



# Immanuel

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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**Welcome to Worship!** As we gather today to celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, we do so in a way our culture finds strange and frightening. We confess our sins. We acknowledge God is all-powerful and holy and punishes sin. Yet, as we make this confession, Mark calls us to see Jesus, the sinless Son of God, who takes our place in the waters of God's judgment. Jesus willingly identifies with us sinners and, by doing that, leads us through the waters of God's judgment to the life of God's grace. Jesus bears God's wrath so He might bring God's grace to all who have sinned.

**Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.**

A "Wee Wiggle Room" is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

**Sunday School classes** meet UPSTAIRS. **Bible Classes** are in the Fellowship Hall. The **Adult Information Class** meets in Heritage Room. All are welcome!

**Where do I put my offering?** You can place gifts in the offering plate near each entrance or the boxes on the west wall of the narthex or in the chapel. Thanks!

**Cell Phones:** *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

**Holy Communion will be** offered at the 9:00 & 7:00 service. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church, please contact an elder or pastor before communing. Gluten free wafers are available in plastic sleeves. Wine with alcohol removed is in the individual cup tray center.

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**THE PRELUDE:** "To Jordan came the Christ, Our Lord" -Dietrich Buxtehude

**THE HYMN:** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

**Hymn 394**

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.
- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word —  
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

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## THE INVOCATION:

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

## THE EXHORTATION:

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord, C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

## THE KYRIE

C **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P Glory be to God on High,



**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** (We pray together)

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**THE WORD OF THE MONTH:** (We speak together) For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. Isaiah 60:2

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE EPISTLE READING:** Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will

also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord. **C:** **Thanks be to God!**

**THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**THE GOSPEL READING:** Mark 1:4-11 **C:** (Sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**L:** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C:** (sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

**+++ 9:00 & 7:00 NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**+++ 11:15 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.

**THE HYMN: "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"**

**Hymn 405**

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized — The Son of God in flesh disguised —  
To stand beneath the Father's will And all His righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from above.
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound Came God's own voice with words  
profound: "This is My Son," was His decree, "The one I love, who pleases Me."
- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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**THE SERMON: "The Word in the Water"**

**THE OFFERTORY: Page 192**

**THE PRAYERS**

**+++ 9:00 & 7:00 HOLY COMMUNION: pages 194-202;**

**Preface**

**P The Lord be with you. C And with thy spirit.**

**P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. C It is meet and right so to do.**

**Sanctus**

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**THE PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

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.

9:00 Anthem: "Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered"

Distribution Hymns: 605, 590, 624, 622

### 605 Father Welcomes

ref Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

- 1 Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. Refrain
- 2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. Refrain
- 3 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. Refrain

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### 590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat'ning clouds around I see.
- 3 My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

- 4 All that I am and love most dearly — Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.

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### **624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born**

- 1 The infant Priest was holy born For us unholy and forlorn;  
From fleshly temple forth came He, Anointed from eternity.
- 2 This great High Priest in human flesh Was icon of God's righteousness.  
His hallowed touch brought sanctity; His hand removed impurity.
- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came To God's own altar lit with flame;  
While weeping angels hid their eyes, This Priest became a sacrifice.
- 4 But death would not the victor be Of Him who hung upon the tree.  
He leads us to the Holy Place Within the veil, before God's face.
- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee  
Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat;  
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn,  
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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### **622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared This feast for our salvation;  
It is Your body and Your blood, And at Your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to You for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,  
And though Your people shall not see Your glory and Your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined To any habitation;  
But You are present even now Here with Your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.



- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing  
That Your true body and Your blood Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true; All things are possible with You,  
For You are Lord Almighty.
- 5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.  
I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

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## THE NUNC DIMITTIS

**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of  
all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## THE THANKSGIVING, SALUTATION, and BENEDICAMUS

**P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, C: and His mercy endureth  
forever.**

**P The Lord be with you. C: And with thy spirit.**

**P Bless we the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

**THE CLOSING HYMN: “All Who Believe and Are Baptized”** **Hymn 601**

- 1 All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord’s salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation.  
Through Christ’s redemption they shall stand Among the glorious, heav’nly band  
Of ev’ry tribe and nation.
  
- 2 With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Holy Spirit.  
Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus’ blood and merit.  
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sacrament we may  
Eternal life inherit.

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**THE POSTLUDE: “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” -Robert Powell**

**Preacher:** Pastor Bloch

**Liturgists:** Pastor Rodriguez & Pastor Blumenberg

**Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

**9:00 Special music by Adult & Youth Choir and Brass Ensembles**

*Pastor Fredstrom is in St. Louis*

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