

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 29, 2023 Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church Glenview, IL Office: 847-724-1034

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An offering is collected during the service.

Because Online Communion is not something we practice in the LCMS, please contact the Church Office to receive Individual Communion from your pastor.

PRELUDE RINGING OF THE BELL PASSING OF THE PEACE GOD MANIFESTS HIS GLORY IN THE HUMILITY AND WEAKNESS OF CHRIST CRUCIFIED

About Holy Communion

As a Christian Church, in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod we believe that in Communion, Jesus is really and truly present. He gives us Himself to assure us that in Him we are forgiven. It also is a statement of unity that all who come to Communion are in agreement of faith and doctrine.

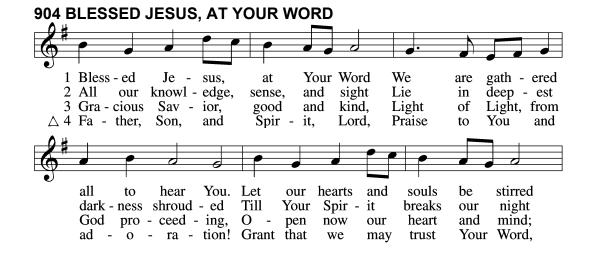
Because this is something very special, and is more than bread and wine, we ask that those who are uncertain of their agreement first talk to the pastor or elder or usher before coming up for Communion. Participating as a family, we believe that we are truly receiving the body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine.

All are certainly welcome at the Altar and may receive a Blessing, rather than the elements. We ask that an indication be given by crossing arms in front (St. Andrew's Cross) to signify this desire for simply receiving a Blessing in Christ. Thank you.

AS WE GATHER

The Lord tells His people, *"I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery"* (Micah 6:4). By the sacrifice of His beloved Son, He has redeemed us from our slavery of sin and death; He has forgiven our transgressions by the shedding of His blood. His great mercy and salvation lead us *"to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly"* with our God (Micah 6:8). We boast only in the incarnate and crucified Lord Jesus. He is *"the power of God and the wisdom of God"* (1 Cor. 1:24). He is our life and salvation, our *"wisdom"* and *"righteousness and sanctification and redemption"* (1 Cor. 1:30). Now He opens His mouth and teaches us His wisdom. By His cross and Passion, the kingdom of heaven is ours. We receive mercy and are satisfied; we see God and are called sons of God in Christ. *"Blessed are you,"* therefore, *"when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely"* on account of Christ (Matt. 5:11).





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INVOCATION

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- P The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
- **C** but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
- P He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,
- **C** whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us go to the throne of God's grace, confessing our sins and asking His mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P We cannot repay God for our offenses, but He has given us His only Son to pay for every sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen. Thanks be to God.

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

1 Corinthians 1:18, 30

INTROIT

Psalm 1:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

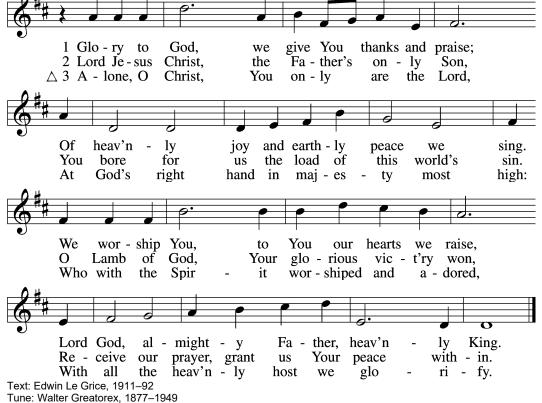
For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

946 GLORY TO GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE



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Mark 10:47

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:1–8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him. and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

- "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
 - and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

VERSE

- P Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,
- **G** for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

- ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

 $\label{eq:posterior} \ensuremath{\mathbb{P}} \quad \mbox{This is the Gospel of the Lord.}$

Praise to You, O Christ.

Matthew 5:3

Matthew 5:1–12

CREED

 I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified. who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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SERMON

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty Lord and Judge of all, do not contend against us; for although Your indictment of our sinfulness is true, Your Son has suffered our condemnation. Hear Him as He pleads for our pardon, and for His sake forgive us our sins and preserve us as Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

■ God of all wisdom, You tell us plainly that the Word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but it is Your power to all who are being saved. Strengthen the faith of pastors and congregations, that they would not turn to man-made wisdom but boldly proclaim Christ and Him crucified. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- God of all glory, make us meek before You. Remove our stubborn inclination to follow our sinful desires, and strengthen us gladly to submit to Your holy will as we await the day of the new heaven and earth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You have given Your firstborn for our transgressions. Strengthen all parents and guardians, that the children in their care might not be trained in the transgressions of their forebears, but rejoice in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

O Lord of lords, You rescued Your people from Egypt and confounded Balak, king of Moab, for their protection. Guide the decisions and actions of all earthly authority, that Your people may live in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

God of all truth, bless those who are reviled and slandered because of Jesus. Strengthen them with grace, provide for all their needs of body and soul, and maintain in them the joy and gladness that in Christ their reward in heaven is great. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Merciful God, You choose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, and You use our infirmities for our good. Hear our prayers on behalf of all who are afflicted *[especially____]*. Deliver them according to Your will, and make use of their trials to increase their confidence in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Lord, teach us to hunger for Your flesh and to thirst for Your blood, that by Your Holy Communion we may be cleansed of our sin and equipped to love You above all and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Lord God, heavenly Father, receive our thanks for the saints whom You preserved in righteousness and delivered to glory. Purify our hearts by Your grace and strengthen us against temptation, that we would look joyfully to the day when we will see You in Your glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Sit)

PRAYER

As you are seated during the collection of the offering, we suggest you pray for the following (see announcements):

- Those celebrating Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries, Baptismal Anniversaries;
- GriefShare Group
- Transition Team
- NLSA Accreditation
- Open Arms Christian Child Development Center Faculty, Staff, and Families
- Mission of the Month

Please remember to include these in your prayers during the week along with those on the bookmark prayer list.

OFFERING

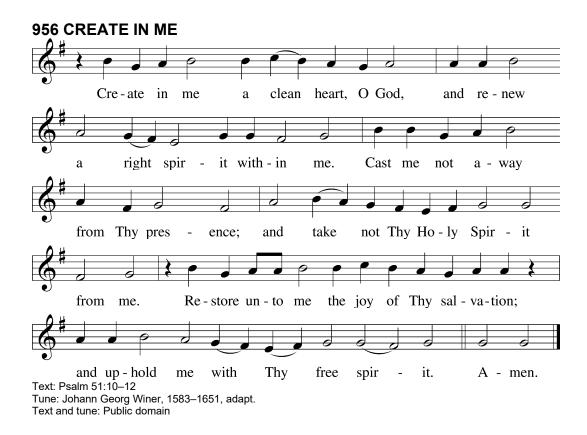
We have come to that time in the service where we bring the offering forward and present those gifts at the Altar.

For those of you for visiting, please feel no obligation to participate. This service is our gift to you.

But for those of you who consider Immanuel Lutheran Church to be your spiritual home, we want to thank you for your faithfulness to participate financially in the ongoing support of this ministry.



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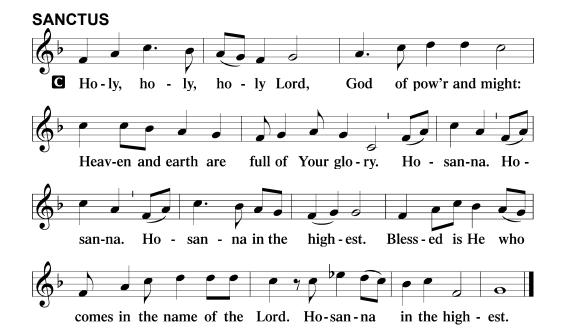
+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

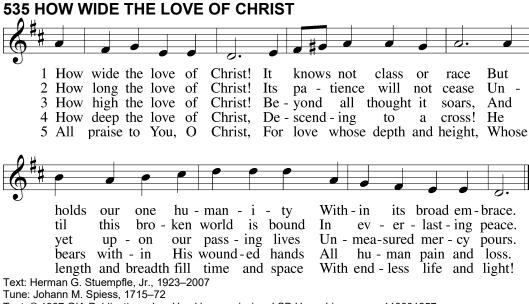
LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.



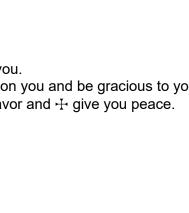
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John 1:29



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Psalm 103:1

U - nite my thank tongue de - clare; ful heart Thee, to me whole, love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess Oh, may Thy love as - pire. Thee hope re - new, my And when the storms shall cease, love my pow'r; of life there! Thine whol - ly, Thine ri - val And reign with-out а a -My joy, my trea-sure, crown! All and my cold-ness from my my soul like heav'n-ly fire! And day and night, Burn in be Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and Ο Ι lone Be Thou a - lone stant flame. am; my con heart re - move; My ev -'ry act, word, thought be love. То guard this sa - cred all my care trea sure there. and guide, And draw staff me safe - lv to Thy side!

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

[**P**] Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. С

BENEDICAMUS

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C



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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. *Romans 12:12* Please pray for...

Health Issues/Hospitalizations

David Elma Christin Greg J Ruth G Carleen N Lois Ann V Melody J Francine Anna S Alan Bridgette K Nevena N Lawrence W Marie P Mary L Michael P

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. *Romans 12:12* Please pray for...

Please keep in your prayers

Glenda M Nancy M Dennis Stan Jared C

Shut-Ins

Madeleine Gahala Melanie Hauth Margarete and Quirin Ortmanns Carol Palczynski Janet Teegen Ruth Goebel



Events

Tuesday, January 31st 10:30am Coffee Hour (Zoom Only) 7:00pm Women's Bible Class (In-Person Youth Room)

Wednesday, February 1st 10:00am Men's Group at Panera Bread ~2512 Waukegan Road Glenview, IL 60025~

Thursday, February 2nd

1:00pm Bible Study (Zoom Only with Kit Lenser) 7:00pm Pickleball (Gym)

Sunday, February 5th

8:45am Children's Sunday School (Library/Youth Room) 8:45am Study Hour (Fellowship Hall/ Koinonia.clickmeeting.com) 10:00am Worship (Zoom/In-Person)

Simply go to Zoom

Or join us by phone by calling +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) and enter the information below as

prompted. Meeting ID: 957 722 9696 Password: 188009

Announcements:

Details from the week of 1/22/23

Total Offering: **<u>\$1,175.00</u>**

Attendance: In-Person: <u>76</u>, Guests: <u>47</u>, ZOOM: <u>6</u>

Birthdays this week: Briana Sobecks (1/30), Kevin Rankin (1/31), Elise Mehaffey (2/2),

Lauren Mehaffey (2/2)

Baptism Anniversaries this week: Tom Amato (2/1), Leslie Christiansen (2/2)

Sunday Study- Scrappy Church

A 6-session study.

Want YOUR church to make a difference? There is hope. God's hope. God's possibilities. *What does a scrappy church* look like? Let's take a look together.

Join us for a Pastor-led study of the Book "Scrappy Church: God's Not Done Yet" to see what Scripture has to say to us!

Sunday Study Hour 8:45-9:30am In-Person: Fellowship Hall (downstairs) Online: <u>https://Koinonia.Clickmeeting.com</u> Recorded Sessions: <u>https://BibleStudiesGroup.site</u>

Nominations are currently open for President, First Vice-President, and Regional Vice-President (Great Lakes Region) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in conjunction with the LCMS convention to be held this summer in Milwaukee. If you wish someone to be considered as our congregation's nominee to any of these positions, please let the church office know by Sunday, February 12, 2023. The MLT will be considering this matter at its meeting on February 13.

For additional information regarding these nominations, check the LCMS Website: <u>https://www.lcms.org/convention/governance/guide#4c</u>