



I will listen to what
God the LORD says

(Ps. 85:8)



January 21, 2024

Epiphany 3

Good morning and welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

Family Worship: 9:00 A.M.

Choir: 8:00 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible class: 10:15 A.M.

Today's Worship

"Be still, and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10).

Greeting and prayer

Hymn 589: Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

Invocation:

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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 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.**

Gloria



Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

The Collect prayer:

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 A - men.

Epistle Lesson:

1 Corinthians 6:12-20...Faith in the heart is evident in how we use the body...

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. 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 prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!



Children: *The Lord Be with You*

The Lord be with you your whole life through, in all you say, and in all you do,

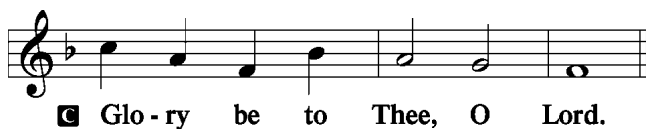
The Lord be with you and bless you all your days.

The Lord protect you where'er you go, in time of plenty, in time of woe

And make your life like a joyful song of praise!

Gospel Lesson:

P: The Gospel lesson is recorded in John 1:43-51.



The Lord invites us to “come and see” him as the Savior-King...

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.”

Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 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.

Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”

Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”

Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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 688: *"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake*

Sermon: *1 Samuel 3:1-10*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

The Lord is Speaking

- I. Are we humbly listening to Him?
 - II. Are we boldly living for Him?
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Offertory

***Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***



Offering

Hymn 849:1: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*
***Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.***



Prayer of the Church

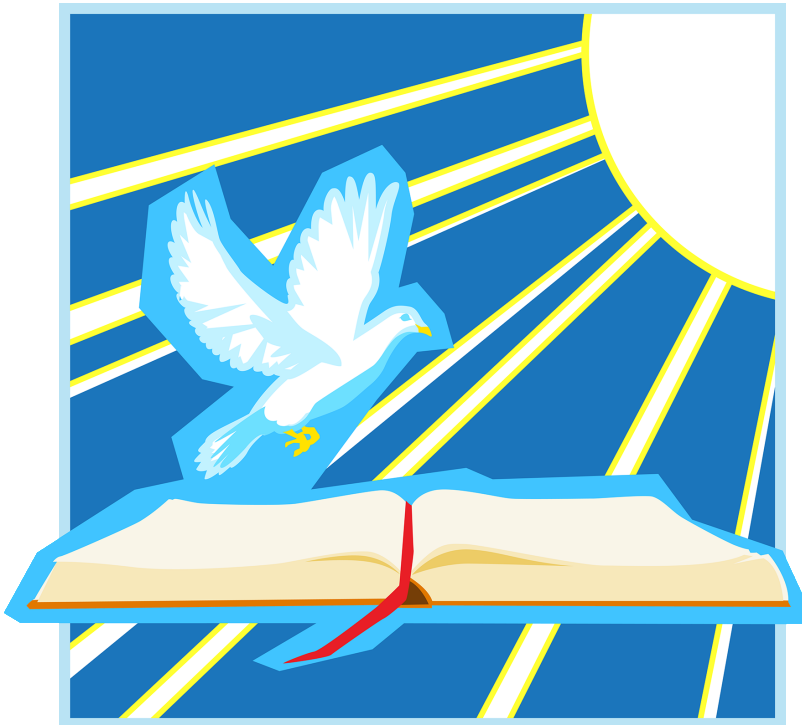
Hymn 836: *O God of Light*

Benediction

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



Closing hymn 825: *Rise, Shine, You People*



Announcements

Who's in charge?

The world believes we are the masters of our own destiny, that we determine the course of our lives. Nothing could be further from the truth. James writes, "Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow" (4:14). Wednesday's Bible class will consider James' words about God's plans for our lives. Everyone is welcome to join us either in person or via Zoom: Meeting ID: 843 9686 2088 Passcode: 071136.

Voters meeting next Sunday

The quarterly voters meeting will get underway after Sunday school/Bible class next week. All voters and those eligible to become voters are encouraged to set aside this time for the Lord's work. Non-voters are always welcome to sit in on the meeting too. Copies of the agenda are on the hall counter. Agenda items include the recommendation to call a fulltime teacher to fill Mrs. Winters' position in light of her resignation at the end of the school year.

Congratulations!

Miss Melanie Gerbitz and Mr. Emre Aydiner have announced their engagement. May the Lord bless their preparations for their new life together as husband and wife.

Congregational finances

December offerings were \$1,170 over budgeted needs, and the balance of available funds increased by \$8,638. Offerings for the fiscal year to date are \$24,625 below budgeted needs, and the balance of available funds has decreased by \$4,000. The treasurer has noted that while we are below budget so far this fiscal year, there has been an encouraging increase in offerings in recent months.

Mankato arts camp

Arts Camp 2024 will be held March 24-26 at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church in Mankato, Minnesota. This is an amazing opportunity for creative fun and learning with other young Christians. There will be a variety of sessions including things like music, theater, crafts, and more! This camp is open to students in 5th-8th grade. Registration opens February 5th. Please contact Amber Casto with any questions at artscamp@immanuelmankato.org.

Directory update

A membership directory update is on the way. Check the template on the bulletin board and make corrections/additions to your entry by next week.

Your help is appreciated

When we gather for worship we are in the presence of our Creator and Savior God, and so we strive to show respect and honor him in our order of service, and also by refraining from things which might be distracting to ourselves or others. "Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his

Looking Ahead...

Today:

Bd. of Education meets after Bible class.

Tuesday:

11:00 A.M.: New Perspective service, Franklin.

1:00 P.M.: Adult information.

Wednesday:

10:00 A.M.: Villa of Greenfield service.

6:30 P.M.: Bible class.

Thursday:

7:00 A.M.: Adult class.

Next Sunday:

11:15 A.M.: Quarterly voters meeting.



name” (1 Chron. 16:29). With that in mind, the Board of Elders is asking that drinks not be brought into the sanctuary at the Sunday morning service.

Nominations for delegates

An election for congregational delegates to the Great Lakes Delegate Conference and the 2024 CLC Convention will be held at the voters meeting next Sunday. The delegate conference will be held June 3-4, 2024 at Markesan, WI and the CLC Convention June 20-24 in Eau Claire. Voting members of Messiah are eligible to serve. Contact Eric Williams if you would be willing to be nominated.

Band members welcome!

Come and join the 20th CLC Tourney Band at the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI on Saturday, March 9! Register band players (grades 5-8) at clctourneyband.weebly.com Music is available on the website. Basketball players and non-basketball players are welcome! Our one practice will be during that morning (time TBA) with a performance around noon. Please send questions to Laurie Lau music@thelaus.com.

Giving Opportunities

Below is a list of the various funds and their purposes to which we can contribute and help support the proclamation of the gospel both locally and around the world.

CLC funds

General fund: Offerings to missions support the day-to-day operations of both the CLC mission program and Immanuel Lutheran College. Messiah has made missions contributions a part of our regular budget.

Mission Development Fund (MDF): This fund supports mission projects which are normally limited-term, such as buying Bibles and Catechisms, roofing foreign churches, and purchasing motorcycles and bicycles for pastors.

Immanuel Improvement Fund (IIF): Money in this fund is used for major campus maintenance projects, as well as other needs which are not part of the regular operating budget.

ILC Student Aid: This fund provides loans and grants to students in both the high school and college departments. The fund is available to all ILC students synod-wide, not just those from Messiah.

ILC Building Fund: The fund was established for the construction of an academic center. There is a continuing need for contributions to pay the mortgage.

Kinship: This fund supports orphans and seminary students in both Africa and India. It has also provided disaster relief for our overseas brothers and sisters.

Messiah funds

General offerings: Offerings to the general fund support the majority of our programs, as well as maintain our buildings and property. Our CLC missions contributions also come from the general fund.

Messiah Student Aid Fund (MSAF): This fund directly assists families who are members of Messiah by offering tuition aid for children attending Immanuel Lutheran High School or College. Once a year the available funds are applied to the accounts of Messiah members at ILC.

Christian Day School Improvement Fund (CDSIF): Money received into this fund is used to purchase items useful to the school which are not covered by the regular budget.

Benevolence Fund: Funds are used to help with the material needs of others, and are distributed at the discretion of the pastor and elders.

Bible Readings:	
1/21	Genesis 49-50; Matthew 15:1-20
1/22	Exodus 1-3; Matthew 15:21-39
1/23	Exodus 4-6; Matthew 16
1/24	Exodus 7-8; Matthew 17
1/25	Exodus 9-10; Matthew 18:1-20
1/26	Exodus 11-12; Matthew 18:21-35
1/27	Exodus 13-15; Matthew 19:1-15

January Ushers	Cleaning Teams 1/26-2/2	
Eric Weaver Armando Hart Brian Naumann	Church:	Winters Hart
January Slideshow Sam Lisak	School:	D/K Mueller BJ Nelson K. Nelson

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$0.00	\$215,592.55
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$240,516.64
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$8,380.21)	(\$24,924.09)
Attendance Last Sunday: 0		

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