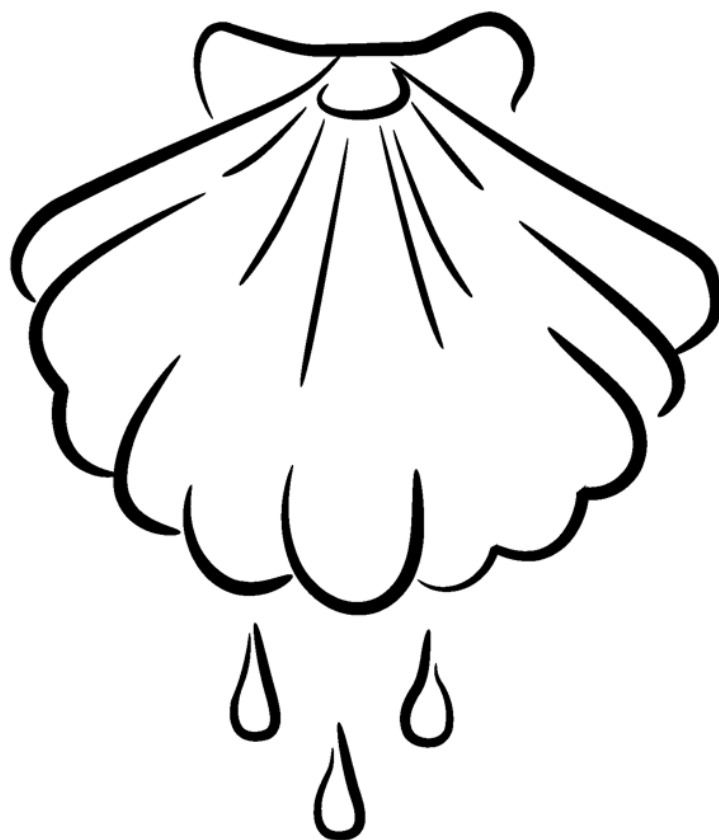


Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

*February 15, 2026
The Last Sunday after Epiphany*



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Opening Hymn #389 sts.1-3,6

"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 - fil - ler of the past, and hope of things to be,
6 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.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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Tune: Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

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Invocation & Confession

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.

Early service continues with hymn, "Baptized in Water" on page 5

Sacrament of Baptism *(late service)*

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.

Elsie Anne Etzler, 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 *(late service)*

M: Dear parents, our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us. I therefore ask you:

Do you intend to bring up Elsie in the way of the Lord and to instruct her in the truths of God's saving Word so that she may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in her baptismal grace all the days of her life? If you are willing to do so, answer: "Yes, and we ask God to help us."

Parents: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

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.

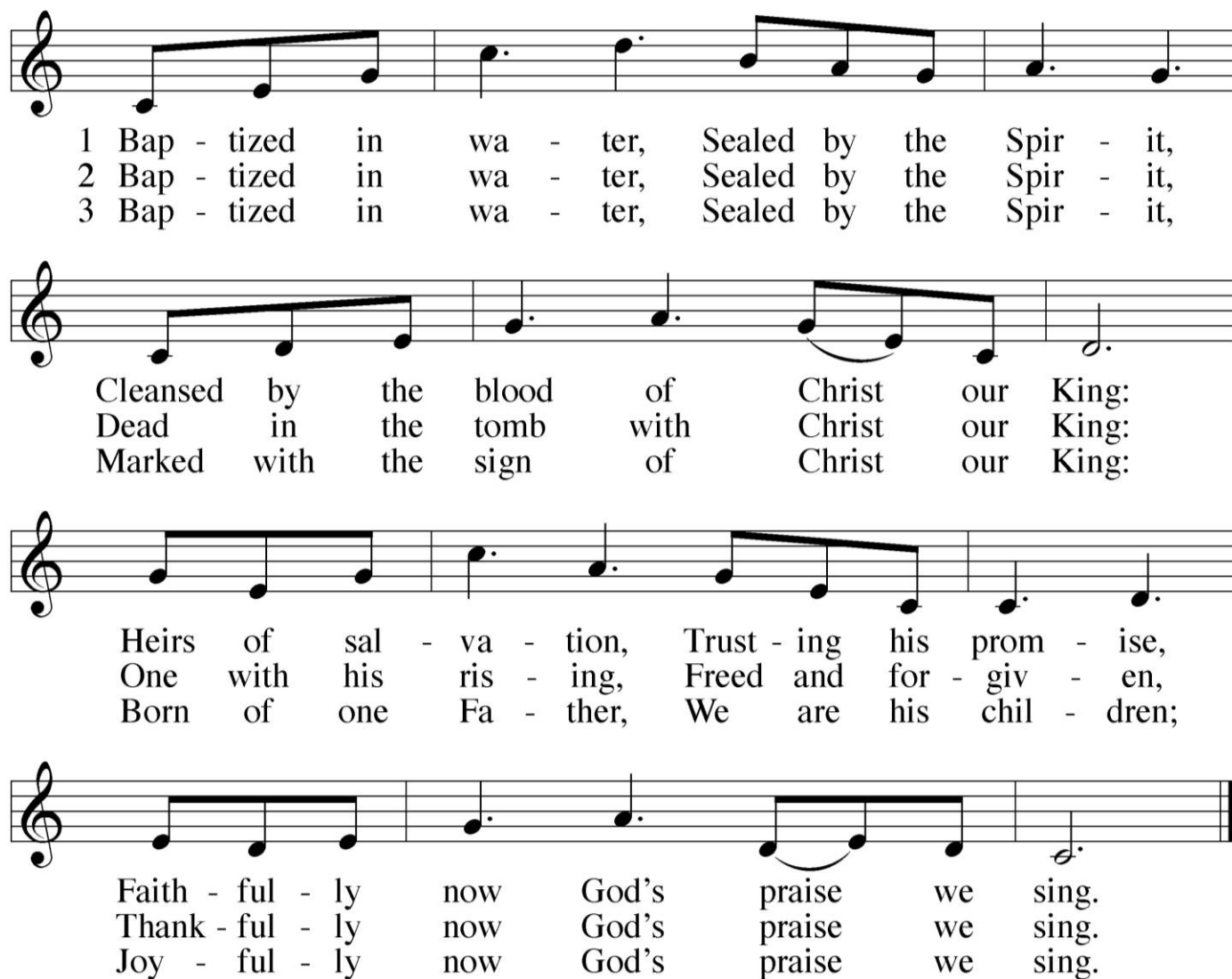
M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Elsie as your own child and made her a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to her 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.

Hymn: Baptized in Water

CW 93 #297



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,
One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,
Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren;
Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; 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

Exodus 24: 9-18

⁹Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

¹³Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

¹⁵When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63a

"In the Morning I Will Sing"

Congregation sings the refrain, the Choir will sing the verses.

Refrain

In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

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- 1 O God, you are my God; for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory. (Refrain)

2 For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (Refrain)

3 On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night,
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (Refrain)

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Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

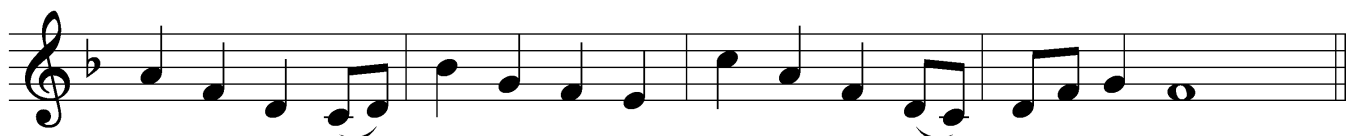
Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

St. Mark 9:7



Refrain



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

M: A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:
"This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

C: **Refrain**

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 17:1-9

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”
(NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

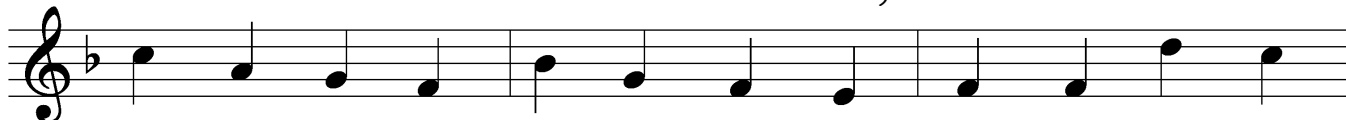
C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.



Hymn #390

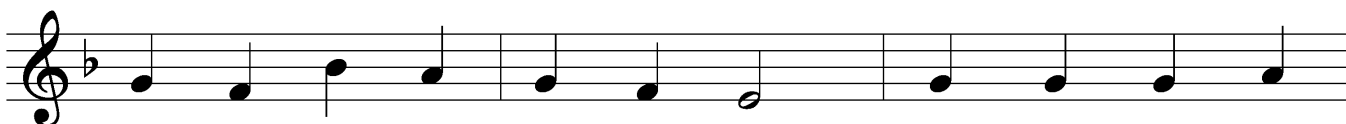
"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain where, with Pe - ter,
2 What do you want us to see there that your close com -
3 What do you want us to hear there that your dear dis -
4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"
cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
all that we have seen and heard, say with Pe - ter,



for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
ev - 'ry - one; this is my be - lov - ed Son!"
tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

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Sermon Text

St. Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon

“With Jesus on the Right Mountain”

Please stand.

Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

M: 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.

FRIENDSHIP CARD is available by the entrances. If you are watching on-line please go to the description link and sign in.

FREEWILL OFFERING The offering plate is located by the back entrance. You may also give electronically via our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

HYMN #388

"Down from the Mount of Glory"



- 1 Down from the mount of glo - ry came Je - sus Christ, our Lord.
- 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, stood ra - dian - t in the light,
- 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the mount de - scend
- 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that is his fame
- 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry of Je - sus Christ, our Lord,



Re - call the won - drous sto - ry, rich gem in sa - cred Word.
light found in God - head sole - ly, for hu - man eyes too bright.
and, by the Fa - ther bid - den, his will - ing foot - steps bend
our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed a mount—the hill of shame.
and let the won - drous sto - ry full peace and joy af - ford!



A - gain your faith will view him in dou - ble glo - ry here;
Then came a voice from heav - en, con - firmed what here we see;
to seek hu - mil - i - a - tion in deep - est depths of woe,
Up - on the cross he prof - fered him - self to ag - o - ny;
The ho - ly mount ac - claims him the maj - es - ty di - vine;



the great - er hom - age due him will in your life ap - pear.
the words "my Son" were giv - en to seal his de - i - ty.
to suf - fer deg - ra - da - tion no mind can probe or know.
his ho - ly soul he of - fered to set the guilt - y free.
Mount Cal - va - ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

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Prayer of the Church

M: Eternal God and Father, we pray for the Church around the world. Always keep your people faithful to you. Lift the veil from our eyes and guide us to see Christ in the Word and sacraments. During all the distractions of life, help us set our sights on Jesus. Keep us safe and protect us from the tricks and treachery of the devil. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We pray that you move us to have compassion on those stumbling in the darkness and empower us to proclaim Christ to all who have no faith. Give us courage to be unashamed of the light you have given us and to carry it willingly with joy wherever we go and whatever we do. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Hear our prayers for Christians everywhere who are being persecuted because of the light they bear. Give them the strength to endure the hardships they are undergoing and give them the peace and hope of Christ as they battle on. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We pray that Christ reveals his gracious presence to all who suffer. We pray especially for our families and those in our circle of friends who are sick or in need and for everyone whose needs we hold in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Be with us, Lord, as we think about the coming days of Lent. Let your law convince us that we indeed deserve your punishment and would be lost forever without Christ. As our hearts fill with sorrow and regret, lift us up to see the Savior's sacrifice on the cross and give us hearts full of faith in him. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

M: Lord God, hear the prayers we offer and let your grace and mercy flow to us and all for whom we pray. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the world.

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.

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 #385

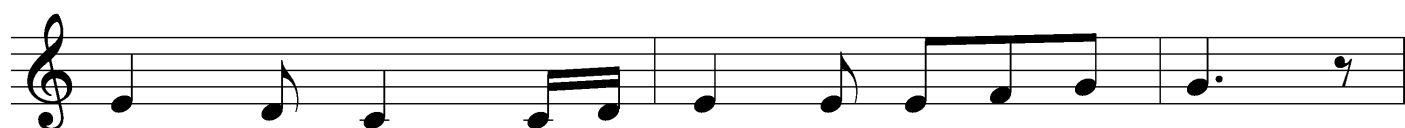
"Christ Begins"



1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.
2 Mar - y's whis - per - ing, but it's not the time.
3 See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide.



Wa - ter runs and all heav - en
Yet six jars are filled with the
Clothes like light - ning white, heav - en



o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
fin - est wine. Tell me, who is this by our side?
o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.

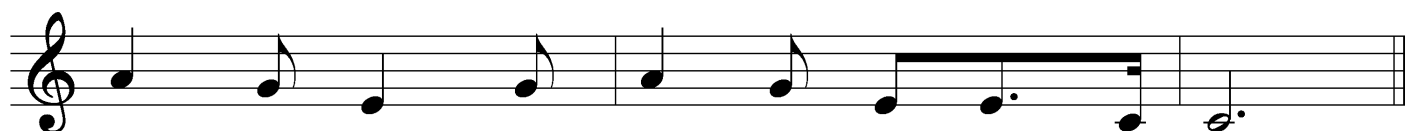
Refrain



Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a



light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my



God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.

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Please stay for the WELS Connection Video.

Today's Baptism We joyfully baptized baby Elsie Ann Etzler today. She is the daughter of members Austin and Anna Etzler. The witnesses for her baptism are Dylan and Sierra Bielcassarino. May God bless her all the days of her life.

Voters' Meeting The Quarterly Voter's meeting will be held next Sunday, February 22 at 11:45 AM. A copy of the Voter's Packet will be put in the mailbox of our members. Please bring the packet with you to the meeting as no additional packets will be provided.

Newsletter If you are not able to access the digital copy of February and March's newsletter there are a few paper copies by the bulletins. We will hopefully be able to mail out the April and May Newsletter in a more timely fashion.

Lenten Services begin on Wednesday, February 18 with the Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM. We will have a meal at 5:30 PM before each of the Lenten services. Please sign up for the meal so enough can be prepared. Sign up sheets for all the meals are at the back of the church.

New Vicar: Our Council and Voters plan to apply for a vicar for the 2026-27 school year. If you would like to help, mark your contribution for our Vicar Fund.

Easter for Kids: We'd like to hold an Easter outreach events for families on Saturday, March 21st. If you can help organize this, please speak with Pastor or Vicar or Nate Weihrauch or Brad Sorn.

Kroger will give money back to our church and preschool on any purchases you make. Go to [kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com), sign into your Kroger card account (or set one up); in the search bar type Community Rewards; then either search for Immanuel Lutheran or type LW765. Click enroll and it's done. This does not affect the points you receive for shopping.

Tax Credit Scholarship (Yes- it's almost tax time again) Members of Immanuel Lutheran and Preschool are reminded to take advantage of the excellent tax credit opportunity available through the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio (LSGOO). Singles can direct up to \$750 and married filers up to \$1500 of Ohio tax liability to this program. The money donated goes directly to the Immanuel Lutheran Preschool scholarship fund and counts toward what you owe for your 2025 taxes for your State of Ohio tax liability. These scholarship funds are then reviewed and may be provided for tuition in behalf of the parents/guardians that have applied for a LSGOO scholarship. The process is very simple and can be done in large as a single donation or spread out during the year. FYI – so far this year this program has provided over \$15,000 in scholarship dollars for tuition, helping 13 children in our preschool. For more information go to www.lsgoohio.org or contact one of our LSGOO committee members. (Don Lucas, Howard Wilch, Don Baker)

BIBLE STUDY	<i>Sunday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Hard Sayings	9:20 AM
	<i>Wednesday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Psalms	10:00 AM
	<i>Thursday</i>	Zoom Bible Study	Baptism	7:00 PM

February Greeters

2/15 8:00
10:30
2/22 8:00
10:30

East Doors

Karl & Lynn F.
Anna R.
Bob H.
Denny & Sharon P.

North Doors

Volunteer
Brad & Sarah S.
Volunteer
Laura & Mike B.

February Ushers: 8:00 Don L., Nate W. 10:30 Don B., Kris A.

Calendar**Sunday**

Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM
Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM
Confirmation, 6:30 PM

Wednesday

Adult Bible Study, 10:00 AM
Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
Lenten meal, 5:30 PM

Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 PM**Thursday**

Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
Adult Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

Saturday**Sunday**

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:00 AM
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.



It is Finished!

Jesus came to keep all of God's commandments perfectly and to fulfill all the promises about the Savior contained in the Old Testament so that he could triumphantly say about his redemptive work for our salvation, "It is finished!"

This Lenten season we will look at some of Zechariah's prophecies pointing to the events of Jesus' Holy Week passion, death, and resurrection. We'll see what Jesus' fulfillment of those prophecies means for us—now and in eternity.

Join us Wednesdays at 7:00 pm starting February 18th. A meal will be provided each week at 5:30 pm.