

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7**  
Listen to me, O coastlands;  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born;  
while I was in my mother’s womb he  
named me.  
<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
<sup>4</sup>But I said, “I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and  
vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD  
and my reward with my God.”  
  
<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,  
who formêd me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup>he says,  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my  
servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end  
of the earth.”  
  
<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his  
Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by  
the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

**Psalms 40:1-11**  
  
**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**  
[not printed]  
  
**GOSPEL: John 1:29-42**  
[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him  
and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes  
away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I  
said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of  
me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not  
know him, but I came baptizing with water for this  
reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And  
John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from  
heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I my-  
self did not know him, but the one who sent me to  
baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see  
the Spirit descend and remain is the one who bap-  
tizates with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen  
and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”  
  
<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with  
two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk  
by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”  
<sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they  
followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them  
following, he said to them, “What are you looking  
for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated  
means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He  
said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw  
where he was staying, and they remained with him  
that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.  
<sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and fol-  
lowed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.  
<sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to  
him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is trans-  
lated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who  
looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of  
John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is trans-  
lated Peter).

HERE IS THE

Lamb  
of God

JOHN 1:29



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 18, 2026**

WORSHIP LEADER: TBD

Lay Reader: Lisa Winterland

Greeters: Dan & Tracy Harms

Ushers/Acolytes: Zane Hoffman, Rylee Kukuck

Communion: na

Organist: Cindy Wilson

## **Sunday, January 25, 2026**

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR LYN KERN

Lay Reader: Von Becker

Greeters: Ron & Deb Jaskowiak

Ushers/Acolytes: Acer K., Alec Harper

Communion: na

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

**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, Jerry Wilson

## *Announcements*

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

**Please submit committee reports to Cindy by Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> in order for the printed report to be available one week prior to the annual meeting.**

**Newsletters will be published next week. Please send reports or information to be included for February to Cindy by next Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.**

**LWR Quilts - We are knotting quilts on Tuesday, January 27 from 1:00-3:30 p.m.**

We would love to have you join us! If you want to help but are unable to attend, there is a box in the parish hall of pre-cut packages of quilt squares that can be sewn into quilt tops. Please use 1/2" seam a tight/short stitch, and do not make a cross pattern. Press seams open or to one side.

**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.

## *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

January 18, 2026

*Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*

### 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 -*

L: 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.**

L: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: 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.**

L: 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

***Arise, Your Light Has Come***

ELW 314

\*GREETING *\*Please stand as you are able*

L: 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

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. *(sung or spoken)* **C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

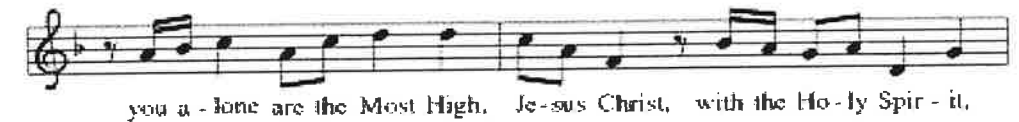
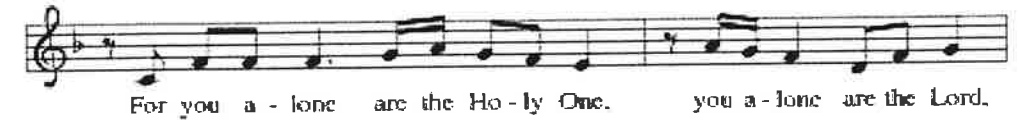
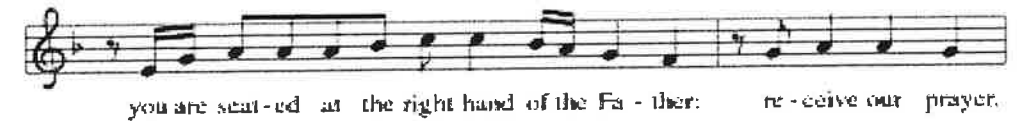
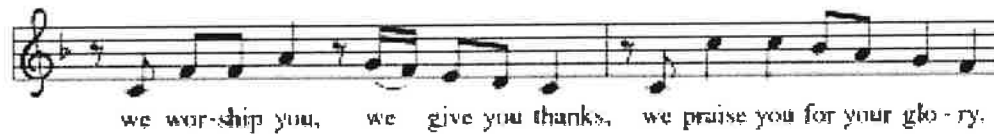
L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Glory to God*

ELW page 139



\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us  
forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you,  
follow you and joyfully find you, 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

Isaiah 49:1-7

back of bulletin

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

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



I waited patiently upon the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.  
**The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**  
The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.  
**Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies  
or to those who follow lies.**  
Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us,  
none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and  
tell them! But they are more than I can count.  
**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened by ears:  
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**  
And so I said, “Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:  
‘I love to do your will, O my God: your law is deep within me.’”  
I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips,  
O Lord, you know.  
**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of  
your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your  
steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**  
You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
**May your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.**

READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 printed below

*Though God’s church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many  
conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has  
enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of  
our Lord Jesus Christ.*  
Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother  
Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in  
Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on  
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has  
been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him,

in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been  
strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the  
revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that  
you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by  
whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please stand as you are able.* ELW page 142  
**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\*GOSPEL READING John 1:29-42 back of bulletin  
*The Gospel is announced:*  
L: The Holy Gospel according to John. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
*John the Baptist’s witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin  
to share with others what they have found.*  
*After the reading:* L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**  
*Congregation may be seated.*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON Eli Petersen

HYMN OF THE DAY **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less** ELW 596

\*APOSTLE’S CREED *Please stand as you are able.* ELW page 104  
L: Let us now confess our faith in the words of the Apostle’s Creed.  
C: **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.*

ELW 186

***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

L: 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

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.

*After each petition:* L: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

L: 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

L: 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.**

BLESSING

L: 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

***Shine, Jesus, Shine***

ELW 671

\*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE