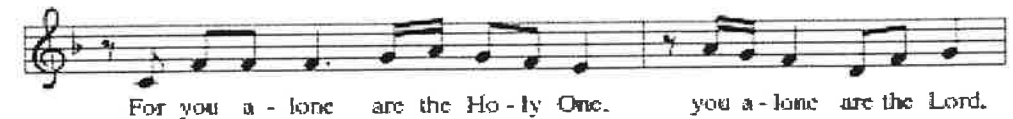
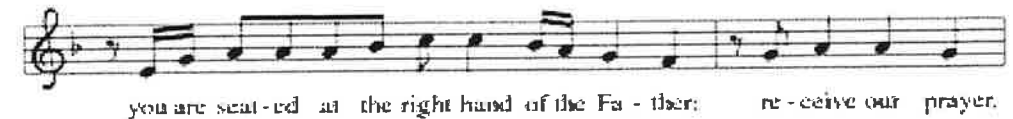
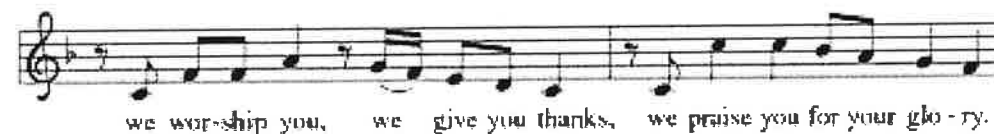
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. 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. **C: Amen.**

Congregation may be seated.

Word

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

READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

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God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

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

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

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!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

READING

Acts 10:34-43

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Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

Matthew 3:13-17

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The Gospel is announced:

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

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Henricks

HYMN OF THE DAY

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**ELW 310**

*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.**

WE GATHER OUR OFFERING

*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able.*

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray together . . .

C: 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. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: 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.

After each petition: P: Merciful God, **C: 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. **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.**

Sending

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

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.

C: Amen.

***HYMN**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE