



You hold me by my  
right hand.

You guide me with  
your counsel,  
and afterward

You will take me into  
glory (Ps. 73:23)



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**January 28, 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.*

**Choir...8:00 A.M.**

**Sunday family worship...9:00 A.M.**

**Sunday school and Bible class follow the service**

### **Today's Worship**

*"I am the way and the truth and the life" (Jn. 14:6).*

**Greeting and prayer:**

**Opening hymn 839: O Christ, Our True and Only Light**

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

**C:** Amen.



P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



## Prayer of the Day

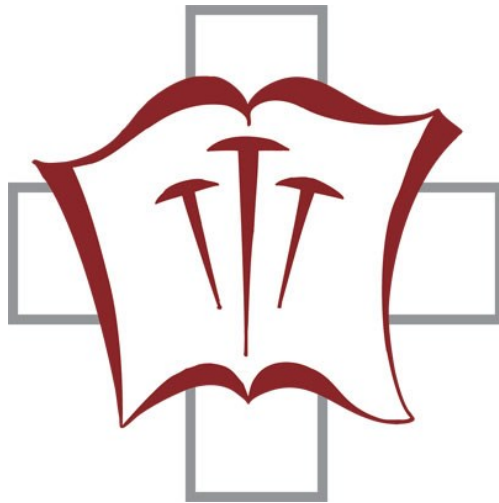
P: Gracious God, though not deserved, You continue to call to us as You came to Jonah with another opportunity to share Your message. Though not deserved, You showed mercy to the city of Nineveh when they repented, and You continue to show mercy to us. Grant us the gift of a bold and confident faith, 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 lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them....

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.



# O LORD, OUR LORD

*Antiphon*



I will praise Your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

*Psalm Tone*



O LORD, our Lord,  
How excellent is Your name in all the earth,\*  
You who set your glory above the heavens!  
Out of the mouth of babes and infants\*  
You have ordained strength,  
Because of Your enemies,\*  
That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

*Antiphon*

When I consider Your heavens,\*  
the work of Your fingers,  
The moon and the stars,\*  
which You have ordained,  
What is man that you are mindful of him,\*  
And the son of man that You visit him?  
For You have made him a little lower than the angels,\*  
And You have crowned him with glory and honor.  
**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.**

*Antiphon*

## **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 609:1-4: *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive***

### **Sermon: Mark 1:14-20**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

And going on a littler farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

# The Call of a Lifetime

I. A call to repent

II. A call to believe

III. A call to follow



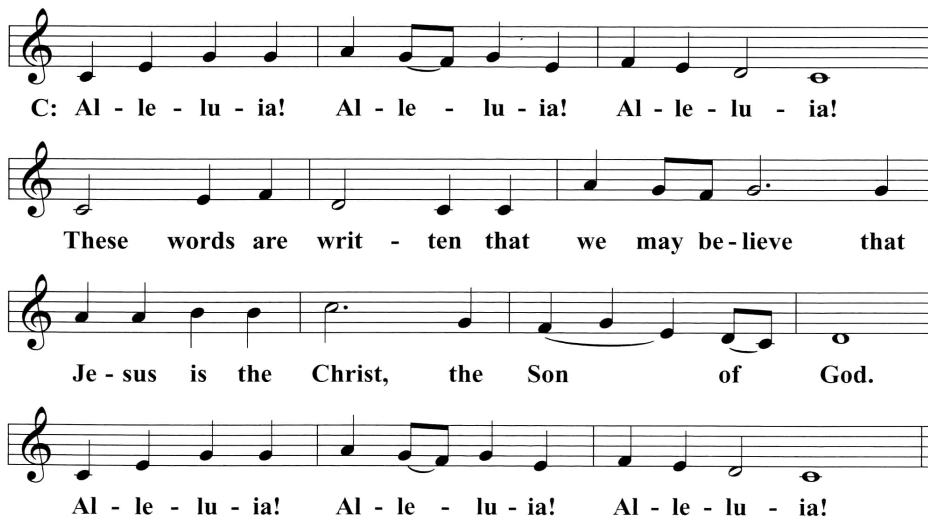
C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me  
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering

## Epistle lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we 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!



## Lord's Prayer

**Hymn 856:** *O Christ, Who Called the Twelve*

### **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.

C: Amen.

**Closing hymn 810:** *O God of God, O Light of Light*

## **Announcements**

### **Voters meeting today**

The quarterly voters meeting will get underway after Bible class (about 11:20 a.m.). It is hoped that all our voters and those eligible to become voters will be able to attend and take part in planning the Lord's work among us. Non-voters, as well, are welcome to sit in on the meeting. Agenda items include a review of finances, reports of the boards, and the recommendation to call a teacher for the school.

### **Pastor's vacation**

Pastor and Sue will be out of town Jan. 30 through Feb. 7. If needed, Pastor may be reached on his cell: 414-688-4517.

### **Guest speaker**

Seminary student Paul Agenten will conduct next Sunday's service and Bible class. Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be postponed to the following Sunday, Feb. 11.

### **Bible class recess**

The Wednesday Bible class will be in recess until after Easter.

### **Save the dates**

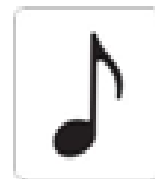
Our midweek Lenten services begin on Feb. 14, Ash Wednesday.

### **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](mailto:artscamp@immanuelmankato.org).

## Hymn 692:1: *Praise to You and Adoration*

*Praise to You and adoration,  
Blessed Jesus, Son of God,  
Who, to serve Your own creation,  
Came to share our flesh and blood.  
Guide me that I never may  
From Your fold or pastures stray,  
But with zeal and joy exceeding  
Follow where Your steps are leading.*



### **Prayer of the Church** (Pastor: Plain type, Cong: Underlined, boldface type)

Dear Lord God, who made and oversees all things in heaven and on earth: You have warned us that the time is short. **Jesus will soon return to bring this world to an end and judge all people.** Give us ears to hear and hearts to believe the Lord's call to repent, believe, and follow him. **May we then freely tell others the gospel good news and invite them to join us in worship.**

Bless the proclamation of your Word among us, in our sister congregations of the CLC, and throughout the world. **May all people everywhere be drawn to Jesus as the Light who shines through the darkness of sin and gives peace and meaning to lives.** We pray for Pastor Raju in Nepal. We ask you to provide healing for the lesions on his vocal cords. Enable him to return to his calling of preaching and teaching your Word. **Grant Pastor Paul Nolting good health in his work as guest instructor for the seminary students in Tanzania.**

Lord God, Holy Spirit, be present at our voters meeting later this morning. Give us wisdom to make decisions according to your will. **Fill us with the joy which comes from serving the Lord who sacrificed his holy life for us.**

Please receive our offerings. May we not view our giving as a burden, but rather as another way of expressing our love and gratitude to you. **May these offerings help bring spiritual treasures to many.**

Help us make the most of the week ahead in following Jesus and showing your love to all the people in our lives. **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## CLC updates

*Pastor David Baker* has been called by Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX.

*Pastor Tim Daub* of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Hecla, South Dakota has been called by Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN to be their second pastor.

*Mr. Ross Kok* of Holy Cross Lutheran School in Phoenix, AZ has been called by Gethsemane Lutheran in Saginaw, MI.

*Mr. Dan Roehl* is still considering the call to be the new professor at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI, replacing retiring Professor Mark Kranz.

*Pastor Thomas Schuetze* of St. Paul Lutheran of Lakewood, CO has returned the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

### CLC Financial Report - December

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2023	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 6 Months	Balance 12/31/2023
General Fund	0	559,727	578,390	595,800	(18,663)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	881,524	805,336	819,000	76,188
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	133,349	53,733	69,324		117,758
ILC Building Projects	1,279,816	231,842	65,536		1,446,122
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	95,621	97,863	96,040		97,444
Kinship	168,286	55,608	87,038		136,856
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,323,176	696,841	341,844		2,678,173
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	145,399	29,788	115,050		60,137
Reserve Fund	95,555	3,578	0		99,133
<b>Auxiliary Funds Totals</b>	<b>\$4,241,202</b>	<b>\$1,169,253</b>	<b>\$774,832</b>		<b>\$4,635,623</b>

**General Fund – December** receipts: **\$95,712 VS** disbursements: **\$80,264**. The General Fund subsidizes the work of the Boards of Missions, Trustees, EdPub, & Regents (including ILC.)

**ILC Operations – December** receipts: **\$177,091 VS** disbursements: **\$131,688**.

**IIF – December** receipts: **\$3,318 VS** disbursements: **\$1,257**.

**ILC Building Projects – December** receipts: **\$59,317** (including an \$52,628 increase in market value of investments) **VS** disbursements: **None**.

**MDF – December** receipts: **\$19,201 VS** disbursements: **\$16,431** (including \$5,000 for a vehicle).

**Kinship – December** receipts: **\$9,150 VS** disbursements: **\$2,517**.

**CEF – December** receipts: **\$116,538** (including a \$91,237 increase in market value of investments) **VS** disbursements: **\$16,250** (mostly payments on member loans to the CEF).

**SAF – December** receipts: **\$6,154 VS** disbursements: **\$38,273** (including student loans, grants, scholarships and tuition assistance).

**Reserve Fund** is currently invested in a money market account until needed, typically each fiscal year-end.

**EduK8 Fund – December** receipts: **\$288**. Balance **\$35,247**.

*Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer*  
*Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees*

<i>Bible Readings:</i>	
1/28	Exodus 16-18; Matthew 19:16-30
1/29	Exodus 19-21; Matthew 20:1-16
1/30	Exodus 22-24; Matthew 20:17-34
1/31	Exodus 25-26; Matthew 21:1-22
2/1	Exodus 27-28; Matthew 21:23-46
2/2	Exodus 29-30; Matthew 22:1-22
2/3	Exodus 31-33; Matthew 22:23-46

<i>February Ushers</i>	<i>Cleaning Teams 2/2-2/9</i>	
Joel Gerbitz Paul Tiefel John Marita	Church:	T/M Blue C. Blue N. Blue
<i>February Slideshow</i> Jim Lisak	School:	J/B Albrecht Marita

<i>Fruits of Faith</i>	<i>Last Week:</i>	<i>To Date:</i>
Budgetary Offerings:	\$8,652.50	\$228,968.89
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$257,766.29
Over (Under) Budget:	\$272.29	(\$28,797.40)
Kinship:	\$150.00	\$1,152.56
ILCSAF:	\$100.00	\$600.00
ILC Tour Choir:	\$25.00	\$25.00

*Attendance Last Sunday: 124*

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