Immanuel Lutheran Church

LIGHT OF CHRIST CHINESE LUTHERAN MISSION

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WEEKEND WORSHIP



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



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Worship Notes Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – February 1 & 2, 2025

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

THEME

Apart from God, we know not how to speak. And yet in His dominion, embryos are deemed to be prophets before birth – equipped in life to proclaim the deliverance of our God without fear armed with God's truth that destroys, redeems, and restores nations and kingdoms. Yet the greatest prophet, with unrivaled authority, is Jesus. His proclamations cast out our demons, rebuke fever, heal disease, and preach the Good News. His Word alone empowers the Church and her people to speak truth.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Our *Hymn of the Day* this weekend, *Son of God, Eternal Savior*, was written by Somerset T. C. Lowry (1855-1932). The hymn, originally 5 stanzas, was first published in 1894 in an issue of the periodical, *Good Will*, then in the *Christian Social Union Hymn Book* in 1895.

Over the years there have been slight alterations to his text, most notably "Word made flesh" being substituted for the original "Son of man" in the first and last stanzas then totally omitting Lowry's fourth stanza.

The tune, IN BABILONE, is an ingratiating Dutch tune used for a number of hymns over the years, including *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* in this hymnal. The tune origins are from 1710, found in a collection of old and new Dutch peasant songs and country dances. The collection came to the attention of Ralph Vaughan Williams, who recognized the merit of this tune and first used it for the tune to the hymn, *See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph*.

The current setting was done by Henry V. Gerike, an alteration of the previous setting by Carl Schalk.

What our Church Believes, Teaches and and Confesses regarding The Lord's Supper

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion¹, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins², strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal³. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?

Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?

Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?

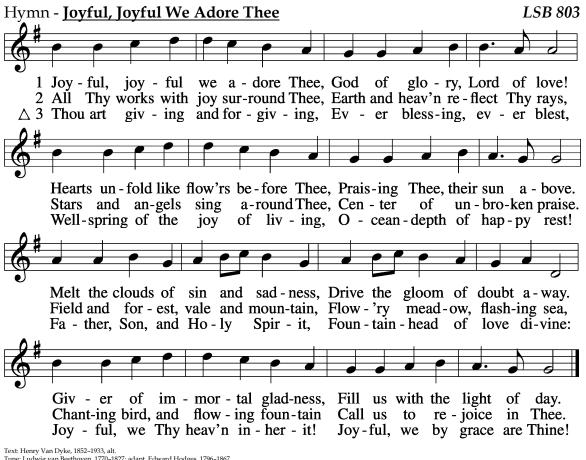
Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Those who are not members of a Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed at Immanuel previously are asked to speak with a pastor prior to the service. Those who are of a different confession (i.e., church body)⁴ or are unsure about communing, are invited to come forward during distribution with their hands folded in prayer, or held close to the chest and receive a blessing.

¹Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23 ²Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19 ³1 Corinthians 11:28-32 ⁴1Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Divine Service, Setting Four

Prelude, Ringing of the Church Bells, & Welcome to Worship



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

Invocation, Confession of Sins, and Absolution

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- **C** Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

▶ If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

G But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

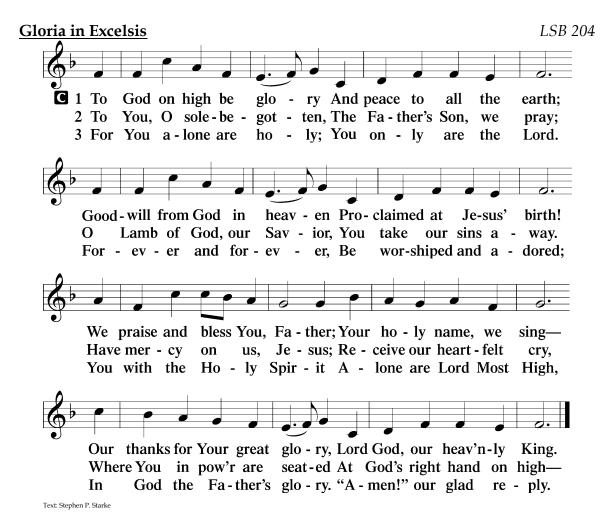
Image P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

I formed you. I am with you.

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵" Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD."

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:31b – 13:13

"The greatest of these is love."

I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

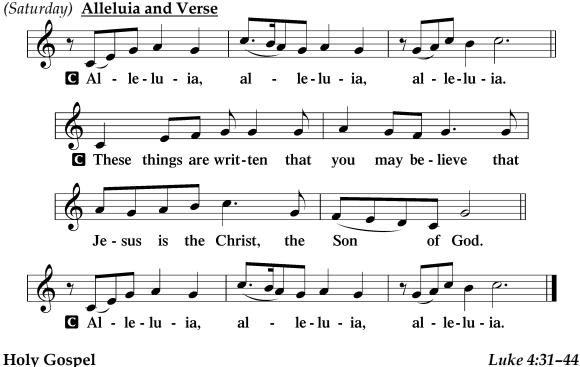
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 1:4–10

(Sunday) Handbell Anthem - Fanfare and Alleluia (Douglas Wagner)

Stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel



- **L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus drives out demons. Jesus heals.

³¹[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴"Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God." ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. ³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. ⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. ⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

- **L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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

We offer our special petitions. After each, we respond:

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Our prayers conclude:

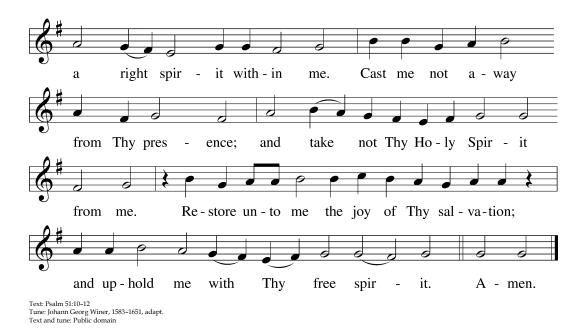
 P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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Our offerings are placed on the altar as it is prepared for the Lord's Supper and the Offertory is sung





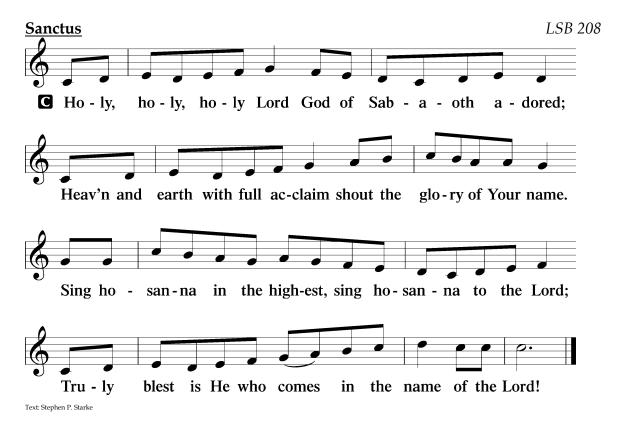


Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally.

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Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.

Communion Confession

- P The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly instructed. In communing, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:
- **C** I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness.

I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.

I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sins and the strengthening of my faith and life.

(Augsburg Confession – Article X)

I resolve to dedicate my life to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular group worship, sacrificial giving, thankful living and sharing the Gospel with others. (*Romans* 12:1)

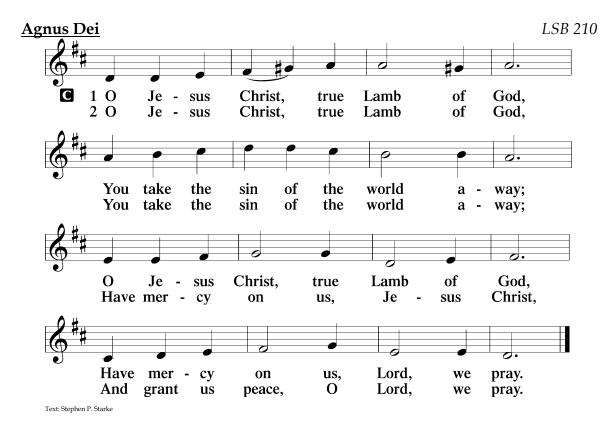
Consecration - The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** Amen.



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Reception of the Lord's Supper



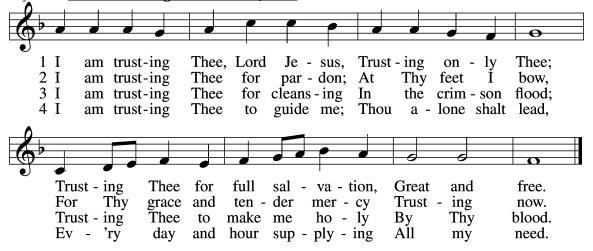


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Hymn - I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

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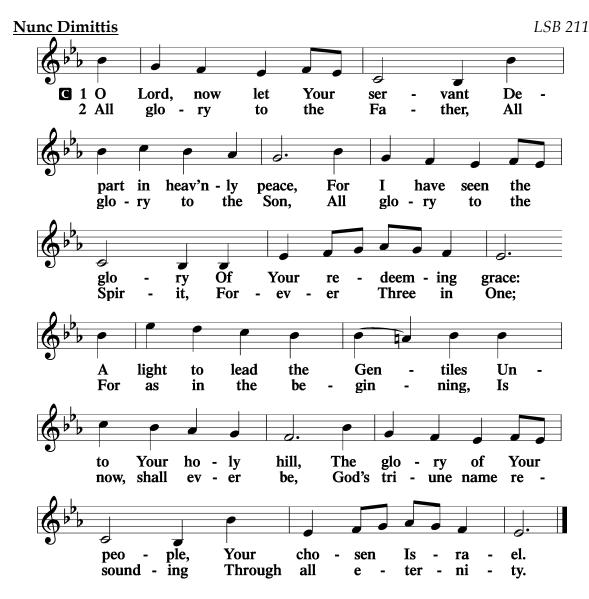


- 5 I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
 Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
 I am trusting Thee forever And for all.

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Stand





Post-Communion Collect

- **P** Let us pray together:
- **C** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and
 + give you peace.
- **C** Amen.

Sit



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Silent Prayer, Announcements, and Postlude

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All Immanuel members and 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 in the outer narthex. Thank you!

Serving This Weekend:

Presiding Mini	ster: Saturday – The Reverend Jason Steffenson
	Sunday – The Reverend Mark Hofferber
Preacher:	Vicar Joshua Horst
Lector:	8:00 – Seminarian Andrew Cole 10:30 – Seminarian Abram Egger
Pianist/Organi	st: Lori Steingraber
Acolytes:	Saturday - Henry Goeggel & Emma Weinstein
8:00 – Steven Klein & Oscar Niewald 10:30 – Caleb San & Elliott Willerton	
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 by Arlene Coulter in celebration of her 95th birthday, with thanksgiving to Him for His many years of grace and blessings!

Join us for Adult Bible Class on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall! Throughout February, the Reverend Dr. Glen Thomas will be leading our study of: **The Genuine Gospel – A Study of Galatians**