

Immanuel Evangelical  
Lutheran Church

*“Inspired by God’s Grace  
to Love and Serve all”*



**JANUARY 29, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

**WE WELCOME GUESTS WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!**

Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Thank you!

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God from Jackie Waldorf in honor of our church council.

**The 2023 altar flower chart is in the narthex.** Please sign up to sponsor flowers! This year the cost will be \$14.00.

**We welcome Rev. John Kuziej** to worship this morning as our worship leader. Thank you Pastor John for sharing your gifts and talents!

**Today we welcome** Linda Kau as a member of Immanuel. We welcome her as a beloved child of God, a sister in Christ, so that together, guided by the Holy Spirit, we will share the love of Jesus in Word and deed.

**OFFICE HOURS**—Administrative Assistant Kari Britton Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am—Noon. Pastor John Kuziej: Tuesday 10:00 am—Noon and by appointment. Cell: 906-932-4165; email: [johnckuziej2@gmail.com](mailto:johnckuziej2@gmail.com). Pastor John is happy to schedule visits with home-bound individuals and is also available for hospital visits.

**ANNUAL MEETING**—our Annual Meeting will immediately follow worship today. If you are interested in serving on Council please see Darlene Machtan.

**NATH - Frederick Place 12th Anniversary Benefit Dinner, Raffles and More**—Saturday, February 4th—Doors open at 5:00 pm. Individual tickets are \$50 and may be purchased by stopping at Frederick Place, ordering online at [nathnorthwoods.com](http://nathnorthwoods.com) or seeing Pastor John.

**From our Financial Secretary:** Offering envelopes were delayed from the printer. They have arrived and are available to be picked up in the narthex.

**FEBRUARY WORSHIP – Please sign up in the narthex** OR call the office if you can assist with Worship. We need readers, ushers, live stream assistant, and communion assistant.

**SNOW SHOVELING** - sign up sheet in narthex to volunteer for snow shoveling in the winter months.

Our ministry groups have been providing the monthly NATH (Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing) **All meals have been covered through April 2023.** Please consider signing your group up to provide a meal again this year! To volunteer, please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex or you can call Sue Larsen at 715-362-2544.

## Prelude

### *Statio: Holy Pause—Silence*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GATHERING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**We confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## ***Gathering Hymn "We Are Called" ELW #720***

### **Pastoral Greeting**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **Kyrie (Sing)**

**Also Found on Page 147**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## **Hymn of Praise (Sing) Also Found on Page 149**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb**

**who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray,

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# WORD

## First Lesson

## Micah 6:1-8

- 1 Hear what the Lord says:  
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.
- 2 Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.
- 3 'O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
- 4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
- 5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab  
devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'
- 6 'With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?
- 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'
- 8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

*The Word of the Lord*

*Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 15

## Read Responsively

- 1 O Lord, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
- 2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;**
- 3 who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
- 4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honor those who fear the Lord;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**
- 5 who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

## Second Lesson

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of

God. 19 For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of

the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness

of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews

demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim

Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gen-

tiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks,

Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many

were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the

strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, 29 so that no

one might boast in the presence of God. 30 He is the source of

your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 in order that,

as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

*The Word of the Lord*

*Thanks be to God*

*Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Also found on Page 151**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

*The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew*  
***Glory to you, O Lord***

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

***Praise to you, O Chris***

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

Rev. John Kuziej

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY "Build a Longer Table"

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*Music: French carol*

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1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

## **Presentation of New Member**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Linda Kau, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as a new member into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Linda has come to our congregation from Trinity in Rhinelander.

## **Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ. God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen**

**Address and Questions**

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sister in Christ,

Do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond.*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God,

Do you promise to support and pray for Linda in her life in Christ?

***We do, and ask God to help and guide us.***

**Welcome**

*Those being welcomed face the assembly.*

Let us welcome this sister in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***And also with you.***

*Please share a sign of peace, keeping in mind social distancing and respecting others boundaries.*

*Please be seated.*

# MEAL

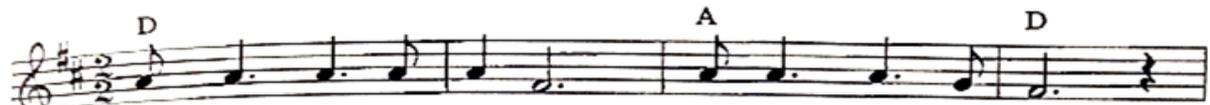
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## Offering Song—"What Have We to Offer?"

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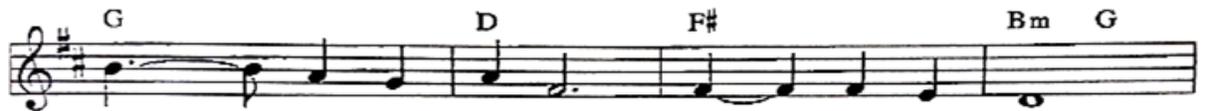
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1 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to share?  
2 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to bring?  
3 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to give?



Coins            from the    cof - fer,      hearts    filled with    care.  
Love,            ripe with    laugh - ter;      hope    that we can    sing;  
Eyes            that are    wide    o - pen;      lies    that we won't    live;



God            will not    fal - ter;      so        let us    dare  
dreams        of what we're    af - ter;      prom - is - es    of when.  
truth         that must be    spo - ken;      jus - tice        some - how.



lay    it    at    the    al - tar      there.  
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Lay    it    at    the    al - tar      now.



4 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to



give?                            Lives                            we will live.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray,  
Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
We magnify and adore you, gracious God,  
through Jesus our Savior.  
**Amen.**

# Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son,  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
Our Lord Jesus took Bread, and gave thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and Eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.  
For as often as we eat of this bread and  
drink of this cup, We proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes again.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Gathered into one with the Holy Spirit let us pray  
as Jesus taught us.*

**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.**

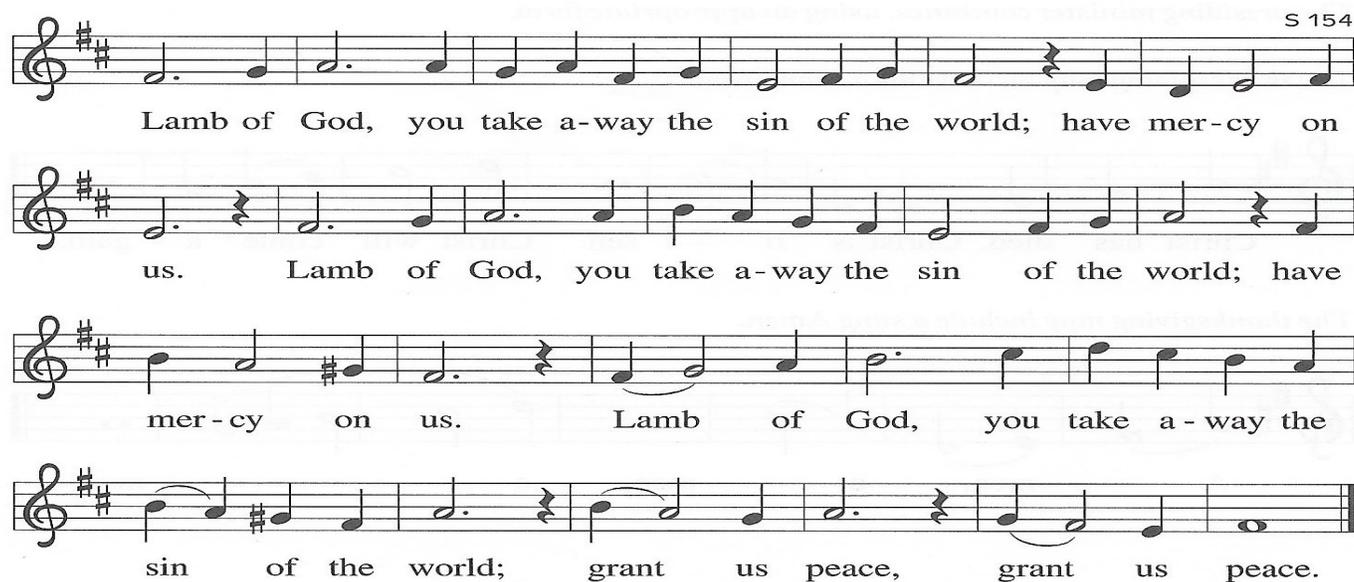
*Please be seated.*

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and taste the joy of God!

## **LAMB OF GOD**

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **COMMUNION SONGS**

*“Let Streams of Living Justice” ELW #710*

*“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” ELW #712*

*“Healer of Our Every Ill” ELW #612*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Holy One,  
we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.**

**Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.**

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod

✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *“God of Grace and God of Glory” ELW*  
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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***Postlude***

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