

# Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church

BLESSED ARE THE  
POOR IN SPIRIT  
FOR THEIRS IS THE  
KINGDOM OF  
HEAVEN

BLESSED ARE  
THEY WHO MOURN  
FOR THEY WILL BE  
COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE  
THE MEEK FOR  
THEY WILL INHERIT  
THE LAND

BLESSED ARE THEY  
WHO HUNGER AND  
THIRST FOR  
RIGHTEOUSNESS  
FOR THEY WILL BE SATISFIED

BLESSED ARE THE  
MERCIFUL  
FOR THEY  
WILL BE SHOWN MERCY

BLESSED ARE THE  
CLEAN OF HEART  
FOR THEY WILL  
SEE GOD

BLESSED ARE THE  
PEACEMAKERS  
FOR  
THEY WILL BE CALLED  
CHILDREN OF GOD

BLESSED ARE THEY  
WHO ARE PERSECUTED  
FOR THE SAKE OF  
RIGHTEOUSNESS  
FOR THEIRS IS THE  
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN THEY  
INSULT YOU AND PERSECUTE  
YOU AND UTTER EVERY KIND OF EVIL  
AGAINST YOU BECAUSE OF ME  
REJOICE AND BE GLAD FOR  
YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT IN  
HEAVEN THUS THEY  
PERSECUTED THE PROPHETS WHO WERE BEFORE YOU

Friday, January 30, 2026  
6:30 p.m. Service Bulletin  
4<sup>th</sup> Week in the Epiphany Season  
Year A Lectionary

# THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO WORSHIP WITH US!



**WE BELIEVE THAT GUESTS ARE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, and we seek to make your visit faithful and positive! Please scan the QR code to left or sign the Pew Register (red notebook) as it is passed down your pew.

**WE BELIEVE THAT SERVING CHRIST MEANS SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS.** Our name, Immanuel, means "God with us." Everything we do is to welcome and serve the Lord who is here among us, in you, and in our neighbors.

Our ministries, from our Worship to our Soup Kitchen and Food Bank, from our Jail Ministry to our Women's Drug Recovery house, from our Homeless Children's Ministry to our Campus Ministry at Lander University, are all designed and carried out to share "God with us" with our surrounding neighborhood and city. God's Love is inexhaustible! People from all around town work alongside us to share this Love with our neighbors. You can too!

**WE BELIEVE THAT CHURCH** is where disagreements may occur, and the love of Christ draws us together to worship and work together. We do not all agree on everything, but we do love God and each other, and that is enough!

**WE BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES EVERYONE**, so we do too! ALL are welcome here!

## HOSPITALITY

**RESTROOMS** - Our Handicap Accessible Restroom is located just outside the door by the pulpit. We also have restrooms downstairs nearby.

**THE CHILD CARE ROOM IS OPEN!** - We have a room for parents that offers a private, quick, and convenient space for caring for children. The room is located just outside of the sanctuary through the door beside the pulpit.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.*

## Order of Worship

As the prelude begins, please prepare your heart and mind for Worship in SILENT meditation.

### † THE PRELUDE

*Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith*    Johannes Brahms  
Dr. Will Cleveland, Organist

### † THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*    ELW # 879

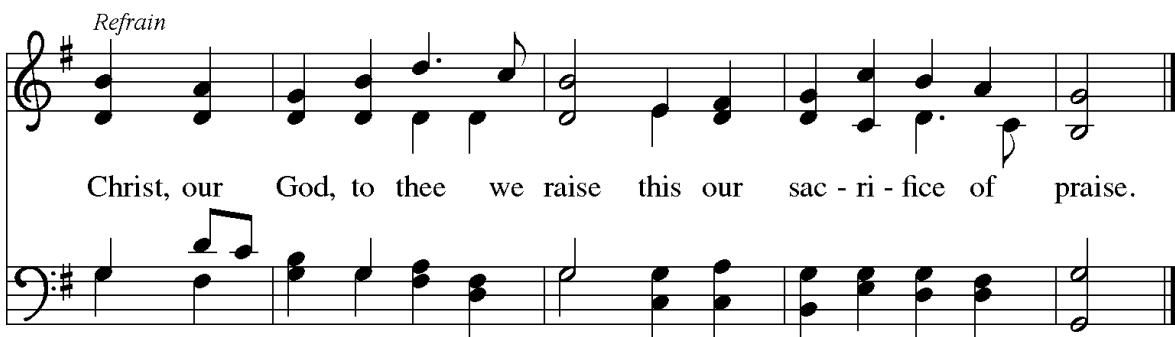
*Please stand, as you are able.*



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

## ✚ THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

The Rev. Chris Christopher, Pastor

Pastor The grace of our lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL** And also with you.

## ✚ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of ALL who call upon you.

**ALL** By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace, power, and courage to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

### ✚ THE LESSON      1 Corinthians 2:1-12

#### Summary

Lector In today's lesson we learn that though people, such as the Corinthians, are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom, which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross. Now, the reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth.

Lector <sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup>and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Lector      <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—<sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.  
      <sup>11</sup> For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God.  
      <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Lector      Here ends the lesson. For the word given to us,  
**ALL**        **Thanks be to God.**

## ✚ THE RESPONSIVE READING    Matthew 5:1-12

Lector      <sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying  
**ALL**        <sup>3</sup> **“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Lector      <sup>4</sup> **“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**  
**ALL**        <sup>5</sup> **“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the Earth.**

Lector      <sup>6</sup> **“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.**  
**ALL**        <sup>7</sup> **“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.**

Lector      <sup>8</sup> **“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**  
**ALL**        <sup>9</sup> **“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

Lector      <sup>10</sup> **“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**  
**ALL**        <sup>11</sup> **“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.**

Lector      <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

## ✚ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION AND GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:13-20

*Please stand, as you are able.*

Pastor Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

**ALL Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**ALL We are listening Lord. Shape us in Your Word.**

Pastor Jesus said:<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the Earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ✚ THE SERMON

The Rev. Chris Christopher

*Please be seated.*

† THE HYMN OF THE DAY    Lord, You Give the Great Commission    ELW # 579

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

*Refrain*

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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## ✚ THE NICENE CREED

AM Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith.

ALL We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

## ✚ THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please be seated or kneel.*      AM = Assisting Minister

AM As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the Earth, our home.

*Silence for preparation*

AM Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God,

ALL receive our prayer.

AM Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the Earth. Merciful God,  
**ALL receive our prayer.**

AM Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,  
**ALL receive our prayer.**

AM Your blessings are poured out for ALL in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving. Merciful God,  
**ALL receive our prayer.**

AM Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,  
**ALL receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

AM Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,  
**ALL receive our prayer.**

AM Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.  
**ALL AMEN.**

## ☩ THE PEACE

*Please stand, as you are able. Due to Flu and Covid season, please use caution when passing the peace.*

AM The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**ALL And also with you.**

AM Let us turn to our AV Team and those worshiping with us on-line and on the radio and say together,  
**ALL the peace of the Lord be with you.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Communion



\*During this time the ushers will pass the offering plates. If you prefer, you may give remotely by scanning the QR code to the left or visiting our website [www.ilcgreenwood.com](http://www.ilcgreenwood.com) and selecting GIVE from the menu. THANK YOU for your generosity.

*Please be seated and let us continue Worship with our offering.*

## † THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Eternal Light* Mark Schweizer  
The Chancel Choir

*Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Power, be our support.  
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.  
That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Amen.*

## † THE DOXOLOGY

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Musical notation for the Doxology, showing a single line of music in G clef, 2/4 time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below."

Musical notation for the Doxology, showing a single line of music in G clef, 2/4 time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the source of all our gifts."

Musical notation for the Doxology, showing a single line of music in G clef, 2/4 time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Praise Je - sus Christ whose pow'r up - lifts. Praise the Spi - rit, Ho - ly Spi - rit."

Musical notation for the Doxology, showing a single line of music in G clef, 2/4 time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"

## ✚ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray: God of majesty,  
**ALL** no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

## ✚ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor The Lord be with you.  
**ALL** And also with you.  
Pastor Lift up your hearts.  
**ALL** We lift them to the Lord.  
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**ALL** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Pastor continues with the Words of Institution.*

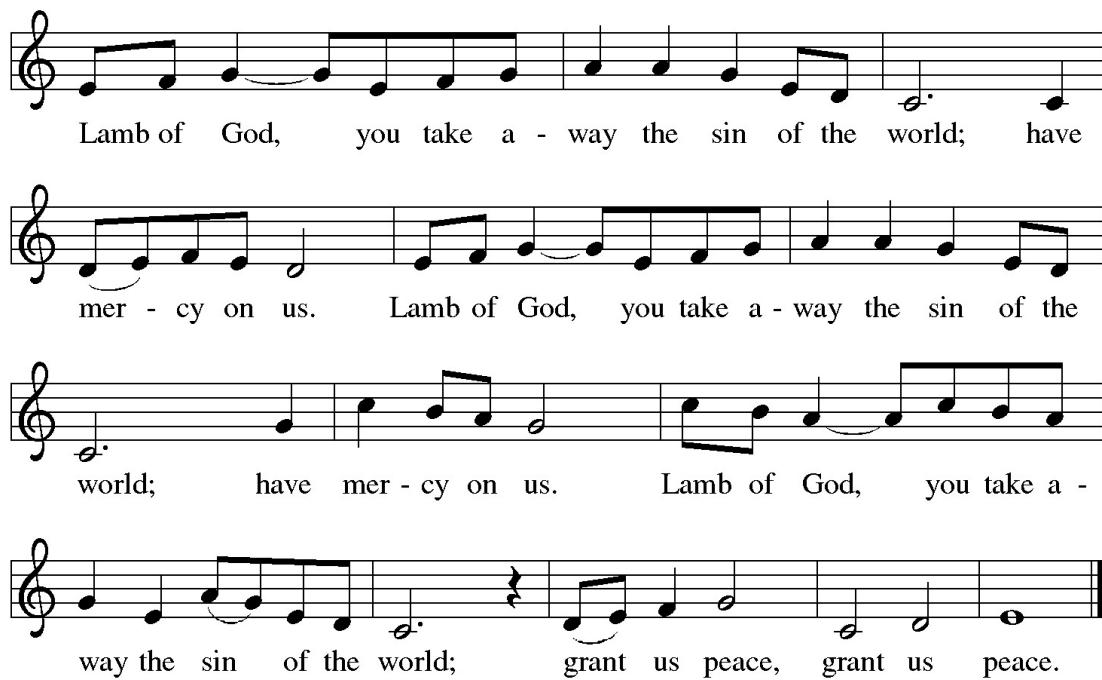
## ✚ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
**ALL** 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.

## ✚ THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Please be seated.*

*ALL are invited regardless of your understanding, your faith background, or sense of worth. Christ invites you. Jesus gives himself for you; Yes, for YOU. So come, come to the Table of the Lord. Communion is distributed by intinction, the dipping of the bread into the cup. The silver cups hold wine. The stoneware cups hold grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request; please ask for gluten free as you approach the server. Prepackaged elements are available inside a bowl at the head of the aisle. ALL are welcome to use the chancel rail for private prayer during the distribution.*



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

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# ✚ THE COMMUNION HYMN

Christ Be Our Light

ELW # 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

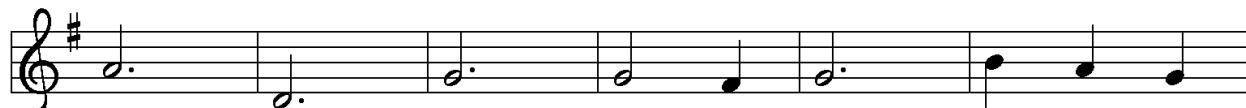


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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## ✚ THE INCLUSION OF COMMUNION WITH OUR HOMEBOUND

Pastor I invite our Ministers to the Homebound to come forward. Let us pray:  
Gracious God, loving ALL your family with a mother's tender care: As  
you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to  
share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and  
imprisoned.

ALL In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this  
sacrament and give us ALL the comfort of your abiding presence through the  
body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN. Go forth with our  
greetings and prayers, that we all are one, drawn together in Christ. AMEN.

## ✚ THE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand, as you are able.*

Pastor The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in  
God's Grace!

ALL AMEN!

## ✚ THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray: Radiant God,

ALL we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body  
and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have  
seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

## ✚ THE BENEDICTION

Pastor May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart  
for praise ✚ bless you now and forever.

ALL AMEN.

† THE CLOSING HYMN

Go, Make Disciples

ELW # 540

1. "Go, make of all dis - ci - ples." We hear the call, O Lord,  
 2. "Go, make of all dis - ci - ples," bap - tiz - ing in the name  
 3. "Go, make of all dis - ci - ples." We at thy feet would stay  
 4. "Go, make of all dis - ci - ples." We welcome thy com - mand.

that comes from thee, our Fa - ther, in thy e - ter - nal Word.  
 of Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, from age to age the same.  
 un - til each life's vo - ca - tion ac - cents thy ho - ly way.  
 "Lo, I am with you al - ways." We take thy guid - ing hand.

In - spire our ways of learn - ing through ear - nest, fer - vent prayer,  
 We call each new dis - ci - ple to fol - low thee, O Lord,  
 We cul - ti - vate the na - ture God plants in ev - ery heart,  
 The task looms large be - fore us; we fol - low with-out fear;

and let our dai - ly liv - ing re - veal thee ev - ery - where,  
 re - deem-ing soul and bod - y by wa - ter and the Word.  
 re - veal-ing in our wit - ness the mas - ter teach - er's art.  
 in heaven and earth thy pow - er shall bring God's king - dom here.

WORDS: Leon M. Adkins, 1955, alt. (Mt. 28:19-20)  
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1835

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## ✚ THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR MISSION AND DISMISSAL

AM We proclaim together:

ALL By the grace of God, we are disciples growing in faith, serving our communities, and connecting others to Christ.

AM Go in peace and do justice. Share Christ's light with each person you meet!

ALL We will. Thanks be to God.

## ✚ THE POSTLUDE

*Arise My Soul, Arise!* Dale Wood

## ✚ THE PRAYER LIST

\*Please email Dr. Will to add or remove names.  
If anyone needs visitation, please contact Pastor Chris.

**Those in need of healing:** Maddy Bell, Linda Beveridge, Stephanie Branch, Wayne Cannon, Tom Carter, Vicky Crawford, Patricia Carteron, Steve Crooks, Nancy Crooks, Oliver Conaty, Laquana Davis, Ronald Ewart, the family of Spencer Franks, Michael Gagné, the Goodman family, Traver Gowan, Pop Pop Gowan, Chelsea Hall, John Mark Scruggs, Muriel Houde-Stickney, Tracy Koester, David Krumwiede, Juan Luna, Judith Mutter, Chandler Patterson, and Betty Weeks.

**Those with long term needs:** Gail Bouknight, Rick Coker, Richard Coker, Brenda Donahue, Latroscha Fuller, Willie Fred Kennedy, Lois Kuntz, Rodine Russell, Sara Russell, Jeanne Shealy, and Deanna Whitt.

**Those in the military:** Daniel Darling and Devin Rosenbaum.

Expectant and new again parents and siblings, the women of Kinard Manor and ALL in recovery, the people fed through our Soup Kitchen Ministry and Food Pantry Ministry, the people participating in our Jail Ministry, the people of our Matthew 25:40 Ministry, along with the people they continue to help in Guatemala, and

**The families of Saints who have been received into their eternal rest:** Spencer Franks, Lorraine Moeller, and Steve Presley.

## THANK YOU to those serving in Worship today!

Council Member of the Day	Courtney Christensen, Vice-President
Crucifer	Max Divilbiss
Lector and Assisting Minister	Sue Frantz
Communion Assistants	Max Divilbiss, Ruth Divilbiss, and Olive Divilbiss
Sound and Video Technician(s)	George Beveridge and Ray Lorick
Altar Guild	Sue Frantz
Ushers	Kat Finkbeiner and Erwin Finkbeiner
Counters	John Davis and Lori Cooper
Officer on Duty	Will Stroup

Altar flowers are given today by Lynne Presley in memory of Steve Presley.



Please make sure you are registered to receive Immanuel's electronic communications and weekly newsletter by scanning the QR code. Announcements for the Sunday bulletin and the weekly newsletter are due to Dr. Will by Wednesday at 10 a.m. Information for the March Messenger is due by Friday, February 20.

## THIS COMING WEEK AT ILC

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### **Sunday, February 1**

\*Services canceled due to bad weather forecasts.

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### **Monday, February 2**

1 p.m. WELCA Meeting (McCombs Meeting Room)

6:30 p.m. Pickleball - Monday, January 12, 6:30 p.m. ALL are invited.

If interested, please contact Larry Hammond at ([landkhamm@gmail.com](mailto:landkhamm@gmail.com)) or just show up.

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### **Tuesday, February 3**

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Food Pantry (Welcome Center)

1 p.m. - Bible Study - (McCombs Meeting Room)

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### **Wednesday, February 4**

4 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

5 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

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### **Thursday, February 5**

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry (Welcome Center)

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### **Upcoming Events**

**Next Sunday, February 8**, the topic for adult Christian Education will be :*What It Means to Be a Lutheran*.

**Sunday, February 15**, Annual meeting after 9 a.m. Worship

**Tuesday, February 17**, 5:30 p.m. Pancake Supper (Fellowship Center) Reservations by Friday, February 13. Please e-mail Dr. Will. ([will@ilcgreenwood.com](mailto:will@ilcgreenwood.com))

**Ash Wednesday, February 18**, 5 p.m. Full service with music and Holy Communion  
6:30 p.m. Spoken service with Holy Communion

**Steve Presley's Memorial Service has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 21, at 2 p.m.**

## ✚ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS (week of 2/01/2026)

- **FREE Food Items** - available in the Welcome Center.
- **Organ Recital** - Dr. Will's organ recital at First Baptist is rescheduled again, due to the weather. Reschedule date TBD
- **2025 Giving Statements** - mailed this week.
- **Matthew 2540** - Mission trip in Guatemala May 21-29, 2026. The trip fee is \$800 plus you will book your own airline ticket. There are 6 available spots as 8 are already spoken for. Anyone age 10+ can join the team. You don't need medical skills or training. We are looking for a dentist for the final spot, so if you know one who would go, please share this opportunity.  
We will run general medical clinics, conduct vision screenings and fluoride applications for children. The team will get to know the community and lead activities with the children along with taking a fun day trip with them and attend worship service at the school affiliated church led by Pastor Erika. You will leave Guatemala with a greater understanding of our mission as well as an appreciation for the beauty of the country. All lodging, meals and in-country transportation are included in the above fee.  
Contact Lynn Isenhower for a trip registration form and payment details.  
(864) 993-6715 (lbisenhower@gmail.com)

### An evening of music in support of Matthew 2540

Friday, February 27, 7 p.m.

Hosted by Lynn and David Isenhower  
234 Brookfield Drive, Greenwood  
Reservations by Tuesday, Feb 24



Please scan the bar code to make your reservation.



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