

*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.*

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday after the Epiphany  
January 25, 2025 --- 5:30 pm ---- Worship with Holy Communion**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:** *“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”* 839

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

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

**Psalmody:** *Psalm 19: 7-14*

P: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. C: *The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.*

P: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. C: *They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.*

P: By them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. C: *Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.*

P: Keep Your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. C: *May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

**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:** *“O Word of God Incarnate”* 523

*(Prefatory Remarks)*

**O.T. Lesson:** Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 /// **Epistle Lesson:** I Corinthians 12: 12-31a

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 4: 16-30 /// **Hymn:** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" 398

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

**Offering brought to the Altar**

**Prayers:** The families of Meny, Blake and Maryeth; Meny, Bobby and Rebecca; and Meny, Margie, Faith and Eden.

**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:** "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast" 577

**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  
**SUNDAY:** Worship at 8 am, SS:9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am, Voter's Meeting  
**TUESDAY:** Confirmation 6 pm  
**THURSDAY:** Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm  
**Next SATURDAY:** Confirmation at 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30 pm  
**Next SUNDAY:** Worship w/HC at 8 am, SS:9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am, Un-Birthday Party 11:15 am

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** Saturday, Jan 18: 34 LS: 30; Sunday Jan 19: 8am: 63 LS: 48; 10:15 am 44 LS: 29

**MEMBER PRAYER LIST:** Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: Meny, Trey, Alicia, Easton and Shiloh; Meyerholtz, Bob; and Miles, John and Julie.

**SUNDAY 2025 VOTERS MEETING:** January 26 following the 10:15 am service in the Lounge.