



Immanuel Lutheran Church

January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Gathering Bell (stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

Sing a new song,
a song of thanks and praise,
For God has done wondrous deeds,
and is great beyond compare!

Gathering Hymn

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here” ELW 443
verses 1, 2 and 3

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love.

Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Holy Word of God

A reading from Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a

sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God.”

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been

strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

“Borning Cry”

Children’s Sermon

Gospel Lesson (stand as you are able)
The Holy Gospel according to St. John
Glory to you, O Lord.

A reading from John 1:35-42

The next day (after Jesus was baptized) John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "This Is the Spirit's Entry Now" ELW 448

Confession of Faith

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.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Margot Jean Kantor

Special Music

"Jesus Loves Me"

Avery and Addison Nicolet

An Invitation to Our Offering

Our God has done wondrous things, too numerous to count.
Let us offer to God ourselves this day, all that we have and all
that we are, in praise and love of Christ.

The Gathering of Our Offering

Offertory (stand as you are able)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,

and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offertory Prayer

We give you thanks, O loving God,
that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful
people the gift of generosity and the desire to do your
will. Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every
nation and restore all people to Christ. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Our 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.

Blessing

May God's steadfast love and mercy lead you, and make your
steps secure, keeping you forever safe on paths of
righteousness and peace. In the name of the Father, + Son, and
Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"This Little Light of Mine" ELW 677

Sending Bell

Dismissal

Go forth in peace, for God has enriched you with every spiritual gift, to the ends of the earth.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude