

**SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 14, 2024**

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**Missouri Synod**



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***Sunday***

**9:00 A.M.**

**Worship Service**

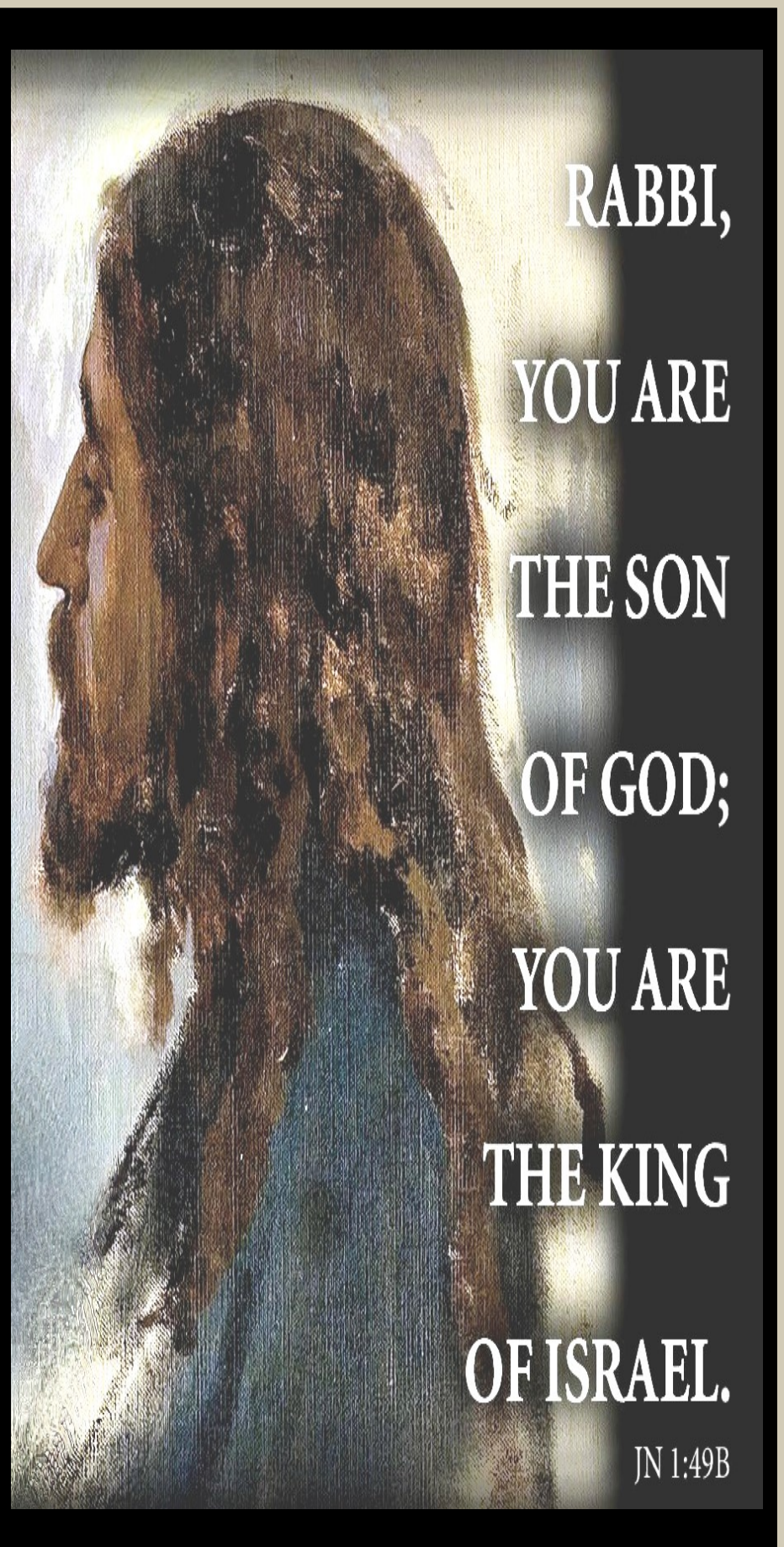
**10:30 a.m.**

**Adult Bible Class &  
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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8 am to 12 pm  
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**RABBI,**

**YOU ARE**

**THE SON**

**OF GOD;**

**YOU ARE**

**THE KING**

**OF ISRAEL.**

**JN 1:49B**

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### WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - Lord of all mercy and grace, You sent Your Son into my flesh to call me to Yourself. Open my ears to hear Your voice and to heed Your call, even as I know You hear my prayers; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - Since the beginning of creation, God has spoken. He spoke into being our universe and our very selves as the crown of His creation; He spoke when seeking out Adam and Eve in a fallen world; He spoke many times and many ways through the prophets; and He spoke by the very words that came from the mouth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. From Him came words of instructing, healing, forgiving, and of invitation to follow Him as we hear today with Philip and Nathanael. The Lord still speaks to us today in His Word, as His Spirit spoke instruction and encouragement of the use of bodies through Paul in his letter to the church of Corinth. Through all He speaks, we are called to listen to that Word to guide and direct, and to hear His continued

words of forgiveness, peace, hope, and joy as “in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son” (Hebrews 1:2).

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**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**     *Were I to Cross From Land to Land*     George de Blicck  
**Psalm 139**

*(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)*

**OPENING HYMN**     *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*     **LSB 411**



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.



The star of my life is Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

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Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.

Clear Sun of Right - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with pa - tience the race,

And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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 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.

C **Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 40:1–5; antiphon: vv. 10a, b*

P I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation;

C **I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry.**

P He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps.

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**C** He has put a new song in my mouth—Praise to our God;  
many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord.

**P** Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust, and does not  
respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

**C** Many, O Lord my God, are Your wonderful works which You  
have done; and Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted  
to You in order; if I would declare and speak of them, they  
are more than can be numbered.

**P** I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have  
declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation;

## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

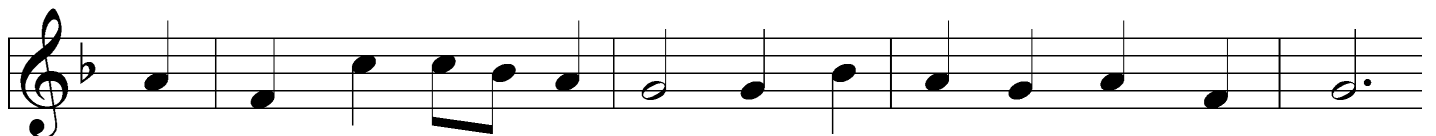
## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## **SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with your spirit.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** 1 Samuel 3:1–20

*(The Lord calls Samuel.)*

1 Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation. 2 And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, 3 and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the Lord where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down, 4 that the Lord called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" 5 So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down. 6 Then the Lord called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7 (Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.)

8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and  
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went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me."

Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

11 Then the Lord said to Samuel: "Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. 12 In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 13 For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them. 14 And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

15 So Samuel lay down until morning, and opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision. 16 Then Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son!"

He answered, "Here I am."

17 And he said, "What is the word that the Lord spoke to you? Please do not hide it from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that He said to you." 18 Then Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the Lord. Let Him do what seems good to Him."

19 So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 139:1-10; antiphon: v. 14*

P I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.

**C O Lord, You have searched me and known me.**



P You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.

**C You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.**

P For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.

**C You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me.**

P Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.

**C Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?**

P If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.

**C If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

P Even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

**C 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.**

P I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.

**EPISTLE**      *1 Corinthians 6:12–20*

(God's call to flee from immorality)

12 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. 13 Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one

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flesh.” 17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.  
 18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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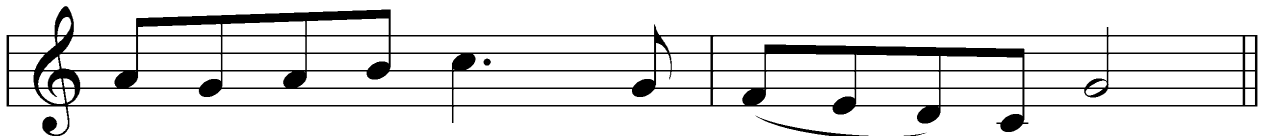
**ALLELUIA and VERSE**



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 1:35-51*

(Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You , O Lord.**

35 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. 36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!”

37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to

them, "What do you seek?"

They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?"

39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).

40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus.

Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).

43 The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46 And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"

48 Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

49 Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee*      **LSB 573**



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could  
2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my dark - ened  
△ 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the Fa - ther's



nev - er be; For this heart would still re - fuse Thee Had Thy  
heart and mind; Else the world had yet en - thrall'd me, To Thy  
bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and



grace not cho - sen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me  
heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship none a - bove Thee;  
King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion,



Washed and cleansed and set me free And un - to this  
 For Thy grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,  
 Him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed



end or - dained me, That I ev - er live to Thee.  
 if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.  
 ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

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**SERMON** *“How do you know me?”* (John 1:47-49)

**OFFERING**

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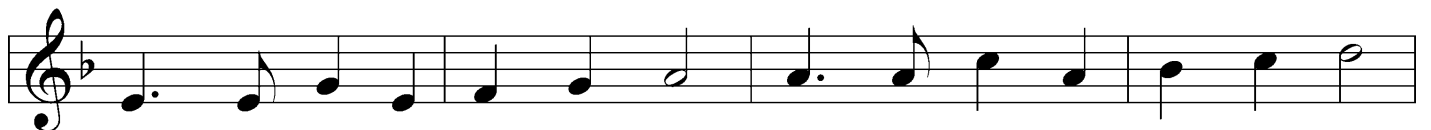
**OFFERTORY** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* **LSB 394; vs. 1,2,5**



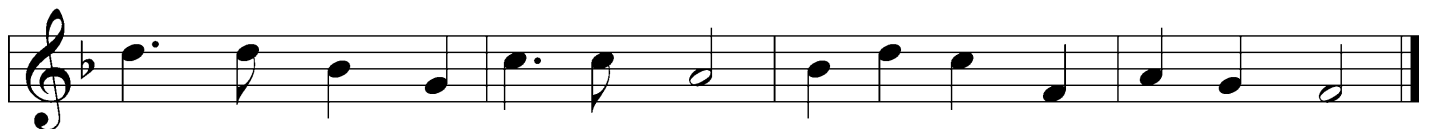
1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**      *"Peace be with you"*      (John 20:21)  
[using American Sign Language]

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us pray for people here and around the world who are destitute, fearful of God's wrath, shunned by society, unjustly accused, or dealing with issues of health.  
As You have promised, Lord our God, seek out, we pray, those who, devoid of basic necessities, face today without homes, with few possessions, and an uncertain future.
- C For the sake of our Good Shepherd, lead them to the food, shelter, and security they desperately need.**
- P With the Gospel in the hearts and on the lips of Christ's Church, heavenly Father, enable our brothers and sisters to answer the spiritual thirst of people here and around the world.
- C Grant them faith that they may join us in singing praise to You, the rock of our salvation.**
- P Many of the people we see each day are lonely strangers, gracious Lord; but their hopes and fears are known to You.
- C Increase our faith, Lord Jesus, that we may reach out to them with the news of Your resurrection and the Kingdom You so graciously offer to all. Guide the Church wherever people gather around Your Word for nourishment and strength.**
- P Shower Your blessings, O Holy Spirit, on all whose vocations work for the common good—those who till the soil and tend flocks; those who prepare and distribute food, clothing, and shelter; those who maintain peace at home and abroad; those who are first to respond in emergencies; and those who treat illnesses of all sorts.
- C Guide them, Lord of all, to use the gifts You have given them, so that praise may resound to You, the Lord, our Maker.**
- P Where people are forgotten, unjustly imprisoned, or oppressed in any way, O God, surround them with caring people intent on meeting their physical and spiritual needs.

**C Use us to serve You and love them according to Your gracious plans for us all.**

*Additional bids may be added.*

**P** Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**All** 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.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**C Amen.**

*Please sit*

**SENDING HYMN** *Spread the Reign of God the Lord* **LSB 830**



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;  
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.  
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.<sup>15</sup>

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- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,  
Who, to save our human race  
And to pay rebellion's price,  
Gave Himself as sacrifice.
- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n  
Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
Strong and holy, just and true,  
Working both to will and do.
- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;  
Ripe the promise of its yield.  
But the reapers, oh, how few  
For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all  
See Your light and heed Your call.

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## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Portals of Prayer-January to March 2024 are available in the Narthex or office.*

*Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Weber will be leading the class.*

### January Activities

#### *LWML Women's Retreat*

*January 26-27, 2024 at the Harlingen Convention Center.*

*Friday, January 26th from 6 to 9 p.m.*

*Saturday, January 27th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.*

#### *Men's Steak Night Bible Study*

*Thursday, January 18th, 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall*

*Sign-up sheet posted on Church door.*

#### *Polka Fest*

*Saturday, January 27th, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

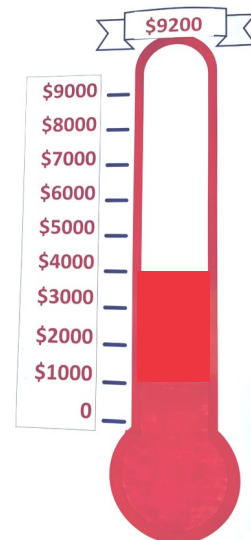
*Volunteers needed to help with cooking! (talk to Dan)*

*Sign-up sheet for sides and desserts posted on Church door.*

## **Bunk Bed Fundraiser**

1 Bunk bed - \$200  
2 Twin Mattresses \$190  
2 Mattress protectors - \$70  
Total- \$460

20 bunk beds x \$460 = \$9200



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2024 Officers for the Year**

<b><u>President:</u></b>	Don Vogel	<b><u>Vice President:</u></b>	Earl Neuhaus
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**Elders - (2yr. Terms)**

Don Vogel, Kenneth Eilers, Dan Wehling, Earl Neuhaus, Byron Terral, Bob Burnison

**Board of Education (2 yr. terms)**

Debbie Eilers, Susanne Wehling, Maggie Weber

**Board of Trustees**

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**Appointed Offices**

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Don Vogel

**Sunday School Superintendents**

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Rev. Weber

**Cemetery Committee**

Earl Neuhaus, Billie Jo Neuhaus, John Drawe, Lawrence Weber

**Worship Committee**

Rev. Weber, Dan Wehling, Doris Pickering

## MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

**This week's memory verse:**      *Romans 6:3-4*

*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

### Sermon Notes:

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**1/7/2024**

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>58</b>	
Plate:	\$	1,026.00
Envelopes:	\$	1,277.00
Memorial <b>Ken Miller</b>	\$	200.00
Donation: <b>Camera</b>	\$	1,000.00
<b>Baseball Field Rent</b>	\$	300.00
<b>Total:</b>	\$	3,803.00
<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>26</b>	\$ 28.00

**THIRD SUNDAY**

**AFTER EPIPHANY Readings:**

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

*Psalms 62*

*1 Corinthians 7:29-31, (32-35)*

*Mark 1:14-20*

*John 2:1-11*

## **The Lord God Is with You and Reveals Himself to You by the Preaching of His Word**

The Lord Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to “come and see” that He is “the Son of God” and “the King of Israel” (John 1:43–49). And they shall see even “greater things than these” (John 1:50). For His body is the temple of God on earth, and by His priestly sacrifice the heavens will be opened to all who believe and are baptized into Him. Therefore, He calls Philip and Nathanael, first to hear His Word and then to speak as apostles, even as He once called Samuel and established him “as a prophet of the Lord” (1 Sam. 3:20). As the Lord was with Samuel “and let none of his words fall to the ground” (1 Sam. 3:19), He also accompanies and upholds the preachers of His Word in our day. Thus, by the Gospel that is preached to you, “your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you” (1 Cor. 6:19). Since your body thus belongs to the Body of Christ, is meant “for the Lord” and shall be raised up like Him, now “glorify God in your body” (1 Cor. 6:13–20).

	<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>	
	<b>January Sunday Servants</b>	
Elder:	Don Vogel	
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus/Maggie Weber	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
<b>This Week</b>	Second Sunday after Epiphany	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	Third Sunday after Epiphany	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am