

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WEEKEND WORSHIP – AT HOME WORSHIP COPY



*I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"  
Psalm 122:1*



THE  
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## ***Worship Notes***

### ***Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany – February 22 & 23, 2025***

*We welcome our members and guests who are worshipping with us today,  
and pray God's rich blessings upon you during this time of worship!*

#### THEME

God, in His infinite wisdom and knowledge, uses events and people to accomplish His will. In His grace and love, He can use even what may appear to be bad circumstances to save His people. As death came through man, so also through one man, Christ Jesus, comes life. As we live our lives in response to the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate, to pray for those who abuse, not to judge, and to turn the other cheek.

#### ORDER:

The order of worship we use this weekend is a service of praise, centered around our traditional liturgy, without the Lord's Supper. Several of the normal canticles have been replaced by hymns using a similar text and theme.

#### HYMN OF THE DAY:

Our *Hymn of the Day* this weekend is *Love in Christ is Strong and Living*, a 1978 collaboration between composer Ralph Schultz and his wife, Dorothy, who wrote the text. This hymn was written for the wedding of their daughter.

Although it began as a wedding hymn, the abounding scriptural imagery allows for multiple liturgical uses, and its placement in the "Sanctification" section of the *LSB* implies an expanded interpretation. The 1<sup>st</sup> stanza is predicated on an understanding of biblical love *far* removed from the notion of sentimentality. The 2<sup>nd</sup> stanza affirms that Christian love, in its active engagement, is neither frenetic nor harried, rather it is "clothed in Christ's humility." In the 3<sup>rd</sup> stanza one can most easily find evidence of the hymn's origin as a wedding hymn, but such language also applies to every Christian whose life intersects with others.

The tune is named DOROTHY after the composer's wife. It is also used for Timothy Dudley-Smith's hymn, *Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing*.

# Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

## A Service of Praise

### Prelude, Ringing of the Church Bells, and Welcome to Worship

#### Hymn - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**Invocation, Confession of Sins, and Declaration of Grace**

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**L** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**L** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**L** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

**Introit**

*Psalm 37:1–5; antiphon: v. 7*

**L** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

**C** fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

**L** Fret not yourself because of evildoers;

**C** **be not envious of wrongdoers!**

**L** For they will soon fade like the grass

**C** **and wither like the green herb.**

**L** Trust in the LORD, and do good;

**C**  **dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

**L** Delight yourself in the LORD,

**C** **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

**L** Commit your way to the LORD;

**C**  **trust in him, and he will act.**

**C**  **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**L** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

**C** **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**



## Gloria in Excelsis Hymn

LSB 946



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



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



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



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

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 45:3-15*

*Joseph forgives his brothers.*

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.  
<sup>4</sup> So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup> You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' <sup>12</sup> And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup> You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup> Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm Hymn - Taken from Psalm 103**

*LSB 814*



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join  
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie  
 4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;  
 6 His won-drous works and ways He made by Mo - ses known,



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
 For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!  
 He that re-deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.  
 But sent the world His truth and grace By His be - lov - ed Son.

## Epistle

## 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

*“What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.”*

<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

<sup>30</sup>Why am I in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

<sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel*

## Alleluia Hymn

LSB 477



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;

Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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## Holy Gospel

*Luke 6:27-38*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*“Love your enemies, do go to those who hate you.”*

<sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. <sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

At the 8:00 Sunday service the school children are invited forward to sing. After the song, other children are invited forward for the Children's Message.

(8:00 Sunday) Anthem - Let Us Sing for Joy

## Children's Message

Hymn - Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

LSB 706



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful  
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -  
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.  
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.  
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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## Sermon

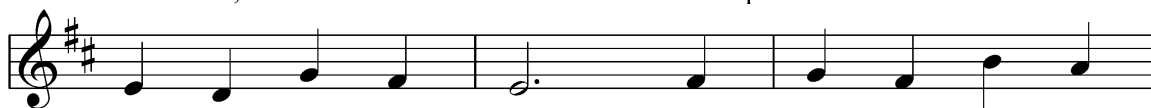
Our offerings are brought forward as the offertory hymn is sung

## Offertory Hymn

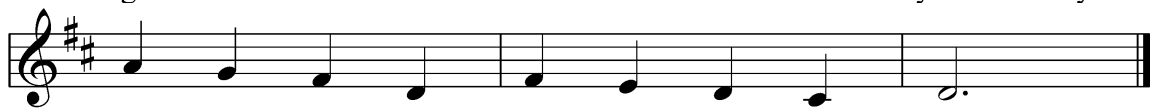
OAR 293



1 Lord, work in me a cheer - ful heart That  
4 Lord, keep me mind - ful of the bliss You  
5 Lord, breathe in me a spir - it true With



loves to free - ly give. There is no end - ing  
give to me un - earned And let my ac - tions  
grat - i - tude sin - cere That I may dai - ly



or a start To gen - er - ous - ly live.  
nev - er miss The joy of love re - turned.  
sing of You In wor - ship with - out fear.

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*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

## Prayer of the Church

**L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition:*

**L** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*Our prayers conclude:*

**L** Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess that we are poor, miserable sinners with no good in us. Our hearts and our flesh and blood are so corrupted by sin that we are never without sinful desires in this life. Therefore, we implore You, forgive us our sins. Let Your Holy Spirit so cleanse our hearts that we would love Your Word, abide by it and, by Your grace, be saved forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** 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.

## Collect for the Word

**L** Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

LSB 166

**P** The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

**C** Amen.

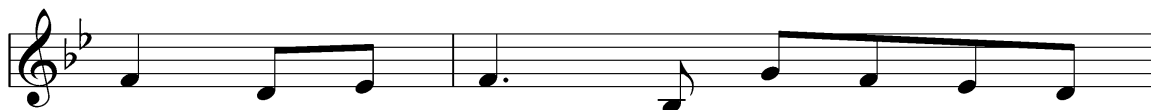
Sit

## Hymn - May the Peace of God

OAR 330



1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -  
2 May this peace which pass - es un - der - stand -



ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en  
ing, And this grace which makes us what we



Son, And the fel - low - ship of God the  
are, And this fel - low - ship of His Com -



Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with-in His love.  
mu - nion Make us one in spir - it and in heart.

### *Refrain*



And to Him be praise for His glo - rious reign From the



depths of earth to the heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the



Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter-nal, the King of kings.

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## **Silent Prayer, Announcements, and Postlude**

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*All Immanuel members & our guests are asked to complete one of the worship attendance cards found in the pew racks. Please give your card to an usher as you leave worship. Guests are also asked to sign the guest book found in the outer narthex. Thank you!*

*You may prepare for next weekend, Transfiguration, by reading:*

### **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

*Moses' death on Moab.*

### **Hebrews 3:1-6**

*Christ is faithful as a son over God's house.*

### **Luke 9:28-36**

*Jesus is transfigured on the mountaintop.*

**Hymn – “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair” (LSB 413)**

At Immanuel Lutheran Church, we  
are committed to living out our mission:



**“Connected in Jesus | Compassion for All”**

## Serving This Morning:

Liturgist: *Saturday* – Vicar Joshua Horst *Sunday* – Pastor Rory Karg  
Preacher: Vicar Joshua Horst  
Saturday Pianist: Lori Steingraber  
Sunday Organist: Paul Snyder  
Sunday Choir: 8:00 – Immanuel Preschool Children  
Acolytes: 8:00 – Timo Finnegan & Avery Fitzgerald  
10:30 – Caleb San and Connor Wells  
Elders: 5:00 – Tim Schaff 8:00 – Jeff Nixon 10:30 – Luke Burkemper  
Ushers: Team B – Wayne Meyr & Dan Krenning, Head Ushers

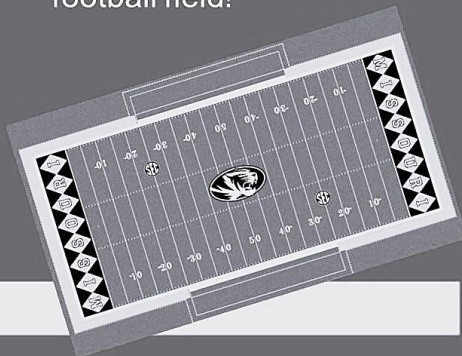
## *Chancel Flowers*

*The flowers in the chancel this weekend are given to the praise and glory of God on the baptismal birthday of Henry William Mohrmann!*

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL  
THE CHART IS AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!**

## **FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDS:**

#1 – Immanuel's church, East Building & West Building school's 42,000+ square footage is about the same as a football field!



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