

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany



Are those who mourn  
for they will be  
comforted."

MATTHEW 5:4

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## Opening Hymn #646

“See This Wonder in the Making”



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God him -  
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens as the  
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, far more  
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; home we



self this child is tak - ing as a lamb safe in his  
door of heav - en o - pens and the Fa - ther beams, “Be -  
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to your arms we  
take a new-born crea - ture, now God’s pre - cious son or



keep - ing, his to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.  
lov - ed, heir of gifts a king would cov - et!”  
place him, with your love and peace em - brace him.  
daugh - ter, born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

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*Please stand*

## Invocation & Confession

*CW 154*

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

**C: Amen.**

**M:** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us  
should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,  
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.  
It also means that a new person should daily arise  
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*(Silence for meditation and reflection)*

M: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Sacrament of Baptism** *(late service)*

*Be seated*

*(The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.)*

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

M: *Wyatt Gus Compton*, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

### **Exhortations in Holy Baptism**

M: As parents and sponsors, it is your responsibility and privilege not only to bring this child to Baptism, but to remember *him* in your prayers, to remind *him* of *his* baptism, and to bring *him* up in the true Christian faith. If you are willing to do so, answer: “Yes, and we ask God to help us.”

**C: Yes, and we ask God to help us.**

*(The minister addresses the congregation)*

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, this child has been baptized into the family of believers, the holy Christian Church. It is our privilege and responsibility to care for the children of our congregation, to remember them in our prayers, to encourage their parents in their God-given work, and to demonstrate a Christian life. If you are willing to do so, answer: “Yes, and we ask God to help us.”

**C: Yes, and we ask God to help us.**

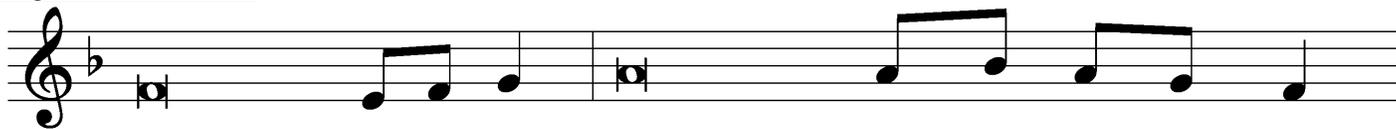
M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Wyatt as your own *child* and made *him* a member of Christ’s body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to *him* and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Glory Be to God**

CW 157



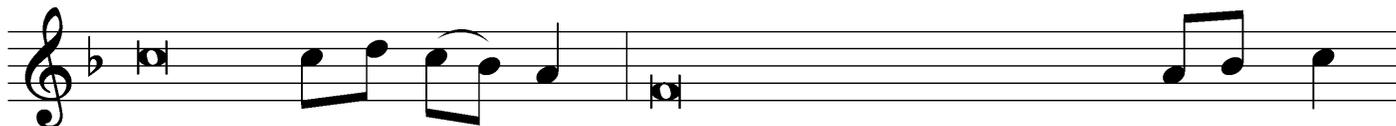
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



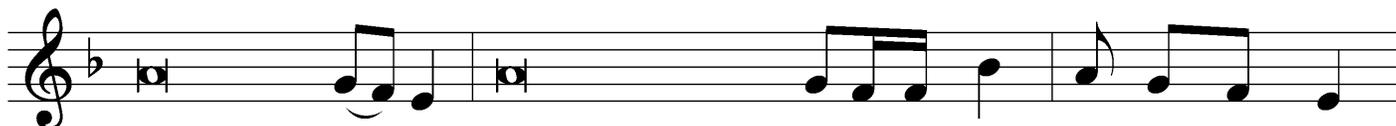
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



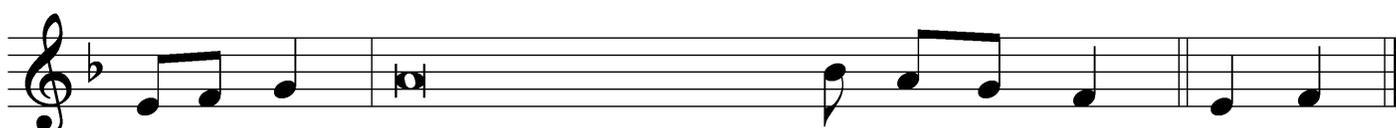
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## **The Prayer of the Day**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **First Reading**

*Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11–13*

M: <sup>3</sup>Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land,  
you who do what he commands.

Seek righteousness, seek humility;  
perhaps you will be sheltered  
on the day of the LORD's anger.

<sup>11</sup> "On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame  
for all the wrongs you have done to me,  
because I will remove from you  
your arrogant boasters.

Never again will you be haughty  
on my holy hill.

<sup>12</sup> But I will leave within you  
the meek and humble.

The remnant of Israel  
will trust in the name of the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> They will do no wrong;  
they will tell no lies.

A deceitful tongue  
will not be found in their mouths.

They will eat and lie down  
and no one will make them afraid." *(NIV)*

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 15A**

“The Just Will Live”

*Refrain*



The just will live in the pres-ence of the LORD.

*Tone*



M: LORD, who may dwell in your / sacred tent?

Who may live on your holy / mountain?

**C: The one whose walk is / blameless,  
who does what is / righteous,  
who speaks the truth / from their heart;  
whose tongue utters no / slander,  
who does no wrong to a / neighbor,  
and casts no slur on / others; Refrain**

**C: who despises a vile / person  
but honors those who / fear the LORD;  
who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not / change their mind;  
who lends money to the poor without / int'rest;  
who does not accept a bribe against the / innocent.  
Whoever does these things will never be / shaken.  
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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M: <sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup>and he began to teach them.

He said:

<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 be shown 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 because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and  
falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and  
be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way  
they persecuted the prophets who were before you. *(NIV)*

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**Hymn #690 sts. 1,2,3,5**

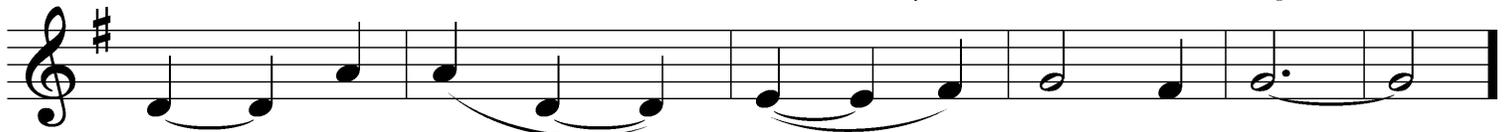
*“Blest Are They”*



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it, theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones, they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy, mer - cy  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate all be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who  
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 cause of me. Re - jice and be glad,



full of sor - row, they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst, they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart, they shall see God!  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

*Refrain*



Re - jice and be glad! Bless - ed are



you, ho - ly are you! Re - jice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

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**Sermon**

*"Blessed Are You"*

*Please stand*

**Apostles' Creed** *(spoken by all)*

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.

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

M: Lord, you chose us, the weak and foolish and lowly, to be your people, purely because of Christ, who is our righteousness, holiness and redemption. May we boast in you alone, and seek to serve you in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: God of all glory, make us meek before you. Remove our stubborn inclination to follow our sinful desires, and strengthen us to submit gladly to your holy will as we await the day of the new heaven and earth. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: God of all truth, bless those who are reviled and slandered because of Jesus. Strengthen them with grace, provide for all their needs of body and soul, and maintain in them the joy and gladness that in Christ their reward in heaven is great. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Merciful God, you choose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, and you use our infirmities for our good. Hear our prayers on behalf of all who are afflicted [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Deliver them according to your will, and make use of their trials to increase their confidence in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, receive our thanks for the saints whom you preserved in righteousness and delivered to glory. Purify our hearts by your grace and strengthen us against temptation, that we would look joyfully to the day when we will see you in your glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Friendship Card** is available on the tables by the entrances. If you are watching on-line please go to the description link and sign in.

**Offering** The offering plates are located by the entrances. You may also give electronically via our website: [immanuelfindlay.org](http://immanuelfindlay.org) or the App: GivePlus.

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

CW 165

### Preface

M: The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



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

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



**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n 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,  
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer** *(spoken by all)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

## **O Christ, Lamb of God**

CW 169

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

*Be seated*

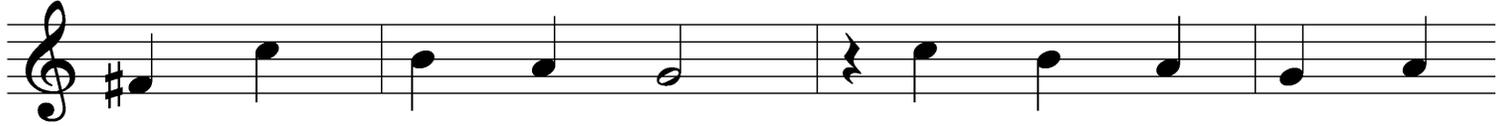
## **Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn #670**

*“I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”*



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and  
2 O grant that I in man - ner wor - thy may eat and  
3 I should not be your sheep, dear Sav - ior; I stray in  
4 O let me loathe all sin for - ev - er as death and



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a -  
drink and be re - stored, and, dwell - ing on your  
sin's ac - cursed ter - rain. And yet you par - don  
poi - son to my soul, that I through will - ful



lone are a - ble to sat - is - fy and make me whole.  
bound - less mer - cy, look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.  
my be - hav - ior; my faith - ful Shep - herd you re - main.  
sin - ning nev - er may see your judg - ment take its toll!

*Refrain*



Lord, may your bod - y and your blood be for my soul the high - est good.

**5** Your holy heart has one obsession,  
one blessèd thing it burns to do—  
to cleanse the sinner from transgression;  
so I, a sinner, come to you. *(Refrain)*

**6** My soul is burdened; Lord, relieve me,  
by all this weight of sin oppressed!  
Though sinful, yet, in grace receive me  
and feed me as your grateful guest. *(Refrain)*

**7** Within me, Lord, your vision traces  
a heart of deep humility  
that mourns its sin and yet embraces  
the merit you have earned for me. *(Refrain)*

*(additional verses next page)*

**8** By faith I call your holy table  
the testament of your deep love,  
for by your gift I now am able  
to know the heart of God above. (*Refrain*)

**9** This meal with blessing is abounding:  
to poor ones wealth, to weak ones pow'r,  
to angels joy, to hell confounding,  
and life for me in death's dark hour. (*Refrain*)

**10** My heart has now become your dwelling,  
O blessèd, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, your praises telling,  
shall live in joy eternally. (*Refrain*)

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M: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you  
to life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

*Please stand*

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C: his mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.  
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our  
love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated*

**Closing Hymn #927 sts. 1-2**

*“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's  
 joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,  
 O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.

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**Wyatt Gus Compton**, son of Hannah and Brandon, is to be baptized at our late service today. His sponsors are Olivia Kupper and Vera Dunahay. We welcome him as a child of God.

**Women’s Retreat** If you are interested in attending the Sisters in Christ weekend women’s retreat April 14-16 in East Lansing MI please get ahold of Jamie Travoli at 419-348-9306.

**Member Information** We are requesting that members update their contact information and preferences for receiving emails for general information, prayer chain, etc. Forms are in the mailboxes of all members by the north entryway and extra forms are on the tables with the bulletins.

**Ark Trip:** Resurrection Lutheran of Maumee is paying for a bus to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky on Saturday, March 11. You would only pay for admission. Sign up in back by Feb 12 if interested.

**The Office Manager** will not be in the office from January 23-February 5.

**This Week**

**Sunday** Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15 AM  
Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 & 10:30 AM  
Confirmation, 11:45 AM

**Wednesday** Bible Class, 1:30 PM  
Adult Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

**Thursday** Zoom Only Bible Class, 7:00 PM

**Sunday** Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15 AM  
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	<u><b>Greeter East Doors</b></u>	<u><b>North Doors</b></u>	<u><b>Acolytes</b></u>
<i>January 29</i>			
8 AM	Howard & Nancy Wilch	Volunteer	Hunter Niese
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Helen Rose</b>	<b>Ken &amp; Linda Shultz</b>	<b>Elder/Usher</b>
<b>January Ushers</b>			<b>Accompanist</b>
8 AM	Bob Huber, Howard Wilch		Connie Krueger
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Matt Myers, Kris Green</b>		

	<u><b>Greeters East Doors</b></u>	<u><b>North Doors</b></u>	<u><b>Acolytes</b></u>
<i>February 5</i>			
8 AM	Bob Huber	Volunteer	Luke Weihrauch
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Jamie Travoli</b>	<b>Vern &amp; Marjorie Huston</b>	<b>Elder/Usher</b>
<i>February 12</i>			
8 AM	Karl & Lynn Farwig	Volunteer	Josie Weihrauch
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Becky Fulcher</b>	<b>Denny &amp; Sharon Putman</b>	<b>Elder/Usher</b>
<i>February 9</i>			
8 AM	Jan Sherman	Volunteer	Conner Niese
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Pam Winters</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Helen Rose</b>	<b>Elder/Usher</b>
<i>February 26</i>			
8 AM	Marge Penhalegon	Volunteer	Hunter Niese
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Diane Lab</b>	<b>Deana Hartman</b>	<b>Elder/Usher</b>
<b>February Ushers</b>			<b>Accompanist</b>
8 AM	Don Lucas, Nate Weihrauch		Connie Krueger
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Don Baker, Joe Beagle</b>		

**Join us in Adult Bible Studies:**

Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM	Baptism	In person only
Wednesday Bible Class, 1:30 PM	2 Chronicles	In person & Zoom
Thursday Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM	Pharisees	Zoom only

## **General Information**

**Welcome!** We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us welcome the opportunity of worship. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, please feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

**Large print bulletins** are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

**There are visitor welcome packets** available in the narthex.

**There are children's books, coloring pages,** pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons. Thank you!

**Silence is golden.** Please silence cell phones before worship.

**If you would like something put on the bulletin board** please contact the office.

**When receiving communion,** it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.

**Celebrating Communion in Love**—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.

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