

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 23, 2025

10:30 am



We welcome you to Immanuel. As we worship together let us rejoice in the love that God has shown us in Jesus Christ and share that love with each other.

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Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Today's hymns are projected on the wall.

Please stand as you are able where the asterisk (*) appears.

Prelude

PP **Welcome**

*PP **Mission Statement:** Our mission is to welcome, accept and encourage all people as we follow Jesus.

Kid's Time

Creighton Helms

Gathering

*Call to Worship

PP Jesus teaches us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." But who are the others?

C Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.

PP Jesus teaches us, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful." But what is mercy?

C To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.

PP Jesus teaches us, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven." But how do we forgive?

C By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.

PP Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

C Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Opening Song

"Come and See"

W&P #29

*Greeting

PP Siblings in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

*PP **Prayer of the Day** (prayed by all)

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

A **First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 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. 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 delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' " And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as

he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation** *"Change My Heart, O God"*

W&P #28

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

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

*PP **Gospel: Luke 6:27-38**

[Jesus said:] "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you

will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” (NRSV)

*PP The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Patricia Hughes

Song of the Day

“We Are Called”

W&P #147

Affirmation of Faith

A We believe in the coming of the kingdom of God.

C It is a kingdom that will have no end.

A It is a kingdom in which God’s purposes will be fully realized.

C It is a kingdom that has already begun.

A It is marked by small acts of kindness, love and generosity.

C It is hidden, quiet and works in ways we often do not recognize.

A This kingdom will reunite what has been separated and restore what has been broken.

C We pray for this kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*The Prayers

A With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. *(A brief silence.)* Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of parish nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us. May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C Amen.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory

*PP **Offertory Prayer** (read by all)

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

*PP **Words of Institution**

*PP **The Lord's Prayer** (prayed by 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 Communion of Christ's People

Communion Songs	<i>"Seek Ye First"</i>	W&P #122
	<i>"Seed, Scattered and Sown"</i>	W&P #121
	<i>"There is a Redeemer"</i>	W&P #140

After all have communed:

PP May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

PP **Post-Communion Prayer** (prayed by all)

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

SENDING

***Sending Song** *"Sing a New Song"* W&P #125

*Blessing

PP The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C Amen.

*Dismissal

PP Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Welcome to Immanuel! We are so glad you worshiped with us today!

Pie/Dessert Auction - March 2

Immediately following church on March 2, Hospitality is hosting a pie/dessert auction to raise funds for an ILC family in need that wishes to remain anonymous. Dawn Taylor will emcee this event!

We will be collecting donated pie/desserts on Saturday, March 1 or early Sunday morning. We would appreciate an informational card/note with the dessert name, baker and any anecdotes as to whether the recipe has any history or special meaning for the baker. Folks can contact Kate Bush to donate a pie or dessert, call or text 503-580-4964.

Come bid on a new-to-you confection and help support a family in need!

Lenten Schedule

March 5 (Ash Wednesday), March 12-April 9 (Wednesdays in Lent)

Soup Supper, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7 pm

Sign up in the entry to bring soup and/or bread.

Women's Retreat

We're heading back to the beach May 15-18! Sign-ups will be at 9:45 am and again after worship on February 23, March 2 & 9. There are 32 spots available and payment is due at registration. \$125 Fri-Sun, \$175 Thurs-Sun.

Kitchen Cleaning - Monday, March 3 beginning at 9 am

This month includes coffee pot scrub and silverware organization; plus regular cleaning. More hands are welcome!

Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke - Wednesdays

Join us for a one hour Bible study on the Gospel of Luke, led by Pastors Joe Medley and Patricia Hughes on Wednesdays at 10 am. It is recommended (but not required) that folks buy and read the book *Luke for Everyone* by N.T. Wright. The leaders will bring ideas and focus from the N.T. Wright book into the conversation. February 26 – Luke 11,12

Want to stay up to date on events? Contact the office to subscribe to our weekly emails. The monthly calendar is on the front door as well as our website.