

February 13, 2022

6th Sunday after Epiphany

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Confirmation Sunday



1 Peter 5:6-8

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¹Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, or sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

P Pastor

C Congregation

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: WS #751

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

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

C Amen!

✠ Examination – on the Ten Commandments ✠

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Having reviewed the law of God and standing guilty of all of them, I ask all of you before God, is this your confession that you repent of your sins, believe in your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and purpose by the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful lives? Declare so by saying: *Yes, with the help of God.*

C **Yes, with the help of God.**

P Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto you. In the stead of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Examination – on the Office of the Keys ✠

P Having confessed our sins and received absolution and forgiveness from God, we sing songs of praise to the Holy Trinity, in the form of the Gloria Patri.

The Gloria Patri

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

P Let us pray. O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

✠ Examination – on God's Word ✠

1st SCRIPTURE READING – I Corinthians 15:1-11 ¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he

appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – I Corinthians 15:12-20 ¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

SONG: "I Am Jesus Little Lamb"

Family: I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

Congregation: Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

Congregation: Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

Gospel Reading - Luke 6:17–26 ¹⁷[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. ²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²²“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. ²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. “Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.”

In 2 Timothy 3:16, Paul identifies all of God’s Word as being profitable for doctrine and instruction, and therefore this congregation is a confessional church which bases all of its teachings on the Word of God. Each Sunday, we speak to one another using the words of the Apostles’, Nicene, or Athanasian Creeds, so that we might announce to each other and to the world our conviction based on God’s Word and our unity on the Scriptures. Therefore, let us boldly confess our hope and our faith with the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

The Apostles’ Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

☩ 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.

✠ Examination – on the Trinity ✠

HYMN: TLH #336

“My God, Accept My Heart This Day”

SERMON – Colossians 3:1-4 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Grant, WHAT’S IN YOUR DASH?

I: You are Dead to sin---Buried with Christ in your Baptism.

II: You are Alive in Christ---Set your mind on Heavenly Things.

III: You are Hidden with Christ---Your Unseen Glory.

IV: You are Forever with Christ, enjoying Eternal Glory.

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

☩ **♪ 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.**

✠ Examination – on the Lord’s Prayer ✠

THE LORD’S PRAYER

☐ Jesus has graciously taught His disciples how to pray, inviting us to pray and promising to hear us. Let us therefore rise and raise our voices to our Savior in the Lord’s Prayer:

☩ **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.**

- ☐ Our confirmand was baptized at an early age and cannot remember much of his baptism, and yet today he stands before you to confirm the faith into which he was baptized. But first, let us review what God tells us about baptism.

✠ Examination – on the Baptism ✠

- ☐ After this young man becomes a full member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in a few moments, he will be granted all the rights and privileges of membership in this congregation, including the right to receive the Lord’s Supper. Let us also review what God tells us about the Lord’s Supper.

✠ Examination – on the Lord’s Supper ✠



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1 Peter 5:6-8 *Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

HYMN: TLH #54

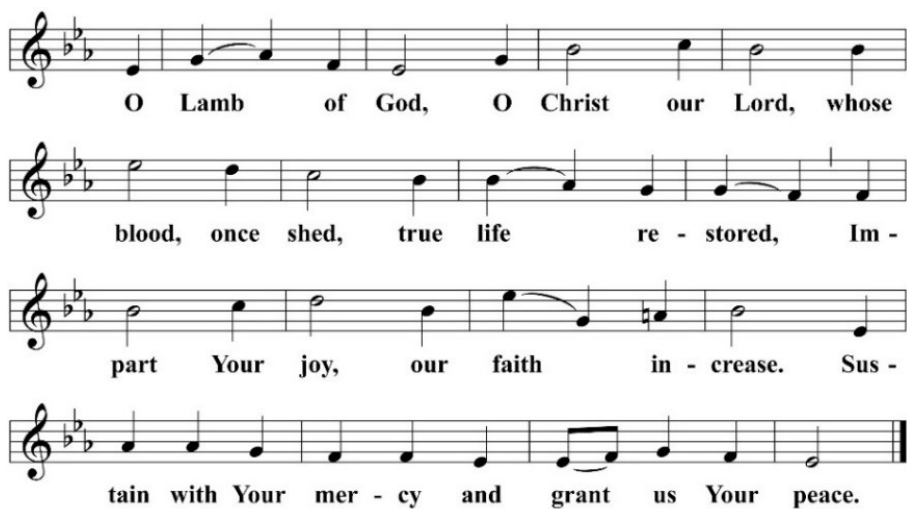
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

- ☐ Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” And the peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
 blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
 tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

THE DISTRIBUTION

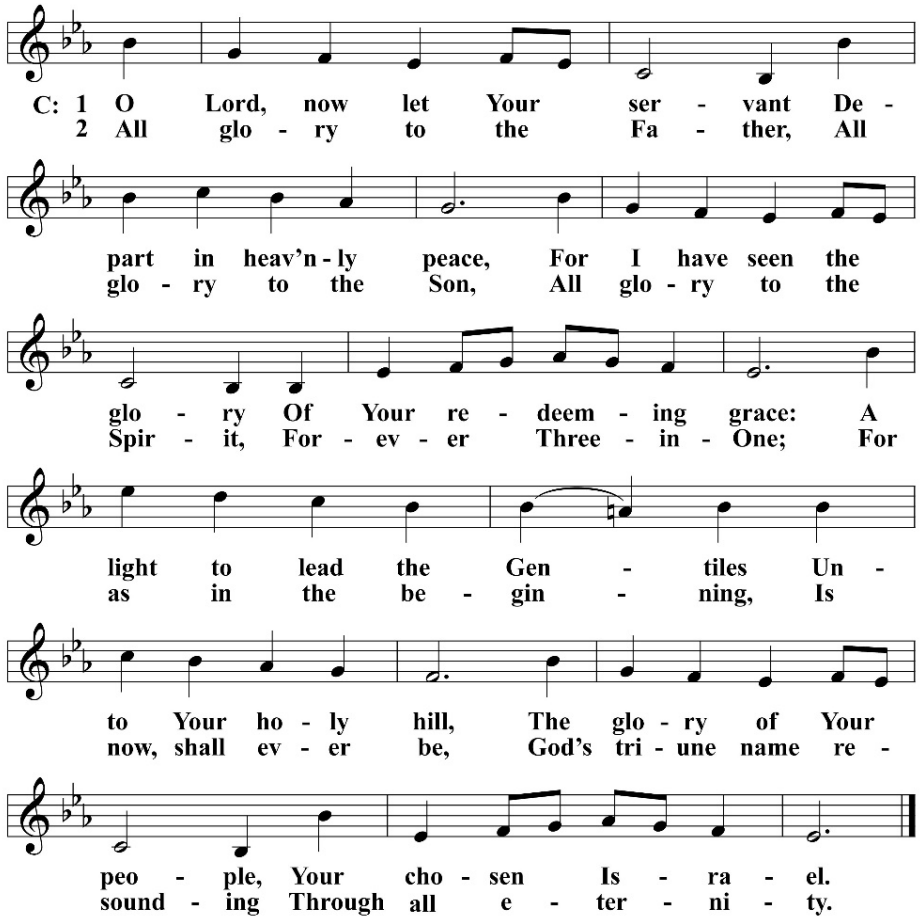
Please remain seated.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.

The Order of Holy Communion





C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light as to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER and the BENEDICTION:

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

G Amen!

HYMN: WS #775 v. 1,4,5

"Thy Strong Word"

✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome! And congratulations to Grant Bernthal on the completion of his confirmation instruction and reception into full membership of Immanuel Lutheran Church. What a joy and privilege it is to have been able to take part in the instruction of this fine Christian young man. Please continue to keep him in your prayers over the coming years! May the Lord bless you both!

- ✝ **Feb. 13:** Orlando Service 8a
- ✝ **Feb. 13:** Confirmation Sunday WH service with Pastor Mark Bernthal preaching – meal to follow the service
- ✝ **Feb. 20:** WH 10:15am
- ✝ **Feb. 27:** Orlando Service 8a
- ✝ **Feb. 27:** WH 10:15am
- ✝ **Mar. 6:** Bible Class 9:15am WH 10:15am Communion Installation of officers
- ✝ Pastor Fossum preaching

Last Week: WH – 52 Bible Class – 22 **Total Offering** = \$3,056.25
General = \$1536.25 | CLC Missions = \$170 | Property = \$300 | ILC SCH = \$150 |
Tuition = \$600 | Kuehne Memorial \$300

Voters' Meeting The voters met last Sunday and approved a few items worthy of note. Joe and Gloria Weller were ratified as members. The 2022 budget of \$184,227 was approved. The CBP estimate for CLC Missions was raised to \$4000. Please remember the CLC Mission work in your offerings. The parsonage renovations of updating the kitchen and main bathrooms were approved at an estimate of \$11,000. The Lord has blessed our congregation with many opportunities to serve Him in His kingdom.

Thanks Thanks to Pastor Mark Bernthal of Peac Thru Christ Lutheran Church in Middleton, WI, for preaching the sermon today. We pray you have safe travels back home.

Pastor Fossum Pastor Fossum will be returning to preach March 6 for communion Sunday. There will be Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. He will be conducting Orlando service the following Sunday, March 13 and returning for the Winter Haven service at 10:15 a.m. There will be no Bible Class that Sunday.

Cleaner (2/19): Ream | **Acolyte (2/20):** Maxwell Kuehne

Call News:

Dear members of Immanuel,

The last few weeks of contemplating the call to serve your congregation and school has been both strenuous and rewarding. Any moment in life where a change of location and calling is possible offers a time for self-reflection and assessment, which is a test of the mind and heart.

Yet, at the very same time there are fewer more edifying experiences in life than mutual dialogue among Christians on how to build the Church of Christ; and even more so, of knowing you are supported and upheld by one another's prayers. Within this process, and through it, I believe the Lord has led me to return the call you extended. I thank you for the opportunity, for helping me better understand your ministry, and for supporting me through your prayers and input while I considered it. As a fellow believer in Christ, and a brother in fellowship with you, I pray that God will soon provide you a full-time pastor who will lead you in the Word. To that end, may the Lord grant you confidence in His Word and promise.

In our Savior's name,

Pastor Mark Tiefel

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Feb. 14-19, '22

Mon Jeremiah 17:5-8 Do you and I put our trust in men in high places or rely on our own skills rather than on the Lord? That's as scary as Death Valley or Australia's Outback (5-6). God help us to be like the riverside tree, with our roots nourished by the water of Life, so that when heavy heat arrives, we won't shrivel and lose our unfruitful souls (8). Lord, have mercy on us (7)!

Tues Luke 6:17-26 Jesus attracted people as a magnet attracts iron; they came to hear Him and be healed (17-19). Then Jesus realigned their souls' magnetic pole and blessed them by turning them around in repentance (20-21). They were blessed enough to endure persecution (22-23) and to avoid the wayward pull of other magnets—such as satisfaction with oneself, with one's social status, and with devotion to earthly values (24-26).

Wed 2Corinthians 12:7b-10 Being spiritually exalted above measure is being unbalanced, so Jesus applied a counterbalance (which stymied Satan). Paul's prayer was answered by God stabilizing Paul on Jesus, not on himself (7-9). Paul was ever learning that God's grace was his firm foundation, and that Jesus' strength offset his own weakness. God is good to His children!

Thurs Jeremiah 16:11-13 Life was difficult for Jeremiah because the people who had been God's pride and joy had become unbalanced: each one walked according to the imagination of his own evil heart, so that no one listened to God. Therefore they had to learn a hard lesson in God's school: "Therefore I will cast you out of this land into a land that you do not know... where I will not show you favor." Via the Babylonian Captivity God brought them to repentance. [We wonder if God has something similar in mind

for our world.]**Fri Matthew 5:1-12** Jesus took His seminary students aside, got them seated, cleared His throat, and laid out the blessings of being Christian: Being humble, repentant, and spiritually hungry are blessings (3-6). Further, you are blessed when God has given you a merciful spirit, a clean heart, ability to resolve disputes, and strength to endure persecution (7-10)! Especially in times of persecution you will be put to the test, so that's when God will bless you especially. [Note: The Beatitudes are not a recipe for how to become a Christian, but rather outline some blessings that Christians already have.]

Sat 2 Corinthians 19:7,12-18 presents a balanced approach to life: don't be misled by outward appearances. A person who brags about himself is not balanced (12), whereas the well-balanced Christian knows his limits (13). In Paul's case, he hoped that the Corinthian Christians would help him extend his sphere of mission outreach (16)--all to the glory of God, not to flesh out his resume' in the clergy roster (17-18). Lord, bless us and our pastors!