

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 21, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.



Welcome!

To our guests and visitors:

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us? Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special gift for visiting with us today!

All Over Again

Jesus, come, oh come into this place. Jesus, come, I want to see Your face.
Jesus, come, I long for Your embrace. I want to fall in love with You all over again.
All over again, I give you my praise, All over again, for all of my days.
All over again, with my heart and hands I raise to say I love You, Lord, all over again.

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The Baptism of Quinn Margot Hinderer

Covenant Child

Covenant child, water comes as a sign of the washing and cleansing
renewing your mind.

Covenant child, you are claimed as God's own.

You are one of His people.

His church is your home.

Covenant child, you are here by God's grace,
by the work of our Savior, Who died in your place.
Covenant child, you are living in Christ.
Buried with Him in suffering, with Him you will rise

Covenant child, we are praying for you.
May you stay close to Jesus in all that you do.
Covenant child, grow strong in the faith.
Seek after God's wisdom and walk in His way.

P: We have a Christ-centered motivation.

C: **Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect.**

P: But I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.
C: **One thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,**

P: I press on toward the goal to win the prize,
C: **For which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.**

P: To us God has chosen to make known the glorious riches of this mystery,
C: **Which is Christ in us, the hope of glory.**

P: Let us pray. Father in heaven, frequently we feel discouraged and lack motivation. Come to us now in worship; enliven our hearts, fill our lives and empower us through the promise that Christ is in us and he is our hope of glory.
C: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” ³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:24-2:5

²⁴Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. ²⁷To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

2 I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. ² My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

⁴ I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Lord, You Have My Heart

Lord, You have my heart, And I will search for Yours.

Jesus, take my life and lead me on.

Lord, You have my heart, And I will search for Yours.

Let me be to You a sacrifice.

And I will praise You, Lord. And I will sing of love come down.

And as You show Your face We'll see Your glory here.

Lord, You have my heart, And I will search for Yours.

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Sermon We Have A Christ Centered Motivation Colossians 1:24-2:5

The Offering

Prayer of Blessing

P: God of community, we want to be your faith community. We want to be children of the light and the day. Bless and use these gifts that they might be sources of light and life to those in despair. Make your church a beacon of hope and blessings to all who are in need. Make us your faithful, grateful followers who know the joy of sacrificial giving.

C: Amen

Prayer of the Church

P: Loving Father, we thank you for the apostle Paul; for motivating him to suffer for the sake of the church: to empathize with the neglected and abused, to minister to those who hunger and thirst, to heal those who are diseased. We pray especially for.....Make our goal also to proclaim Jesus Christ, to admonish, to teach, to transform our world by the riches of the mystery of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you and thank you for the privilege of sharing in your sufferings. You entered our world, shared in its sufferings, and sacrificed yourself to redeem the world. We bless you for allowing us to participate in the ministry of both suffering and healing, through the work of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you and thank you for the privilege of sharing in the proclamation of your Gospel. Our world is lost in the darkness of sin. Yet you entered our world, enlightened our darkness, and died for the forgiveness of sin. We bless you for allowing us to bring this Gospel to the nations. Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you and thank you for the privilege of building each other up in the knowledge of your Word.

We celebrate our place in God's family. We yearn to grow in knowledge, faith and obedience. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you and thank you for the privilege of participating in your body the church. We thank you for the ministry of worship, of evangelism, of fellowship, of pastoral Care, and of education that is carried out in our midst. We pray in Christ's name, who also teaches us to pray:

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

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world.

People: **We have loved your gifts more than your Gospel.**

Pastor: In your mercy, help us see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are the substance;

People: **That they are quicksand, but you are the mountain;**

Pastor: That they are shifting, but you are the anchor.

People: **We plead for your forgiveness because of the Gospel.**

Pastor: Accept Christ's worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our filthy rages and his death for our life.

People: **We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the precious and powerful Gospel to you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins; in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **The Father has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. Amen!**

The Invitation

P: This morning we have another opportunity to encounter God's real, tangible grace for us in this meal; that in, with, and under these simple elements of bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ given to us for the forgiveness of sins.

And so, we become what we eat. We are the body of Christ to be sent out into the world. So it's necessary and good that we partake of this meal; that we experience God's love for us in this way, that we share this family meal together. So if this is your confession I would invite you to join me as we confess together our faith.

C: I understand and admit that I have sinned against God, that I recognize my sin and humbly ask God to forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and that He is my only hope against sin, death, and the devil.

I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine I receive this true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life to the Lord and His Church by faithfully worshipping Him, cheerfully giving my time and resources, and joyfully sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.

Words of Institution

On the night He was betrayed,
He took the bread, gave thanks, and said,
"Take eat, my friends, this broken bread,
this is my body for forgiveness of your sin.
When you eat, my friends, this meal of love,
remember me and my love for you again."

On the night He was betrayed,
He took the cup, gave thanks, and said,
"Take drink, my friends, this cup of wine,
this is my blood for forgiveness of your sin.
When you drink, my friends, this cup of love,
remember me and my love for you again."

**Oh, we are here, to thank You Lord,
for the bread and wine outpoured.
For it is Your body and Your blood
that You so lovingly and freely give to us.
So we praise You holy Lamb of God;
We love You our sweet Jesus.
We love You our sweet Jesus.
We love You our sweet Jesus.**

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Once Again

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice. You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life, And I'm in that place once again.
And I'm in that place once again.

And once again I look upon the cross where You died,
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

Now You are exalted to the highest place, King of the heavens where one day I'll bow.
But for now I marvel at this saving grace, And I'm full of praise once again.
And I'm full of praise once again.

And once again I look upon the cross where You died,
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

Thank You for the cross, thank You for the cross,
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.
Thank You for the cross, thank You for the cross,
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And once again I look upon the cross where You died,
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.
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Communion Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and blood, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith until life everlasting.
Go in His peace.
C: **Amen**

Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
People: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: We give thanks to You, gracious Father, that Your grace is timeless and Your mercy is for all people. As we heed the call of Christ and follow, strengthen us 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.
People: **Amen.**

Benediction: (From Colossians 3:16-17)

Pastor: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

People: **And whatever we do, whether in word or deed, we will do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

We Are Called

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.
We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more.
We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another to walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love.
We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another to walk humbly with God.

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