

Immanuel Evangelical  
Lutheran Church

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



**Let the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you, O LORD,  
my rock and my redeemer.**

**Psalm 19:14**

**JANUARY 23, 2022**

**9:00AM**

**THIRD 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 Darlene Machtan in honor of Mother's birthday.

**The 2022 Flower Chart is out and available for sign-up in the narthex.**

**SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED** to shovel/snowblow sidewalks February through April. If you are interested, please call the church office @ 715-362-5910 or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

**LIVING LUTHERAN**—January/February edition of the is now available in the narthex, outside the office and in the plastic bin outside the parking lot main door.

**YOUTH RETREATS AT FORTUNE LAKE** - Contact Brittany at [brittanylandphier@gmail.com](mailto:brittanylandphier@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

7-12 grade retreat (Feb. 4-5) = Deadline to register is January 28

3-6 grade retreat (Feb. 25-26) = Deadline to register is February 17

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

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES** – Are now available outside the main office. Please stop by during office hours and pick up your envelopes (Tues – 8-3, Wednesday 10-3, Thursday 8-3)

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE:** *Make checks payable to: Lutheran Disaster Response, Write "U.S. Tornadoes" on your check's memo line and send to:*

***Evangelical Lutheran Church in America***

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**P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL BROCHURES** - available describing **ACTION SEED DOLLARS AND CHOICE DOLLARS** in the narthex and in the plastic bin outside the main entrance. If you need more information regarding these benefits, call the 800 # on the brochure and they will assist you with applying. Because of legality issues, the church staff cannot assist you in applying.

**ELECTIONS** – for Council will be held today immediately following the 9:00 worship service. There will be a hybrid meeting, (both in person and via Zoom).

**ANNUAL MEETING** – Will be held on Sunday January 30th immediately following the 9:00 worship service. There will be a hybrid meeting, (both in person and via Zoom).

## Prelude

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Statio: Holy Pause—Silence*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creatures.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**

## **GATHERING**

### **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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

*Let us Pray.*

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Gathering Hymn**      *“Hark, the Glad Sound”*

**First Lesson****Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

<sup>1</sup> All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.

<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

<sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup> Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

<sup>8</sup> So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

*The Word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

## Psalm 19

## Read Responsively

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup> **Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.**
- <sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;
- <sup>4</sup> **yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**
- <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- <sup>6</sup> **Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.**
- <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;
- <sup>8</sup> **the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;**
- <sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- <sup>11</sup> Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup> **But who can detect their errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.**
- <sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.
- <sup>14</sup> **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of  
my heart be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**Second Lesson****1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Gospel**

**Luke 4:14-21**

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

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
 because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
 and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

*The Gospel of the Lord*

***Praise to you, O Christ***

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

Matthew Johnson

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Our Worship continues with professing our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.**

### **APOSTLES CREED**

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

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*God of grace, hear our prayer.*

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***And also with you.***

*Please be seated.*

*Offering plate at the entrance of the sanctuary.*

***Offering*** (*Usher to bring offering forward*)

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.

Prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.

**Amen.**

## **Aramaic Translation of The Lord's Prayer**

**Abba, let our lives honor your name**

**Let your home be with us.**

**Let your ways be our ways.**

**Let heaven and earth be as one.**

**Give us today simply the bread of tomorrow.**

**Forgive us our violences**

**as fully as we have forgiven others theirs.**

**Do not let us stumble; give us refuge from evil ways.**

**Yours, O God, is the place, the power and the wonder.**

**Peace, now and forever.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

***Sending Hymn***      *“Canticle of the Turning”*

### **DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Postlude***

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