

**THE BAPTISM
OF OUR LORD**

JANUARY 9, 2022

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
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Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

**Adult Bible Class &
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday**

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**And the Holy Spirit descended in
bodily form like a dove upon Him,
and a voice came from heaven
which said, "You are My beloved
Son; in You I am well pleased."**

Luke 3:22



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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 - O God, You led the Magi to see in the star the news of Christ's birth. I give thanks that You have enabled me to see Him as my Savior. Grant me strength of faith to follow where He leads and to worship Him with all that I am and have; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - The "epiphany," the showing forth or manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah, the Savior of the world, began with the coming of the Magi from the East. This "epiphany" now continues as our Lord's active earthly ministry begins at the hands of His predecessor John the Baptist and His Baptism in the Jordan River. As the Holy

Spirit comes upon His human flesh and the voice from heaven declares Him to be the Son of God, so our Baptism gives us “the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12–13). To be thus “born again” is nothing less than to have heaven opened to us with the power of God’s gifts of faith, hope, love, and the perseverance to live as God’s children now albeit as “strangers and exiles on the earth” (Hebrews 11:13), yet as “fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” (Ephesians 2:19). “I’m but a stranger here,” says the hymn, “Heav’n is my home” (LSB 748:1).

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

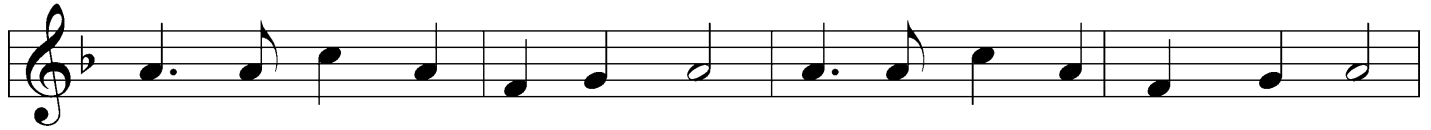
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WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

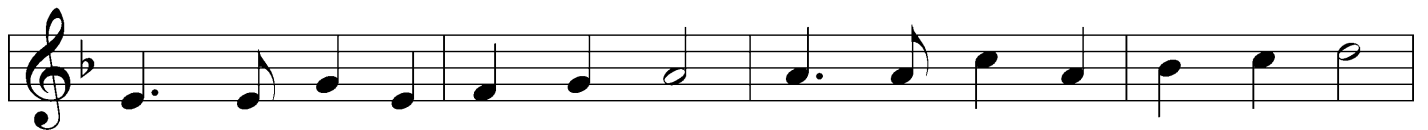
OPENING HYMN *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* **LSB 394**



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;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
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;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
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;
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
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.
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, 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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INVOCATION

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

Ç **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 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

P “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights!

C “I will declare the decree: the Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You.

P Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

C **You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' ”**

P Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.

C **Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

P Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

“Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights!

KYRIE



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



☐ 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. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43:1-7*

(Israel's only Savior)

1 But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your

place. 4 Since you were precious in My sight, You have been honored, and I have loved you; therefore I will give men for you, and people for your life. 5 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west; 6 I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not keep them back!’ Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth—7 Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 29; antiphon: v. 3*

P The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is over many waters.

C Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

P Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

C The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is over many waters.

P The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

C The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, yes, the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon.

P He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

C The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire.

P The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.

C The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth, and

strips the forests bare; and in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"

P The Lord sat enthroned at the Flood, and the Lord sits as King forever.

C The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

P The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is over many waters.

EPISTLE

Romans 6:1-11

(Dead to sin, alive to God)

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

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

Luke 3:15-22

(The heavens were opened.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

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

15 Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, 16 John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." 18 And with many other exhortations he preached to the

people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, 20 also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison. 21 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. 22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

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.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY *All Christians Who Have Been Baptized*

LSB 596



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-
3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-mersed and drowned for-
4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-
ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-
cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
out ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned
gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-destroyed And
for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.
all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.
makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—
 In Christ a new creation!
 As faithful Christians, live and do
 Within your own vocation,
 Until that day when you possess
 His glorious robe of righteousness
 Bestowed on you forever!


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SERMON *"Dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord"*
 (Romans 6:11)

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY *Create in Me* **LSB 956**



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
 a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
 from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
 and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

(John 20:21)

[using ASL (American Sign Language)]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Gracious and merciful God, as the heavens were opened at the Baptism of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, so You have opened the very heavens to us as Your baptized people. Give to us the confidence of faith and the power of Your love that we may live as Your children even now amid the changes of this fallen world, ever rejoicing in Your constant mercy and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant Your constant blessing upon Your whole Church. Give wisdom and confidence to all pastors and servants of Your Word and faithfulness and love to all Your people that Your truth may sound forth and prevail in our lives and through our service in the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Preserve our nation in the ways of righteousness and peace. Guide the leaders of all nations to pursue justice and peace. Guard and protect all who serve in the armed forces of our country, [especially . . .], and all who protect us in our land. Grant to all faithfulness in their service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Comfort and help all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, [especially . . .]. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near, [especially . . .]. Sustain and bless all who care for those who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from

their labors, [especially . . .]. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through 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.

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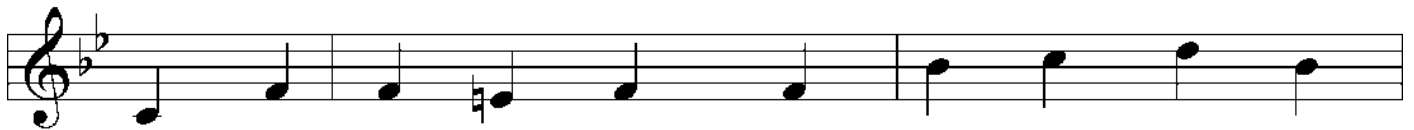
SENDING HYMN

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 405



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Sermon Notes:



Brisket Plate

Olivia Treviño will be having a Brisket and sausage plate sale on January 14th to help them through difficult financial times. The plate includes rice, beans, potato salad, jalapeño, bread, and a soda for **\$10**. It will be ready for pickup at 11 a.m. on Jan. 14th.

Please call or email the office to place an order. Thank you!

| 12/31/2021 | |
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| New Year's Eve Service | 28 |
| Plate: | \$ 100.00 |
| Envelopes: | \$ 6,485.00 |
| Memorial: | |
| George Erchinger Memorial | \$ 60,000.00 |
| Donations: | |
| Refund-City of Mercedes, | |
| Water Dept. | \$ 155.94 |
| Social Hall Rental | \$ 150.00 |
| Total: | \$ 66,890.94 |



Portals of Prayer
October to December 2021 are available in the
Narthrex or office.

Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Goetz is leading the class.

The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

This week's memory verse: *Psalm 27:1*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; wh om shall I fear? The Lord is the
stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

NOTICE OF DEATH



*Buddy Hovda-former longtime member went
to glory at age 95. He is survived by
Gretchen, his wife.*

His son David recently also died.

***Second Sunday
after the Epiphany***
Readings:

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 128
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

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| 1/2/2022 | |
| Sunday Worship | 48 |
| Plate: | \$ 730.00 |
| Envelopes: | \$ 738.00 |
| Memorial: | |
| Total: | \$ 1,468.00 |
| Bible Class: | 27 \$ 26.00 |

The Triune God Opens Heaven to You in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an “Epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. “When all the people were baptized,” Jesus submitted Himself to a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, “when you pass through the waters,” He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a Baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you “might walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

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| | Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule | |
| | January Sunday Servants: | |
| Elder: | Don Vogel | |
| Altar Guild: | Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez | |
| Music: | Doris Pickering | |
| This Week | <i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i> | |
| Usher: | Ken Eilers | |
| Sunday: | Worship Service | 9:00 am |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study | 10:30 am |
| Next Week | <i>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i> | |
| Usher: | Don Vogel | |
| Sunday: | Holy Communion Worship Service | 9:00 am |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study | 10:30 am |