

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

*January 11, 2026
The Baptism of Our Lord*



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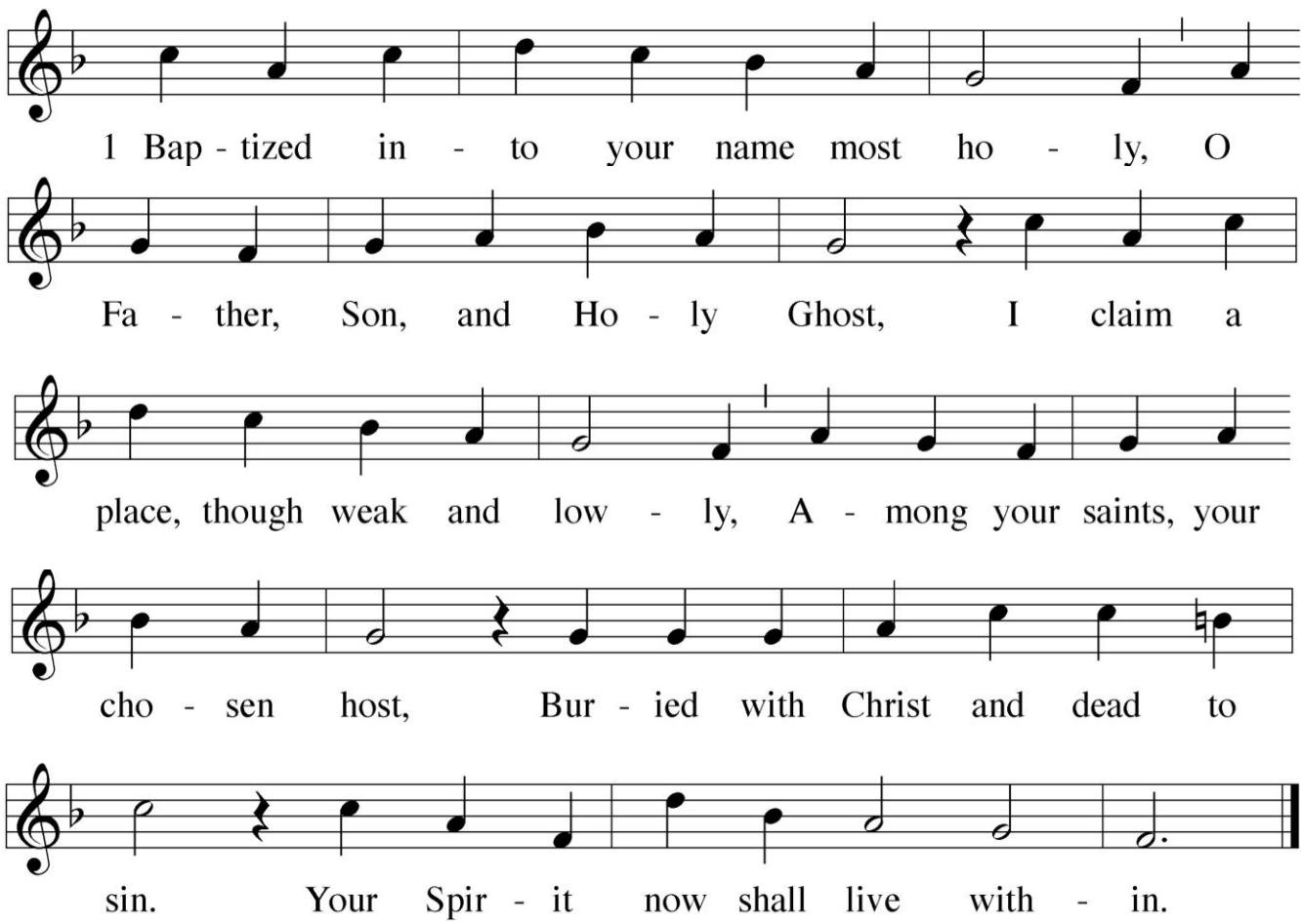
Please stand.

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

C: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy st. 1”



1 Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a
place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your saints, your
cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to
sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

Text: Johann J. Rambach, 1693–1735, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (KÖNIG) (98 98 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** (*John 3:5,6*)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.
(*Psalm 51:5*)

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** (*1 Corinthians 6:11*)

Sing Response

“Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy st.2”

2. *My loving Father, there you took me
To be henceforth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, there you let me
The fruit of all your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat’ning clouds around I see.*

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

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful
and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.
But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ,
I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Sing Response

“Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy st.3”

3. *My faithful God, you fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
Oh, cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.*

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Sing Response

“Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy st.4”

4. *All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely,
And help me your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but yours alone.*

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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Be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-6

¹Listen to me, you islands;
 hear this, you distant nations:
Before I was born the LORD called me;
 from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.
²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me into a polished arrow
 and concealed me in his quiver.
³He said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."
⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;
 I have spent my strength for nothing at all.
Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,
 and my reward is with my God."
⁵And now the LORD says—
 he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him
 and gather Israel to himself,
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD
 and my God has been my strength—
⁶he says:
"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
 to restore the tribes of Jacob
 and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
 that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 45B

“Great Are the Works of the LORD”

Refrain

A musical score for a single instrument, likely a woodwind or brass instrument. The score consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The second staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The music consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth note patterns, with a prominent eighth note on the bass clef staff followed by a melodic line that includes a grace note and a sustained note with a fermata. The score is written on a five-line staff with a thick vertical bar line separating the two staves.

C: Great are the works of the LORD. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody starts on the note B (3rd line), followed by a dotted half note on A (2nd line), a quarter note on G (4th line), a half note on F (3rd line), a quarter note on E (2nd line), a quarter note on D (1st line), a half note on C (3rd line), a quarter note on B (2nd line), and a half note on A (1st line). The lyrics are: 'Great are the works of the Lord.'

lu - ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

Tone

M: My heart is stirred by a / noble theme
as I recite my verses / for the king.

**C: You are the most excellent of men
and your lips have been anointed with grace.**

**Gird your sword on your side, you / mighty one;
clothe yourself with splendor and / majesty. Refrain**

**C: Your throne, O God, will last for ever and / ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your / kingdom.**

**You love righteousness and hate / wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your com- / panions.**

I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

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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Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-15

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,

¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

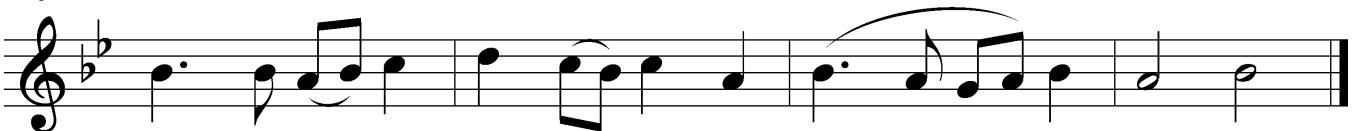
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Gospel Acclamation

St. Mark 1:11



Refrain



C: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - - - le - lu - ia.

M: You are my Son, whom I love;
with you I am well pleased.

C: **Refrain**

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Be seated.

Hymn #379*“Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert”***Pastor will sing the first stanza*

1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert led to Jor - dan's
 2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons as by Jor - dan's
 3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan led at last to
 4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us one with Christ, our

flow - ing stream; there you heard the her - ald cry - ing
 bank you stood; bathed, though sin - less, with your peo - ple
 Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the cross for - sak - en,
 ris - en Lord, freed us, claimed us, cleansed, for - giv - en

Is - rael's old, pro - phet - ic dream: "He is com - ing! He is
 in the riv - er's cleans-ing flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens
 you ful - filled the Fa - ther's will. Lamb of God, we see you
 thro' the wa - ter and the Word. Help us hear your ur - gent

com - ing! He will cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners,
 o - pened; came the Spir - it as a dove; spoke a
 dy - ing, sin - less, yet for sin - ners slain. But where
 sum - mons, call - ing us to serve you now. Send us

plunge be - neath the wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"
 voice be - yond all hear - ing: "See my Son, the One I love!"
 death rose up to tri - umph, you be - gan your glo - rious reign!
 forth, your sons and daugh - ters, with the cross up - on our brow.

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Sermon Text*Colossians 2:6-15***Sermon***“United with Christ in Baptism”*

Please stand.

Confession of Faith: The Institution of Baptism

M: First: What is Baptism?

C: **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is water used by God's command and connected with God's Word.**

M: Which is that word of God?

C: **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."**

The Blessings of Baptism

M: Second: What does Baptism do for us?

C: **Baptism works forgiveness of sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

M: What are these words and promises of God?

C: **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."**

Be seated.

Prayer of the Church

M: Mighty Father, at the river Jordan you anointed your Son Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power, and you declared him your beloved Son.

Stir our hearts with praise to you.

C: **Open our lips with your grace.**

M: You have cleansed us also in the waters of baptism and clothed us in the righteousness of Christ. Empower us with his righteousness to live as your holy people. Strengthen us to resist sin and selfishness, and guide us as we live in your light.

Stir our hearts with praise to you.

C: **Open our lips with your grace.**

M: Your Son Jesus commanded his disciples to gather disciples from all nations by baptizing and teaching them. Bring people, near and far, out of the darkness of the world into your wonderful light. Open their hearts, create and strengthen faith with Word and Sacrament.

Stir our hearts with praise to you.

C: **Open our lips with your grace.**

M: Watch and protect those who watch and protect us, police, fire and rescue workers. Give them courage, patience and endurance as they do their work. Guard them in body, soul and mind as they face dangers and deal with violence and tragedies.

Stir our hearts with praise to you.

C: **Open our lips with your grace.**

M: You have made us children of God by the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Keep us in your love. Let the gospel of your grace refresh those who deal with pains of mind or body [especially...]. Remind them that nothing can separate us from your love which is ours in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Stir our hearts with praise to you.

C: Open our lips with your grace.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you the thoughts and cares from the depths of our hearts.

Silent prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, always hold your people, baptized into your name, in your holy care. Give us grace, blessing, strength, power and prosperity, so that we live as lights in this dark world, and one day, clothed in the righteousness of Christ, we will stand before you in glory forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

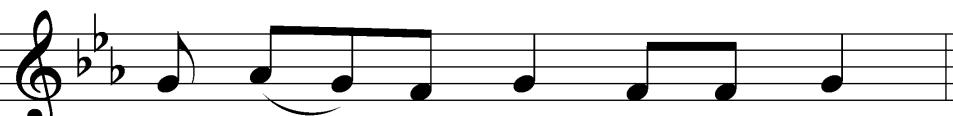
(Visitors: please see communion statement on page 16 of the bulletin.)

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.

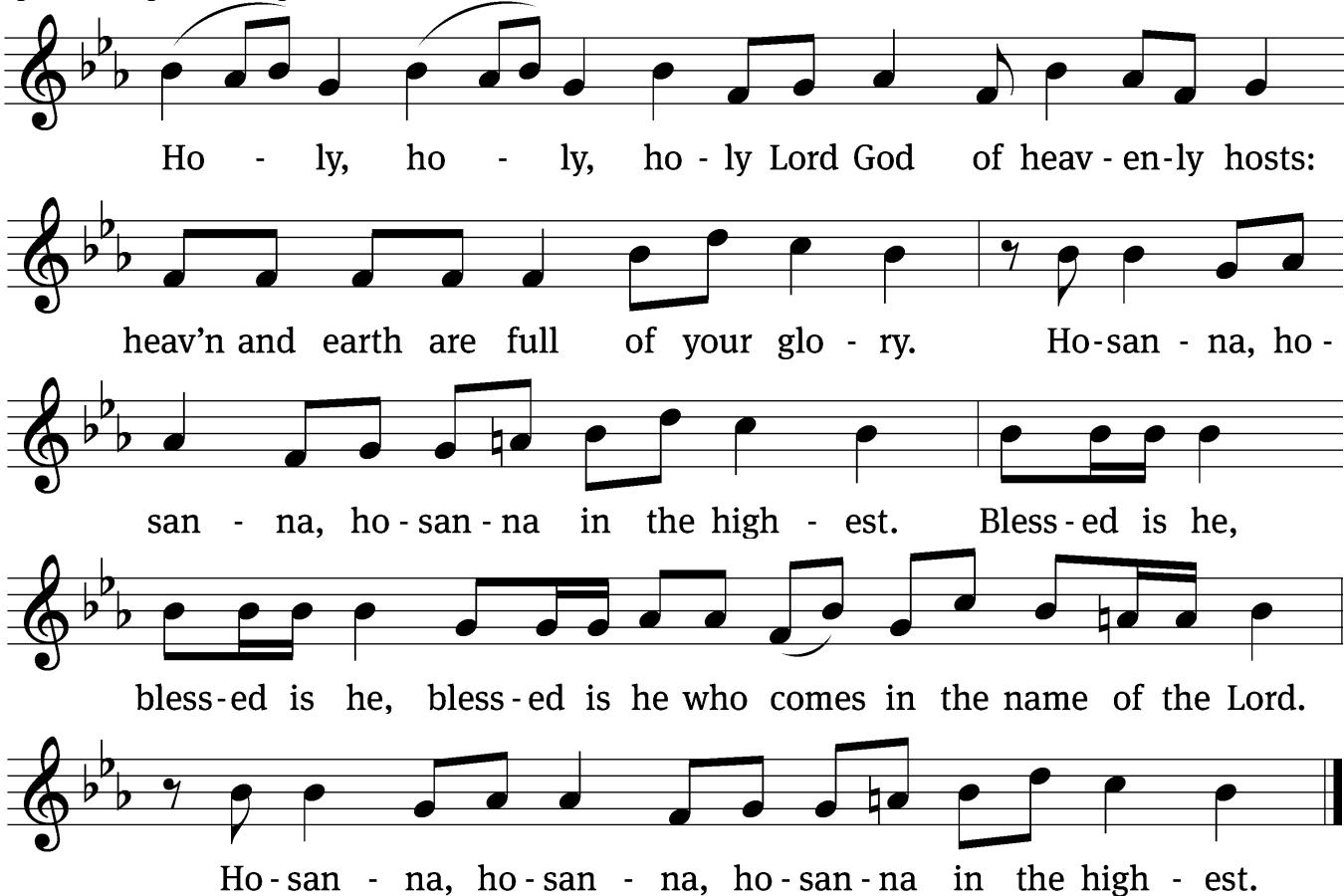


C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



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

C: 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."

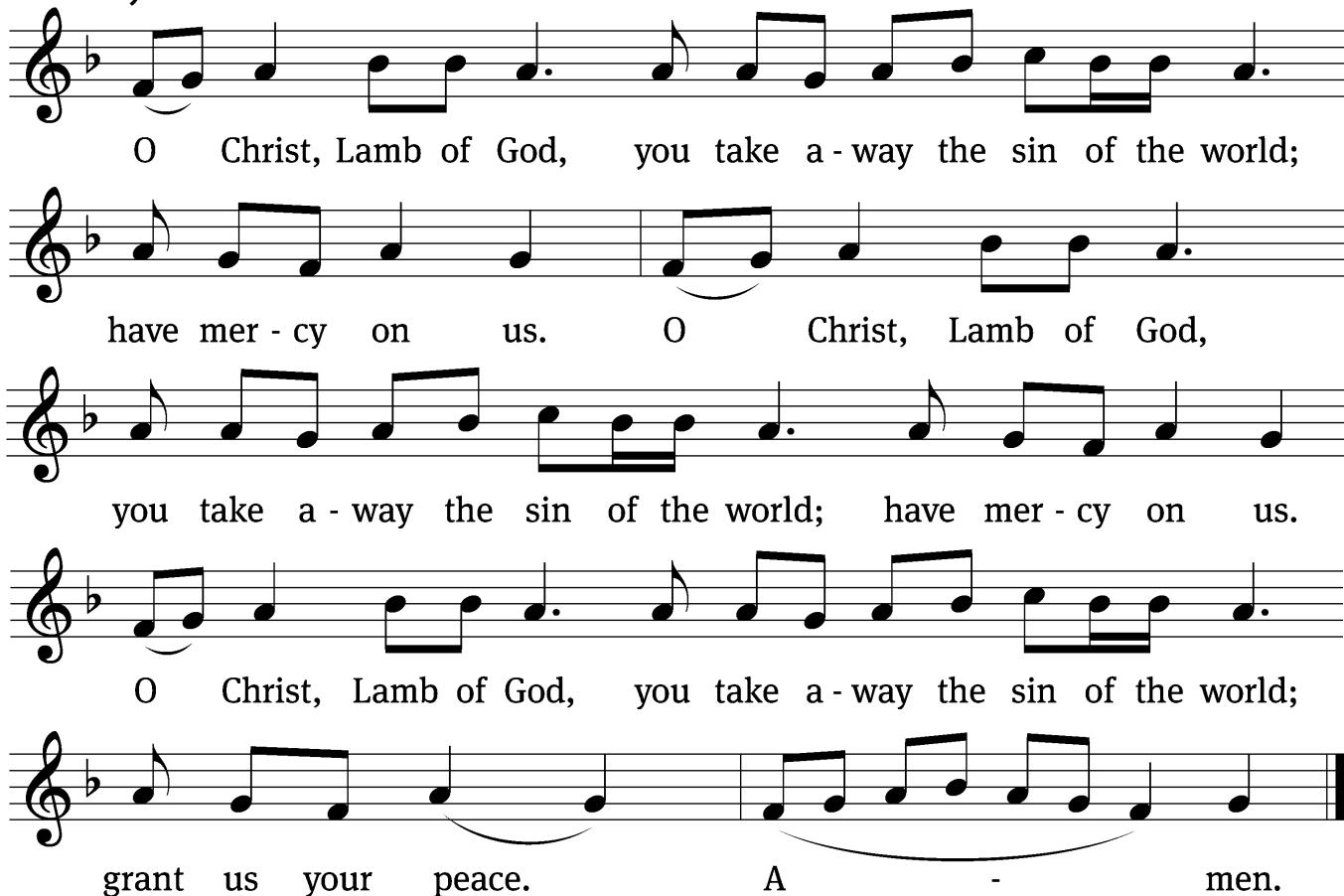
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



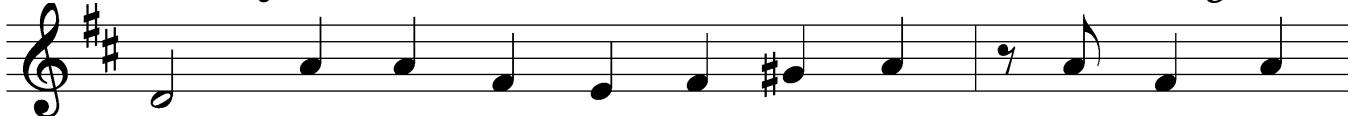
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn #374

"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"



1 The star pro-claims the King is here; but, Her - od,
2 The east - ern Ma - gi saw from far and fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan Riv - er stood the pure and
4 At Ca - na, mir - a - cle di - vine, when wa - ter
5 All glo - ry un - to Je - sus be and praise for



why this sense - less fear? For he who came from heav - en's
on his guid - ing star, and, led by light, to Light they
ho - ly Lamb of God; the Fa - ther's voice, the Spir - it -
red - dened in - to wine, the faith - ful saw his glo - ry
his e - piph - a - ny, whom with the Fa - ther we a -



throne does not de - sire an earth - ly crown.
pressed and by their gifts their God con - fessed.
dove, con-firmed the Sav - ior from a - bove.
shown and put their trust in him a - lone.
dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

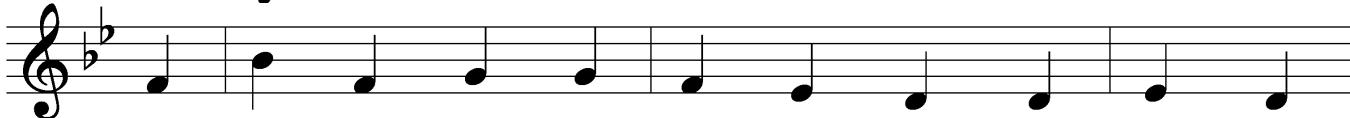
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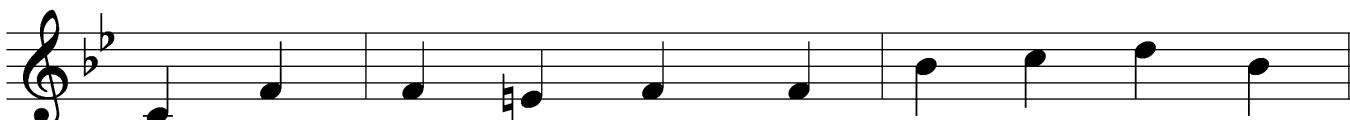
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Distribution Hymn #377

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"



1 To Jordan's riv - er came our Lord, the Christ, whom
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, the God from God, the
 God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the
 tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: "This is my Son," was



Light from Light, the Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
 heav'n - ly dove, de - scand - ed on him from a - bove.
 his de - cree, "the one I love, who pleas - es me."

- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
 anointed Christ in glorious sight
 as God's own choice, from Adam's fall
 to save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
 This man is Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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

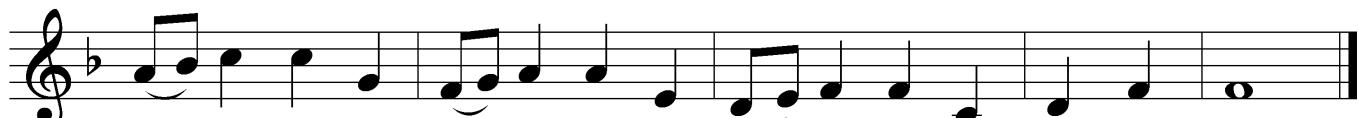
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #684

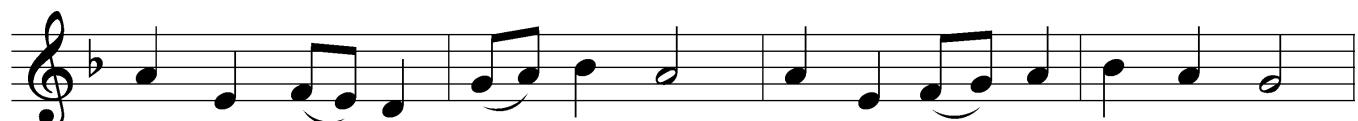
“Father Welcomes”



Fa - ther wel - comes all his chil - dren to his fam - ly through his Son.



Fa - ther giv - ing his sal - va - tion, life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to me, for my king - dom is of these.

2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, in his prom - ise, be as - sured:

3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; let us dai - ly rise with him,

Refrain



Life and love I have to give, mer - cy for your sin.

those who are bap - tized and be - lieve shall be born a - gain.

walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God.

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Thank you to all who offered me Christmas blessings and gifts this Christmas. I truly appreciate you thinking of me this year! – Heather

Thank You! I wish to express my gratitude for the gift you have given me as a congregation! I have felt nothing but love and welcome from all of you. Thank you so much! - Vicar

Fellowship! If you are between the ages of graduating from high school to mid-thirties, we would love for you to enjoy fellowship with your peers. The next opportunities will be tomorrow, January 12, and Saturday, January 24th, both starting at 5:30 pm. There is a sign up sheet for anyone who would like to bring food on the the 24th. Direct questions to Vicar Johannes! 479- 684- 8231

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study is planned for Saturday at 9:00 AM. Sign up in back.

New Vicar: Our Council and Voters plan to apply for a vicar for the 2026-27 school year. We have about \$11,000 in our fund, but need another \$21,000. If you would like to help, mark your contribution for our Vicar Fund.

Annual Euchre Tournament will be held here at Immanuel on Saturday, Jan.31 at 6:00 PM. Please sign up to attend and indicate if you will bring a snack and if you have a card table you can let us borrow that night. Thank you!

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Usher/Greeter Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the entry. If you already are an usher or greeter, we will just include you on next years list unless you tell us to remove you.

Blessings in Disguise: Join us Thursday for a study of Jesus' "blessings and woes" from his Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6). We will find Christ's power and encouragement in his Word, especially for times when the cross of discipleship is heavy in this life. Class is on Zoom at 7 PM.

BIBLE STUDY	Sunday	Adult Bible Study	Today's Readings	9:20 AM
	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study	James	10:00 AM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Study	Jesus' Blessings	7:00 PM

January

Greeters	East Doors	North Doors
1-11 8:00	Karl & Lynn F.	Volunteer
10:30	Helen R.	Brad & Sarah S.
1-18 8:00	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30	Pam W.	Kay M.
1-25 8:00	Volunteer	Bob H.
10:30	Diane L.	Laura & Mike B.

January Ushers

8:00 Bob H., Howard W. 10:30 Matt M., Paul W.

Calendar	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM
	Monday	Pastors' Circuit Meeting, 1 PM Young Adults, 5:30 PM
	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study, 10:00 AM Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	Saturday	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:00 AM
	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, 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.

Silence is golden. Please silence cell phones before worship.

Bulletin Board: If you would like items displayed, 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.