



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday & Monday, 9:30 am/6:00 pm, February 13th & 14th, 2022

6th Sunday after  
Epiphany

Welcome to  
worship! Please  
complete a  
Connection Card  
and place the card  
in the offering plate.  
Thank you!

Blessings and curses  
abound on the sixth  
Sunday after Epiph-  
any. We would do  
well to listen closely  
to whom the  
“blessed ones” and  
the “woe to’s” are  
directed and to find  
our place in the  
crowd among those  
who desire to touch  
Jesus. The risen  
Christ stands  
among us in the  
mystery of the holy  
supper with an invi-  
tation to live in him,  
and offers power to  
heal us all.

These verses com-  
pose a poem that is  
part of a larger col-  
lection of wisdom  
sayings that con-  
trast two ways of  
life. Life with God  
brings blessing; the  
power and vitality  
of God is active in  
our life. Life without  
God brings a curse,  
the power of death.

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.  
**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.  
Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

*We Come to the Hungry Feast*

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### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, **in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. <sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? <sup>10</sup>I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

*They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)*

*For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.*

*After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.*

## PSALM 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia. Rejoice, and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven.**

**Alleluia.** (Luke 6:23)

## GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

The holy gospel according to...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. <sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## SONG

*Let Streams of Living Justice*

**Pastor Steve Solberg**

**#710**

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless fruit trees with an abundant harvest. Protect rainforests from destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Renew this congregation in our shared mission. As we plan and dream for the future you are preparing, inspire us by the examples of Martin Luther and all the reformers. Bless new projects and new ministry partnerships. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Christ is raised from the dead, and so we cling to the hope of the resurrection. We praise you for the lives of the saints who lived and died in the hope of eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

## SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## MEAL

## OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. **You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.**

Amen.

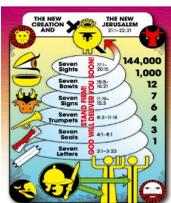
*Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.*

All baptized Christians who believe this true presence are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion today. Please assist your child(ren) if you wish them communed.

Parents, We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is in/with/under the bread and wine.



**ELCA / SWO**



**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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 DISTRIBUTION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen.

**DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF, February 13-20, 2022**

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\* **SYMPATHY & GOD’S PEACE TO:** Kris (Dave) Keranen, on the loss of her mother, **Geraldine S. ‘Gerry’ Davidson**, on Tuesday, February 8th. Also, condolences to her grandchildren: Sarah (Troy) Henderson, her great-grandchildren: Cate, Charlie, Anne, and Teddy Henderson, and all of the Davidson Family.

\* **SWO GREETINGS** The Churchwide women organization is hosting a leadership event, virtually, and an invitation is extended to all ELCA women to attend. The dates are: FEBRUARY 18 & 19, 1:00-5:00 CST. If you are interested, register now for the 2022 Leadership Event entitled “*For Such A Time as This: Spirit Fed, Spirit Led*”: Here’s what to do:

1. Go to: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/>
2. Click- Events
3. Click- For Such a Time as This Leadership Event
4. Click- Register here

\* **REVELATION STUDY...** continues on Thursdays at 6:00 PM both in person (fellowship hall) and online (church website). No RSVP is necessary. Just bring your Bible. Pastor Steve will provide study materials in downloadable and printed form. Explore this strange and wonderful final book of the New Testament that is best understood as a series of seven broad cycles each beginning either with the life of Christ or the beginning of the Christian Church and completed by the coming of Christ for judgment of the world.

**\*CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY: A HARD-COPY OF OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH!**

You can also view it online or via the FREE mobile app. Printed copies are available on the upper level resource table and at the front entrance. To view the directory online, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Use your email address that you included in your directory submission and confirm it following the instructions. If you did not submit an email for directory use, you won’t be able to access the directory online. There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for “**Instant Church Directory**” to get the download. The same login protocol as above applies to the app. Need help or have questions? Please contact the church office: (906) 475-9161.

**\*GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS:** Thank you for continuing to financially support our on-going congregational mission. **NOTE:** The GivePlus Mobile App will be phased out by April 30th. After that date, GivePlus Mobile app will no longer be supported. In its place, you may download the [VANCO Mobile app](#). VANCO Mobile is a free app and offers a better user experience with easy giving options, including giving to special funds. Here are the steps to follow:

1. **Search for Our Church** - Enter our church’s name or use the invite code and click SEARCH. Then, select our church.
2. **Select Your Fund and Amount** - Select your fund and donation frequency, then select your payment method.
3. **Enter Payment Method** - Select a payment method and enter your credit card, debit card, or bank account information. You can save this payment method for future donations.
4. **Choose to Cover Processing Fees** - You can choose to cover the donation processing fees by adding a small amount on top of your gift. Click the button to opt in.
5. **Complete Your donation** - Review and complete your gift by clicking SUBMIT.

If giving online through Immanuel’s website, there is no charge.

**\*SUNDAY SCHOOL:** If you are interested in Sunday School for your child(ren), there is always open enrollment for toddlers through Grade 5. The class meets at 9:15 am and classes start at 9:30 am. Go to the Facebook page for updated information, or you can always call the office at (906-475-9161). Bring your child(ren) to worship with us.



**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Pray For: Nancy Burton, Pat DeWitt, Dan Hendrickson, Pete Hicks, Billy Jo Kaufman, Peggy Jackson, Betty Kinnunen, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, John Meier, Wendy Niemi, Elaine Ojala, Arianna Paananen, Don & Vera Palomaki, Joyce Peterson, Jessica Roberts, Linda Sjolund, Bob & Maxine Sylvester, Richard Toyra, and all COVID patients.**

**Our Shut-ins: Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Mary Parkkonen, Janet Penhale, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Smith, Lynne Tossava.**

**Members in the Armed Service: Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Jacque Kurian, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, Jason Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.**





## **VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE**

**SERVING IN WORSHIP:** *Pastor Steve Solberg*

**ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN:** *Judy Hallgren*

**Worship Services:** Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm

**Office Hours:** 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

### **ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:**

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS – *Dean Patron & Jim Hayward*

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – *Reuven Romback & Kevin Crupi*

9:30 am LECTOR – *Linda Derocher*

6 pm LECTOR – *Sheila Meier*

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Walter Scanlon*

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Sheila Meier*

9:30 am Tech Team – *Luanne Skrenes*

6 pm Tech Team – *Tyler Moore*



## **FEBRUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION**

**FEBRUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION EMPHASIS ... our Mission Emphasis for the month of February is Messiah Lutheran Church Asylum Refugee Support.**

Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette is sponsoring a refugee family from Honduras in Central America seeking asylum in this country. The mother and two boys left Honduras over two years ago and spent two years at the Mexican border waiting for permission to enter this country. The family arrived in Marquette in August. The boys are in school and all are learning English. There are some long term medical issues that are being resolved. Asylum has not been granted yet, but the process continues slowly and legally.

Thank you to Messiah for their continued financial and emotional support of this family. We are here to help you and the family with this undertaking.

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use February's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Thank you for giving \$1,415.00 in January to  
*Our Tanzanian Companion Ministry Relationships.*  
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

