

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Saturday, January 20, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, January 21, 2024 – 8:00 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!

1. Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
Father of our human race!  
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing,  
In Your courts obtain a place.  
Grateful now, we fall before You,  
In Your Church rejoice to live,  
See Your glory and adore You,  
Thankful for the grace You give.
  
2. Once far off but now invited,  
We approach Your sacred throne,  
In Your covenant united,  
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.  
Now revealed to Eastern sages,  
See the Star of Mercy shine,  
Myst'ry hid in former ages,  
Myst'ry great of love Divine.
  
3. Hail, O all-inviting Saviour!  
Gentiles now their off'rings bring,  
In Your temples seek Your favor,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.  
May we, body, soul, and spirit,  
Live devoted to Your praise,  
Glorious realms of bliss inherit,  
Grateful anthems ever raise.

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**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.**

**Hymn O Jesus, King of Glory**

**TLH 130**

O Jesus, King of Glory,  
Both David's Lord and Son!  
Thy realm endures forever,  
In heav'n is fixed Thy throne.  
Help that in earth's dominions,  
Throughout from pole to pole,  
Thy reign may spread salvation  
To each benighted soul.

The eastern sages, bringing  
Their tribute gifts to Thee,  
Bear witness to Thy kingdom  
And humbly bow the knee.  
To Thee the star is pointing  
And the prophetic Word;  
Hence joyously we hail Thee:  
Our Savior and our Lord!

Thou art a mighty monarch,  
As by Thy Word is told,  
Yet carest Thou but little  
For earthly goods or gold;  
On no proud steed Thou ridest,  
Thou wear'st no jeweled crown  
Nor dwell'st in lordly castle,  
But bearest scoff and frown.

Yet art Thou decked with beauty,  
With rays of glorious light;  
Thy works proclaim Thy goodness,  
And all Thy ways are right.  
Vouchsafe to shield Thy people  
With Thine almighty arm  
That they may dwell in safety  
From those who mean them harm.

Ah, look on me with pity  
Though I am weak and poor;  
Admit me to Thy kingdom  
To dwell there, blest and sure.  
I pray Thee, guide and keep me  
Safe from my bitter foes,  
From sin and death and Satan;  
Free me from all my woes.

And bid Thy Word within me  
Shine as the fairest star;  
Keep sin and all false doctrine  
Forever from me far.  
Help me confess Thee truly  
And with Thy Christendom  
Here own Thee King and Savior  
And in the world to come.

## Old Testament Reading

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

<sup>3</sup>Jonah 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. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” <sup>5</sup>The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When 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**

<sup>24</sup>Now 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. <sup>25</sup>I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. <sup>27</sup>To 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.

<sup>28</sup>He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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, <sup>3</sup>in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

<sup>4</sup>I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. <sup>5</sup>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**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

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

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

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup>When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup>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.**

## **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Sermon Hymn**

**How Can I Thank You Lord**

**LSB 703**

1. How can I thank You, Lord,  
For all Your loving-kindness,  
That You have patiently  
Borne with me in my blindness!  
When dead in many sins  
And trespasses I lay,  
I kindled, holy God,  
Your anger ev'ry day.
  
2. It is Your work alone  
That I am now converted;  
O'er Satan's work in me  
You have Your pow'r asserted.  
Your mercy and Your grace  
That rise afresh each morn  
Have turned my stony heart  
Into a heart newborn.
  
3. Lord, You have raised me up  
To joy and exultation  
And clearly shown the way  
That leads me to salvation.  
My sins are washed away;  
For this I thank You, Lord.  
Now with my heart and soul  
All evil I abhor.

4. Grant that Your Spirit's help  
To me be always given  
Lest I should fall again  
And lose the way to heaven.  
Grant that He give me strength  
In my infirmity;  
May He renew my heart  
To serve You willingly.
  
5. O Father, God of love,  
Now hear my supplication;  
O Savior, Son of God,  
Accept my adoration;  
O Holy Spirit, be  
My ever faithful guide  
That I may serve You here  
And there with You abide.

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

### **Offering**

#### **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**

P: O Lord, our great and merciful Father,

**C: You are filled with mercy and steadfast love.**

P: Hear us, now, as we confess our sins and seek your forgiveness.

**C: We frequently lack motivation,**

P: To love.

**C: To forgive.**

P: To endure.

C: **We frequently lack motivation,**

P: To worship.

C: **To pray.**

P: To believe.

C: **Hear us as we pour out our brokenness and place our sins before our Savior's cross.**

P: Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace and mercy of Christ to you. And I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

Pastor: 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."

## **Pax Domini**

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

## **Agnus Dei**

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C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## Bell Choir: “I Love To Tell The Story”

### Distribution Hymn If Thou But Trust in God to Guide

LSB 750

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee  
And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,  
And bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
Builds on the rock that naught can move.
2. What can these anxious cares avail thee,  
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?  
What can it help if thou bewail thee  
O'er each dark moment as it flies?  
Our cross and trials do but press  
The heavier for our bitterness.
3. Be patient and await His leisure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure  
And His discerning love hath sent,  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known  
To Him who chose us for His own.
4. God knows full well when times of gladness  
Shall be the needful thing for thee.  
When He has tried thy soul with sadness  
And from all guile has found thee free,  
He comes to thee all unaware  
And makes thee own His loving care.
5. Nor think amid the fiery trial  
That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial  
Must surely be of God preferred.

Time passes and much change doth bring  
And sets a bound to ev'rything.

6. All are alike before the Highest;  
'Tis easy to our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,  
To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought  
Who setteth up and brings to naught.
  
7. Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

### **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.**

**Closing Hymn    O Christ, Our True and Only Light**

**LSB 839**

- 1        O Christ, our true and only light,  
          Enlighten those who sit in night;  
          Let those afar now hear Your voice  
          And in Your fold with us rejoice.
  
- 2        Fill with the radiance of Your grace  
          The souls now lost in error's maze;  
          Enlighten those whose inmost minds  
          Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
  
- 3        O gently call those gone astray  
          That they may find the saving way!  
          Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed  
          In You find peace and heav'nly rest.
  
- 4        Shine on the darkened and the cold;  
          Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.  
          Unite all those who walk apart;  
          Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
  
- 5        That they with us may evermore  
          Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
          And endless praise to You be giv'n  
          By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.