

*...we should be called
children
of God;
and so we are.*

1 John 3:1, ESV

Immanuel Lutheran Church

***Making known by Word and Action
The Healing Presence of God
And Christ Jesus
With us and with the world***



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When we celebrate Holy Communion we are eating and drinking the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because the Bible says it is possible for someone to eat and drink to their harm if their understanding of the sacrament is lacking, we ask our visitors to speak with our Pastor before communing here for the first time. Ask an usher to help you find our Pastor before the service begins, or call during the week.

WELCOME to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

LSB 592

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM ✠

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is granted this morning to Rome Samuel and Ari Dean Fleming at the Baptistry Window. Please follow along on the screens in the front of the Sanctuary or on page 268 in the hymnal.

ENTRANCE HYMN – “This is a Joyous, Happy Day”

AGPS 238



I D II Bm A D

This is a joy - ous, hap - py day; We

Bm A D G D

cel - e - brate Your gift of life. Christ is with us, joy sur -

E A' D Bm A D

rounds us. Christ takes our sin and sets us free; He

Bm A G

fills our lives with end - less life. Christ is

A7 D G A7 D Bm E A D

with us; Christ u - nites us. Praise our Mak - er, praise the

G D Em7 A7 D

Spir - it, Praise Christ Je - sus.

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.

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.

C Amen.

PSALM 23

P The LORD is my shepherd;

C I shall not want.

P He makes me lie down in green pastures.

C He leads me beside still waters.

P He restores my soul.

C He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

C I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

P your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

C You prepare a table before me

P in the presence of my enemies;

C you anoint my head with oil;

P my cup overflows.

C Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

P all the days of my life,

C and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, & for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



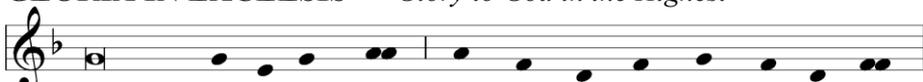
C Lord. have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

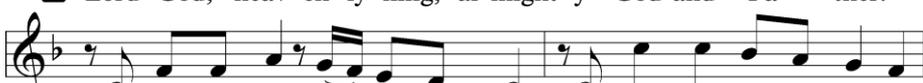
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – “Glory to God in the Highest”



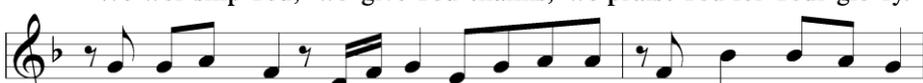
A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



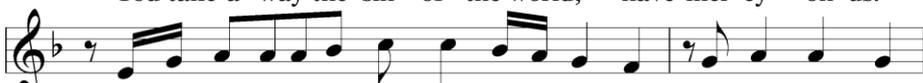
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You once delivered Your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them by a pillar of cloud and fire through the sea to safety. Grant that we may so follow Christ that through the waters of Baptism we may daily die and rise with Him and walk in safety through the wilderness of this life until we see Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated...

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 14:10-15:1

L The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, chapters fourteen and fifteen.

When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.” The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.” Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from

before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 3:1-7

L The Epistle is from First John, chapter three.

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM – “O Blessed Spring”

Please stand...

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-11

L The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated...

HYMN OF THE DAY “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” vs. 1-4 **LSB 461**

SERMON

RESPONSE HYMN “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” vs. 5-8 **LSB 461**

HOLY BAPTISM IN THE CATECHISM

P What is Baptism?

C Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.

P Which is that word of God?

C Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

P *What benefits does Baptism give?*

C It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

P *Which are these words and promises of God?*

C Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)

P *How can water do such great things?*

C Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5–8)

P *What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

C It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P *Where is this written?*

C St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4)



Please stand...

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the hospitalized this week: Debbie Dill

We pray for the family and friends of those who died: Troy Walker (Bonnie Walker's son), and Jerry Young.

We pray for strength and healing for: Jo Van Hovel, Rachel McCloskey, Leslie Van Camp Stone, Del Krueger, Margie Souza, Randy Wilkinson, Dan Rull, Darlene Collins, Paul Teegarden, Earl Lackey, Dan Burmeister, Richard Wahlfeldt, Heather Christensen, Martha Elliott, Angie Lucas, Charlotte Schendel, Walter Harbison, Mike Borgwald, Jim Souza, Joyce Owens, Linda Grinestaff, Carole Schuldt Jason Toms, Gabby Reynolds, Bob and Ev Komm, Rodger Burgin, Toby Ceader, Sarah Koester, Tom Reese, Bernice Timmermann, Dottie Kliner, Mary Seifrig, Bruce Garrison, Carol Schafer, Jocelyn, Myra Greazer, Gene Bahls, Tamara Fisher, Marilina Hutchison, Sarah and Patty Calderon, Heather Bladel and family, Keri Blankenbeckler, Jason Dawson, Judy Berg, Linda Borgwald, Eric Wittmann, Cindy DeMoss, Kathy Howey, and Frank Hutnicke.

Please be seated...

OFFERING / HANDBELLS – *"Christ Is Arisen. Alleluia!"*

Please stand...

OFFERTORY *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* vs. 1-2 **LSB 781**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P Let us pray. Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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 A - men.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN

“See This Wonder in the Making”

LSB 593

POSTLUDE



Our Baptistry Window...

Our Baptistry Window was designed by Bernard Greunke of the Conrad Schmitt Studios, New Berlin, Wisconsin. The artist based the window design on the event of the baptism of our Lord.

The flow of movement in the window is from top to bottom, focusing on the lower central panel where the baptismal font is located.

The voice and power of God is symbolized by the sunburst near the top of the window. The descending dove, a symbol of the Holy Spirit, is seen in the central window panel. Since Baptism is a Sacrament of water and the Word of God, the window portrays moving waters receiving the flow of God's grace and power.

The fish forms, reminding us that baptism is in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are an ancient confessional symbol of Christendom. The Greek word for fish forms an acrostic of the phrase "Jesus Christ, God's Son, the Savior." In baptism, we are made confessors of Him who was baptized in the waters of the Jordan.

The Baptistry Window is the gift of Dr. Walter W. Dalitsch, Jr. and his family in memory of his parents, Dr. Walter W. and Selma Erdmann Dalitsch.

The baptismal font was gifted in memory of Tracy Bragg by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bragg, schoolmates, and friends.

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