

# *Immanuel Lutheran Church*

*9 a.m. Worship*

*Live Stream / Conference Call*

## SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Sundays, January 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 2021



## TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, February 14, 2021



*Welcome to worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Immanuel Lutheran Church is an inclusive congregation extending God's love and grace to all people. There is a welcome place for you here!*

*God's Grace and Peace to YOU through our Lord and Savior  
Jesus the Christ!*

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**Hear Love. Eat Love. Share Christ's Love.**

\*All those who are able please stand

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*



### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Hear God's love!

**C: We hear God's love, for the world and for us, through forgiveness, scripture, preaching, liturgy, and song.**

P: Hear God's love!

**C: Holy God, open our ears to hear and our hearts to be transformed by Christ's words of love to and for the world. Amen.**

### \*INVOCATION

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**C: Amen.**

### \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

**C: you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin— our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**C: Amen.**



### On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite  
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

### GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 176

*Gloria, Setting 7*

Sung twice



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.*  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.*  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. ... Amen.

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.*



**FIRST READING**

Baptism of Our Lord: January 10, 2021

Genesis 1:1-5

*Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.*

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Sunday after Epiphany: January 17, 2021

1 Samuel 3:1-10

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Third Sunday after Epiphany: January 24, 2021

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

*The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"*

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: January 31, 2021

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.*

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: February 7, 2021

Isaiah 40:21-31

*The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.*

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Transfiguration of Our Lord: February 14, 2021 2 Kings 2:1-12  
*Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.*

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Baptism of Our Lord: January 10, 2021 Psalm 29

Second Sunday after Epiphany: January 17, 2021 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Third Sunday after Epiphany: January 24, 2021 Psalm 62:5-12

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: January 31, 2021 Psalm 111

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: February 7, 2021 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Transfiguration of Our Lord: February 14, 2021 Psalm 50:1-6

## SECOND READING

Baptism of Our Lord: January 10, 2021 Acts 19:1-7  
*In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.*

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Sunday after Epiphany: January 17, 2021 1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Third Sunday after Epiphany: January 24, 2021 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: January 31, 2021 1 Corinthians 8:13  
*Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.*

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: February 7, 2021

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

*God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.*

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Transfiguration of Our Lord: February 14, 2021

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #828; verse 1

**Alleluia! Voices Raise**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Voic - es raise, sound - ing God Al -  
2 Now come all be - fore God's face, in this cho - rus -  
3 Let, in praise of Christ, the sound run a nev - er -  
4 So this huge wide orb we see shall one choir, one  
5 Thus our song shall o - ver - climb all the bounds of



might - y's praise. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL**

Baptism of Our Lord: January 10, 2021

Mark 1:4-11

*Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.*

Second Sunday after Epiphany: January 17, 2021

John 1:43-51

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

Third Sunday after Epiphany: January 24, 2021

Mark 1:14-20

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: January 31, 2021

Mark 1:21-28

*Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.*

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: February 7, 2021

Mark 1:29-39

*Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.*

Transfiguration of Our Lord: February 14, 2021

Mark 9:2-9

*Mark’s gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus’ followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God’s glory manifest in the beloved Son.*

P: The holy gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:*

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #308

January 10, 2021 verses 1 and 2

January 17, 2021 verses 3 and 4

January 24, 2021 verses 5 and 6

January 31, 2021 verses 2 and 3

February 7, 2021 verses 1 and 6

**O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!**



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
 Our joy be all with music crowned,  
 our voices gaily blending!  
 For Christ goes with us all the way—  
 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
 His love is never ending!  
 Sing out! Ring out!  
 Jubilation!  
 Exultation!  
 Tell the story!  
 Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
 the Lord we love is first and last,  
 the end and the beginning!  
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
 transport us to that happy place  
 beyond all tears and sinning!  
 Amen! Amen!  
 Come, Lord Jesus!  
 Crown of gladness!  
 We are yearning  
 for the day of your returning.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai

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February 14, 2021 verses 1, 3, and 5

### How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope in our Lord, Jesus Christ, we 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.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.



P: let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*God's people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

**\*HOLY COMMUNION**     January 10 and February 14, 2021     Liturgy on pages 16 – 17

**OFFERING**

*During this time of social distancing, we continue to give God our thanks and praise through our tithes and offerings of thanksgiving for the mission of the church including the care of those in need. Please mail your checks to Immanuel, sign up for automatic withdrawal, or give online through our website: [luthwash.org](http://luthwash.org).*

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: ... through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

**C: Amen.**

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

P: Let us give thanks for God's life-giving word.

Let us pray. Holy God, ... For speaking this Word, we thank you, O God.

**C: We thank you, O God.**

P: Your Word ... For giving us this Word, we worship you, O God.

**C: We worship you, O God.**

P: By your Spirit bless all who receive this Word, ... For sustaining us with your Word, we praise you, O God.

**C: We praise you, O God.**

P: Blessed are you, holy God, around us, with us, and in us, now and forever. Amen.

**C: Amen.**



## \*LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*



## \*BENEDICTION

P: Christ has no body  
But yours,... Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)  
God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the  
comforter ✚ keep you in peace.

**C: Amen.**

### O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,

for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;

a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,  
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,

the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886-1981, alt.  
Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version  
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Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

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**\*DISMISSAL**

P: You have heard love.

**C: We have heard Christ's love!**

P: You are filled with Christ's love!

**C: We will share Christ's love with our neighbors! Thanks be to God.**

**SUNDAYS, JANUARY 10, 2021 and FEBRUARY 14, 2021**  
**“CAR HOP COMMUNION”**  
**IMMANUEL’S PARKING LOT 10:30 A.M. – 11 A.M.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: ... through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

C: **Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**\*DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3, page 144

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. ...

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.



... Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed. Eat Christ's Love.

**\*PRE-POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Christ Jesus, .... to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

**C: Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Liturgy on page 13