

*God Almighty, You revealed Your Son in the River Jordan through the wondrous act of Baptism and the Holy Spirit descending like a dove. In this act You placed Your righteousness into Baptism, bringing to us eternal hope. May the blessing of Baptism daily renew our hearts. Amen!*

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday after the Epiphany**  
**Church Phone: 812-867-5088 Pastor's Cell Phone: 812-760-1854**  
**January 21, 2023 --- 5:30 pm ---- Worship with Holy Communion**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:** *"O God of God, O Light of Light" 810 vs. 1-3*

**Invocation:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.	<b>C:</b> <i>Who made the heavens and earth.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.	<b>C:</b> <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: Jesus came asking to be Baptized.	<b>C:</b> <i>He came to John at the Jordan River.</i>
P: Jesus came to accomplish a purpose.	<b>C:</b> <i>He came to fulfill all righteousness.</i>
P: The heavens opened.	<b>C:</b> <i>The Spirit of God descended,</i>
P: The Spirit rested upon our Lord;	<b>C:</b> <i>The Father's voice from heaven proclaimed,</i>
P: This is My beloved Son	<b>C:</b> <i>In Whom I am well pleased.</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made.	<b>C:</b> <i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

**Psalmody:** *Psalm 27: 1-9*

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear? **C:** *The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?*

P: When evil men advance against me, to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, **C:** *They will stumble and fall.*

P: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; **C:** *Though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.*

P: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek; **C:** *That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.*

P: For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; **C:** *He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.*

P: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; **C:** *At His tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.*

P: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; **C:** *Be merciful to me and answer me.*

P: My heart says of you, "Seek His face!" **C:** *Your face, Lord, I will seek.*

P: Do not hide Your face from me, do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my helper. **C:** *Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.*

**All:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

**Hymn:** *“The People that in Darkness Sat”* 412

*(Prefatory Remarks)*

**O. T. Lesson:** *Isaiah 9: 1-4*

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**Epistle Lesson:** *I Corinthians 1: 10-18*

**Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 4: 12-25*

**Hymn:** *“O Christ, Who called the Twelve”* 856 vs. 1-4

**Children’s Sermon** /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)*

**Offering brought to the Altar**

**Prayers:** The families of: Welte, Mark, Katie, Kade and Clay; Welte, Mike and Darlene; and Will, James, Lauren, Cameron, Luke, Hank and Evie.

**Lord’s Prayer** (back of hymnal)

**Confession of Sins**

**C:** *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

**Absolution:** Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Admonition to Communicants:** I exhort you in Christ, that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

### **Blessing of Elements /// Distribution**

**Hymn:** *“The Church’s One Foundation”* 644 vs. 1-3

**Closing Collect:** *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### **Benediction**

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**Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor  
Karen Whitehead, Organist**

### **WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD’S SUPPER**

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, “This is my body” and “This cup is the new covenant in my blood” to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, “Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord” and, “let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.” There is no doubt from our Lord’s Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord’s Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

## **THIS WEEK**

**TONIGHT:** Worship w/HC 5:30 pm  
**TOMORROW:** Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15  
**TUESDAY:** Confirmation 6 pm  
**THURSDAY:** Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm  
**Next SATURDAY:** Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30  
**Next SUNDAY:** Worship at 8:00 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am, Voter's Meeting,  
Youth Group 5 pm

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** Sat, Jan 14: 49 Comm: 42; Sun, Jan.15 8 am: 61 Comm. 50; 10:15  
am: 62 Comm. 42

**MEMBER PRAYER LIST:** Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: Wilson, Krista  
and Hadley; Wittenbraker, Brent, Sarah, Crew, Ryker, Nash, Jett and Hattie; and Wittman, Delbert  
and Judy.

### **MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENTS:**

**Youth Meetings:** Sunday January 29 at 5 pm

**Thursday Bible Study** at 9:30am and 6:00 pm

**Voter's Meeting:** Sunday, January 29 following the 10:15 service. Please make sure  
your Board or Committee is represented. It is important that we receive the  
information for each Board and Committee and that we fulfill the responsibilities we  
each have to uphold our constitution.

## Immanuel Lutheran Church By-Laws Changes: *Nominating Committee*

In the By-Laws of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Constitution, Article III, Subsection B states that, "A Nominating Committee of at least three voting members shall be appointed by the President of the Congregation at the April quarterly Voter's Assembly. A slate of candidates shall be presented, if possible, to the Voter's Assembly at the October Quarterly Meeting."

A proposal raised by the President of the Congregation at the Voter's Assembly of October 23, 2022 would change the By-Laws in Article III, Subsection B, governing the composition of the "Nominating Committee." A motion passed at that Voter's Assembly to redefine the structure of the "Nominating Committee" to "consist of all church officers and board chairs."

Discussion at the January 8, 2023 Council meeting decided on a less cumbersome change; simply including the Board Chairs in the Nominating Committee.

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Council proposes that Article III, Subsection B will now read, "A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President of the Congregation at the April quarterly Voter's Assembly. *The Nominating Committee should consist of three members appointed by the President and also include the Chairman of each of the four boards.* A slate of candidates shall be presented, if possible, to the Voter's Assembly at the October Quarterly Meeting." (Proposed change in *italics*.)

The Council asks that this proposal be considered by the Voter's Assembly at the January 29, 2023 meeting.



*Make A Joyful Noise!!!*

**We need more people to sing with us for the  
Lenten season.**

**We practice Wednesdays, starting  
February 1st, at 6pm for about an hour.**

**We have a lot of fun, and if you enjoy singing,  
we'd love to have you join us.**

**Any questions, please call Cheryl 812-604-9076  
or talk to any member.**