

Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers. Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to

see.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

520 US Hwy 41 E + Negaunee, MI 49866 (906) 475-9161 + FAX (906) 475-9403 Office@ImmanuelNegaunee.org + www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org Sunday, February 11, 2024, 9:30am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Go Up to the Mountain of God

Choir

Sarah Kemppainen—violin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Connie Scanlon

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, one of the ways we find joy in a weary world is through connection. The prayer of confession is a place of connection with God. In the prayer of confession we get to come before God with our full, messy, honest selves. And in the midst of that mess, God tells us that we are loved, claimed, and forgiven. There is no greater joy than that. So join me in the prayer of confession, not because you have to, but because you can. Let us connect with our merciful God.

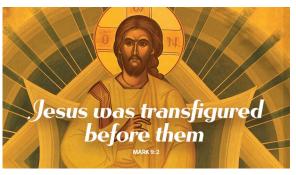
God of laughter, God of open front doors and the reunion of family and friends, we confess that we often doubt good news. We move through this world waiting for the other shoe to drop, waiting for life to fall apart, waiting for our humanity to get the best of us. Instead of leaning into joy, we lean into scarcity. We lean into fear. We lean into isolation. Forgive us for forgetting that joy is amplified when shared. Heal the wounds we have from past hurts, and teach us how to throw open our doors to you. Show us how to find joy in connection.

Faith family, I imagine that when we come before God with the truth of our lives, the door is thrown open. There is laughter. There is joy. There is embracing—and it is holy. So trust this; believe this: You are claimed. You are loved. You are forgiven. And you are sent to serve. Find joy in that. **Amen!**

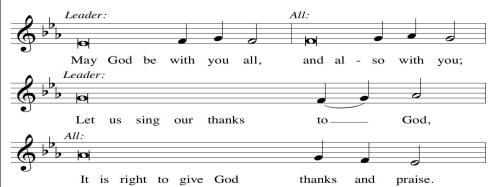
OPENING HYMN

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

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GREETING & THANKSGIVING



Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." ⁵Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁵Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are leaitimate successors of the great prophet Moses. 2

water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.

³Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.

⁵"Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Listen, God is Calling (Refrain x2) #513

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.)

HYMN OF THE DAY Shine, Jesus, Shine

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APOSTLE'S 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

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We pray for any who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died (*especially*). Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

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

(Please be seated.)

MEAL

OFFERING

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.)

OFFERING SONG

Jesus, Name Above All Names

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Jesus, name above all names. Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord. Emmanuel, God is with us. Blessed redeemer, living word.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

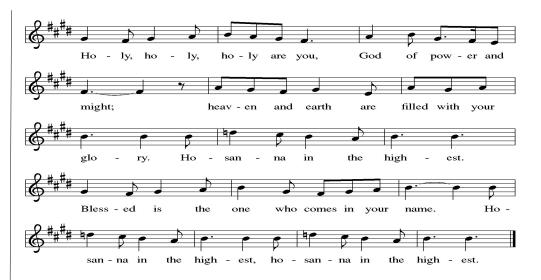
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

Alleluia, Song of Gladness v. 1, 3, & 4 Christ, Be Our Light #318 #715

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,

→ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light

#866

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 11—February 18, 2024

- *FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations that are needed are bakery items, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for February is Fortune Lake/Youth. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for Coffee Hour or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact Stacy McEachern at 906-361-9123 with your date and any item you wish to bring. THANK YOU ALL FOR VOLUNTEERING!
- *TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY NO Bible Study will be held this week.
- *CHURCH CLOSING PROCEDURES In the event of inclement weather, a closing announcement will be placed on the church phone message, signs will be posted on the church doors, a post will be added to the church webpage and on Facebook and the closure will be listed on TV6 Closures. Sunday School closures will be posted on our Sunday School Facebook page by 7:30am. When you see the cancellation notice, please pass it on to your friends who may not have seen it yet.
- *GUIDING GOOD CHOICES PARENT/CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES This caregiver education series will be held on 5 consecutive **Wednesdays** from **5:30-7:30pm**. The series takes place at the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum, West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, and will continue for the following 3 more Wednesdays..

Session Dates:

February 14th, Managing Conflict: How to Deal with Your Anger in a Positive Way February 21st, Avoiding Trouble: How to Say No, Keep Your Friends, and Still Have Fun February 28th, Involving Everyone: How to Strengthen Family Bonds

Details:

Supper will be provided at each session

Child supervision available at the Children's Museum for participants' child(ren)
Participants who complete all five sessions will be eligible to win a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card.

- *END OF THE YEAR STATEMENTS are available on the table just outside the Fellowship Hall. They are in alphabetical order. Please pick up at your convenience. If you are unable to get to the church and would like it mailed, please contact the office.
- *SUPER BOWL PARTY The Superior Central Conference Youth between 6th-12th grade are invited to a Super Bowl Party TONIGHT, February 11 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Immanuel. Join us for Food, Fellowship, and Football. Please RSVP to stacymc6@gmail.com.
- *COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY CHOIR CANTATA Please attend A Tenebre Service: It Is Finished on Friday, March 29 at 6:30pm at the W.C. Peterson Auditorium at Ishpeming High School.
- *KIDS HELPING KIDS EAT Last Sunday, after learning how Jesus used a young boy's lunch, we generated lists of foods we could share. Today, February 11, we will learn that Food Pantries are places where extra food is available without cost. The older class will take a field trip to Super One to purchase some of the food. The Congregation is invited to bring food to share next Sun-

day, February 18, during the Children's Sermon when Sunday School students will push the grocery cart up the aisle to accept food offerings from the congregation to add to their purchases.

- *WELCOME CHILDREN & FAMILIES...We don't mind the noise. We're glad you're here! The family room across the hall has toys if that would be helpful.
- *NEW MEMBER MEETING will be held on Sunday, March 3 at 5:00pm.
- *BEACON DEADLINE The final day to submit articles for the March/April Beacon is February 19.
- *FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP Registration is open. Scholarships are available for all. If you register by March 1, you will receive a free t-shirt and \$25 off. If you register by April 1, you will receive \$25 off. Please contact Stacy at 361-9123 or email her at stacymc6@gmail.com.
- *CHILI COOKOFF A chili cookoff is being planned for Saturday, March 9. Mark your calendars! More information coming soon!
- *NEW ORLEANS YOUTH TRIP This summer, a group of youth from Immanuel is going to New Orleans for the national youth gathering. At this event, they will expand their faith through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service, and fellowship. It is a unique experience for all those involved. They would really appreciate the continued support from the congregation. The youth are extremely grateful for all the generous donations that they have received. Without the love from you, they would never be able to go! The group is on their way to hitting their goal and could use your help. If you would like to donate, there are envelopes on a white board in the fellowship hall. Please put your donation in one of the envelopes and then put it in the offering plate. Thank you!
- *CONGRATULATIONS! To Tom Johnson and Katie Ritzenhein on their recent engagement!
- *COMMUNITY MEAL A community meal will he held at Immanuel next Sunday, February 18, at 5:30pm.



* FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY This nine week course will meet once a week on Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall starting this Thursday, February 15 at 7:00pm. It will run through April 18 with the exception of the session during Holy Week on March 27. If you are interested in signing up or you need more information, please call Ben Raymond at: 540-435-4915 or email him at: benandkittyraymond@gmail.com. The cost of this course is \$58.25; however, if you complete the course, this amount will be returned to you! Child care will be available.

When debt isn't holding you back, nothing can stop you from living the life of your dreams (yeah, that one you're thinking about right now). And here's the good news: You can get there. You just need a plan that works. That's what you'll learn in *Financial Peace University*. FPU is the class that teaches you step by step how to pay off debt fast and build wealth for your future. Stuffy financial class? Not here. FPU is full of energy, easy-to-understand lessons, and real-life examples of people just like you who have taken control of their money. And the best part? You'll experience the class with a group of people who will encourage you and hold you accountable every step of the way. That's what makes FPU so life-changing! In fact, the average FPU graduate is debt-free in two years or less! Dave Ramsey's been teaching commonsense, biblical money principles for almost 30 years. And they work. Every time. Just ask the nearly 10 million people who've taken FPU and never have to worry about money again. You're next. Ready?

In Financial Peace University, you'll learn how to:

- Take control of your money
- Attack debt with a vengeance and pay it off fast
- Save for emergencies
- Choose the right insurance plans
- Invest wisely and build wealth
- Give generously (the best part)



*LENT/EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

- February 14, 6:00pm—Ash Wednesday Service
- February 21, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- February 28, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- March 6, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- March 13, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- March 20, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- March 28, 6:00pm—Maundy Thursday Service
- March 29—Ecumenical Good Friday TBD
- March 30, 6:00pm—Easter Vigil
- March 31, 8:30am and 10:30am—Easter Service



IN FEBRUARY, our Mission Emphasis is Immanuel Quilters.

Every year the quilters from Immanuel create over 100 quilts in our church basement. The quilts are sent around the world and are used for warmth and as tents. That is over 100 lives and families impacted by our congregation every year.

One of our parishioners was asked to join the quilters as a new member many years ago. No, she couldn't sew, knew nothing about quilting, but they found her a job to do. One thing she quickly learned was how kind the women were and was amazed by how talented and artistic they were. Taking bits of cloth and creating beautiful blankets. Take a closer look next fall during quilting Sunday.

Financial support is requested to help defray the cost of batting

(the guts of the quilt), sewing materials, sewing machine repairs, and shipping. Donations of materials and your time are always welcome. So please give generously during our February monthly mission.



Thank you for giving \$1,395.69 in January to the <u>Tanzanian Connection and Relations.</u>

The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

<u>Pray For</u>: Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Karen Couture, Dan Hendrickson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Jessica Luck, Kathryn Madison, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Ezra Newman, Kathy Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Shirley Pizziola, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Marlene Romback, Louise Spickerman, Kathy Stambaugh, Molly Taseris, Bob Walker.

<u>Our Shut-ins</u>: Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, June Jarvi, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Elsie Suardini, Lynne Tossava.

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

ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: Pastor Bre Kinnunen

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: Sunday & Monday - Connie Scanlon

Worship Services: Sunday @ 9:30am / 6:00pm

Office Hours are 8:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30am GREETERS	Linda Derocher Jim Derocher	6:00pm GREETERS	Deb Hicks Sarah Hill
9:30am USHERS	Linda Derocher Jim Derocher	6:00pm USHERS	Deb Hicks Sarah Hill
9:30am LECTOR	Charlee Schlicht	6:00pm LECTOR	Kitty Raymond
9:30am COMM ASST	Danielle Songer Emily Huff Walter Scanlon	6:00pm COMM ASST	Paulette Patron
9:30am Tech Team	Tyler Moore		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS February 11—February 18, 2024

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT... www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

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Sunday 9:30am Worship Service

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Coffee & Fellowship 6:00-9:00pm Youth Super Bowl Party

6:00pm Worship Service in the Sanctuary 7:30pm AA Group Meets (men & women)

Monday 5:30-7:00pm Lion's Club Meeting

Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study

7:00-9:00pm Prison Ministry Meeting

Wednesday 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday COUNCIL PACKETS DUE

10:00am Quilting

7:00pm Financial Peace University

Friday OFFICE CLOSED

10:00am AA

Sunday First Sunday of Lent

9:30am Worship Service/Shopping Cart Sunday

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Coffee & Fellowship 5:30pm Community Meal

6:00pm Worship Service in Fellowship Hall 7:30pm AA Group Meets (men & women)

(FYI: Pastor Bre can be reached at 507-993-1909 or email: upbre3@gmail.com.)