

THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 26, 2020

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*Sunday*  
9:00 AM  
Worship Service

Adult Bible Class  
Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.

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

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8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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darkness have seen a great  
Light, and upon those who sat  
in the region and shadow of  
death Light has dawned.”**

**(Matthew 4:16)**

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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** - Gracious God, You sent Your Son, the Word made flesh, to call me to Yourself. In response to His call, those He summoned as His disciples followed Him. By the working of the Holy Spirit, help me to hear His call, to believe in Him, and to follow where He leads, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - From His very first years on this earth, Jesus was marked for sacrifice and service. Isaiah says of the Lord's anointed that He was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3). As we reflect on the ministry of Jesus, we can find the theme of sorrows and sacrifice throughout His earthly life. And we can thank Him for carrying our sorrows and bearing our griefs. Scripture shares that those whom He chose to follow Him, including His twelve disciples, also shared in His suffering. We honor their sacrifice as well in this Epiphany season.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

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

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR**

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**OPENING HYMN**

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

**LSB 394**

**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** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew 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.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**INTROIT** *Psalm 22:27-31; antiphon: v. 22*

P I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.

C **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.**

P For kingship belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the nations.

C **All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

P Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

C **they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.**

ALL **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 tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.

**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 also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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 You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

and forever.

**C Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Isaiah 9:1-4*

(A great light is seen by those in darkness.)

1 Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, as when at first He lightly esteemed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward more heavily oppressed her, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy; they rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

**PSALM**      *Psalms 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 evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

**ALL Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: 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 inquire in His temple.

**C For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.**

**ALL And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek My face." My heart says to You, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

**C Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger, O You who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**

**ALL 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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**EPISTLE**

*1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

(Paul makes an appeal for unity.)

10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 11 For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. 12 Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. 16 Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. 18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.


P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**



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



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



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



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

**HOLY GOSPEL***Matthew 4:12–25*

(Jesus calls four of His disciples in Galilee.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.**C** **Glory to You , O Lord.**

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

15 “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, *by* the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:

16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.”

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” 18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” 20 They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him. 21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. 23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. 24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. 25 Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.****APOSTLES CREED****All** **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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY***The People That in Darkness Sat***LSB 412****SERMON****"God's Light Seeks to Shine in Your Darkness"**

(Matthew 4:16)

## OFFERING

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the Church, that the light of the Gospel of salvation be proclaimed and the gifts of God be shared. Lord of the Church,

**C in mercy, hear our prayer.**

P We pray this day for our nation and for all nations of the world, that there be an end to hostilities and that times of peacefulness everywhere prevail. Lord of all times and all people,

**C in mercy, hear our prayer.**

P We pray for our families and our neighbors. Grant that we walk in the light of Christ and together praise our gracious God for all He has done for us. Lord of all generations,

**C in mercy, hear our prayer.**

P We pray for all sorts and conditions of people, especially for the hospitalized and those who are shut in during this season. We pray for those whose lives are in transition, the unemployed, those who are downcast or grieving, and all those for whom our petitions are desired, [including . . .]. Lord of care and grace,

**C in mercy, hear our prayer.**

P As a community of the faithful, we remember those who have shared the faith with us and now have departed this earthly life in hope and joy. Direct our ways on earth that we complete our journey of life in faith and rejoice together with them eternally with saints and angels and all the company of heaven in life everlasting. Lord of eternity,

**C in mercy, hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**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**

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 **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake*

**LSB 688**

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**



*Portals of Prayer for January to March are available  
in the Narthrex.*

*Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall.*

*You have fellowship with one another and also enrich your  
spiritual life with the Word.*

*Rev. Goetz is leading the Bible Study.*

*Youth Confirmation Classes*

*@ 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Pastor's Office*

*Introducing Our New Safety Coordinator - Gary Mitzel*

*He will be :*

- Recruiting, planning, implementing and overseeing safety at Church services and other Church related functions.
- Monitoring church property during church services from the rear of the sanctuary; walk thru parking areas / halls / parish hall / playground / restrooms.
- Watching for potential medical and health risks / tripping / falling / fainting / fire / natural disasters / man made disasters.

*May God bless his service.*

# Great Bowls of Fire CHILI Cook-off



*Spicy or not spicy,  
beans or no beans;  
That is the question?  
Can anyone beat Immanuel's  
37 year old secret chili recipe?*

**Where:** *Immanuel Lutheran Church, Social Hall*

**Date:** *Saturday, February 8, 2020*

**Time:** *4:00 p.m.*

**Entertainment will be provided by:** *Mercedes High School Mariachi Band*



*Come join the fun!!!  
Be entertained by great Mariachi music  
followed by tasting of the entrants' great recipes;  
then the winner will be chosen and the question will be answered!*

**Sign up with** Debbie Eilers at 956-565-2181 for chili, salad, cornbread, or dessert

*Free Will Donation to Benefit Immanuel Lutheran School*

## The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry

By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon “the people who walked in darkness” and “who dwelt in a land of deep darkness” (Is. 9:2). He also has “multiplied the nation” and “increased its joy” (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be “fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth “proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people” (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides “those who are perishing” from “us who are being saved” (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, “in the same mind and the same judgment” (1 Cor. 1:10).

<b>1/19/2020</b>	
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>76</b>
Plate:	\$ 630.00
Envelopes:	\$ 1,388.00
Donation:	
Memorial:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,018.00</b>
<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>27</b> \$ 29.00

***Fourth Sunday after Epiphany***  
***Readings:***  
*(The Purification of Mary and The Presentation of Our Lord)*

*1 Samuel 1:21-28*  
*Psalm 84*  
*Hebrews 2:14-18*  
*Luke 2:22-32 (33-40)*

<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>		
	<b>January Sunday Servants:</b>	<b>February Servants</b>
Elder:	Dan Wehling	Earl Neuhaus
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	L. Eilers & S. Wehling
Music:	Bonny Winston	
<b>This Week</b>	Third Sunday after Epiphany	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany–Purification of Mary & Presentation of Our Lord	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am