Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, February 2, 2025
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Year C



Please welcome Pastor Tryphine Schruba as she leads us in Worship today.

Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

Please stand if able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act

with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

#671

Greeting: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Corinthians 13:14). C: And also, with you.

Canticle of Praise

"This is the Feast"

#140

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';

for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

R: Word of God. Word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 71:1-6

R: Please read responsively to Psalm: Psalm 71:1-6

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

² In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free; incline your ear to | me and save me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;

you are my crag | and my stronghold.

- ⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor. R
- ⁵ For you are my hope, ¹ O Lord GOD, my confidence since ¹ I was young.
- ⁶ I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have | been my strength; my praise shall be al- | ways of you. R

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

R: Word of God. Word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' "24 And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." 28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Tryphine Schruba

Silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

"O Word of God Incarnate"

#514

Please stand if able.

Apostles' Creed See the yellow sheet in the back of your hymnal. **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

P: I invite you to share the Peace however you feel comfortable.

Please be seated for the Prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

Read by our Lector today:

Al Solomonson

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After "God of grace," please respond with "receive our prayer." *A brief silence.*

Offertory Hymn

"This Little Light of Mine"

#677

The usher will bring up the offering plate, bread and wine.

Please stand if able.

Offering Prayer

P: 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.

Holy Communion

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The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

Please be seated.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine, that is his body and blood are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. If you do not wish to receive communion but wish to receive a blessing, please come forward during the distribution of communion. If you are unable to come forward during distribution and wish to receive communion, please let the usher know and the pastor will come to your seat.

Invitation to Communion

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Lamb of God Communion Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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Blessing after Communion

Prayer after Communion

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.**

Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God

bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#631

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance on 1/26/2025: 32

Prayer Concerns: Judi McGill and Bob Henning for medical challenges. Leora Mitchell, Joan Winterhoff, Mary Ann Klinker, Frank Lewitzke, Roger Neiter, Karen Spoehrs. (For updates, please contact the ILC Office)

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Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Pastor Elijah Lekwate. Email for Justice Pule: pulejustice74@gmail.com

Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

Serving us Today

Leader: Pastor Tryphine Schruba **Organist/Pianist:** Delores K.

Reader: Al Solomonson **Usher:** Bruce Knox

Communion Assistant: Joanne Diestelhorst

Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, Pattie Bricko and Holly Westaby

The ILC Semi Annual & Budget Meeting, Part 2 will be held 9:15am-10:15am on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Important discussions on the church's future will continue to be discussed at this meeting.

Community on Call. Good Shepherd has decided to partner with the City of Wausau and Community Partners Campus, to be a site for Community on Call as an emergency warming shelter location this coming winter.

This would be a perfect chance for all of us to work together to provide a community service TOGETHER as the ELCA in the greater Wausau area.

We have signed up for the week of Feb 9-15. The city provides everything needed except for a warm evening meal, simple breakfast and volunteers to monitor while the building is in use. The criteria is very specific, and there are no exceptions. The temp will need to be -10F or less. At that point, the community on call sites will be activated. The city provides cots, bedding, clean clothing, storage bins and transportation to and from the site from the Community Campus. We would have a maximum number of 15 individuals. We would be required to provide a hot meal in the evening, and breakfast. They arrive by 7:00 pm and leave by 8:00 am.

We would also need people to be present in the building to monitor through the night. For reference, last year this was only activated 4 times during the months of Dec through March. So, there is a chance it won't even be needed. If you are interested please call Jackie at the church office with your contact info. There will be a training session to schedule prior to February. Thank you for your consideration.

A Special Invitation. On February 8, 2025, the Wisconsin River Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will host a Wausau Organ Crawl. During this event participants will get the opportunity to not only see three different pipe organs, but also to try out the various instruments. The schedule is listed below:

- 9:00am St Mary's Oratory, 408 Seymour, Wausau (donuts will be served!)
- 10:00am St Peter's Lutheran (formerly Salem), 2822 N. 6th Street, Wausau
- 11:00am St Paul's UCC, 426 Washington Street, Wausau (a light lunch will be provided)

The Men's Discussion Group meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

Strong Bones Senior Exercise Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the old Nursery at 10:30 am. The class is open to anyone wishing to improve balance and maintain strength to prevent falls. New faces are happily welcome.

Food Pantry Donations for the Neighbors' Place

Place your items on the black cart next to the pew near the Gathering Room and they will be delivered to the Neighbors' Place.

Volunteer Needed. Please contact Jackie in the Church Office if you are available to volunteer to oversee and be a resource person for the Life Screening event on February 25, 2025. Please see the ad on the last page. I do have a voucher for a free screening.

Serving us in February 2025

Pastor Tryphine and Kathy Robinson will be serving us this month

February 2025 Worship Servers					
Worship Leader					
DATE	PIANIST / ORGANIST	READER	USHER / GREETERS	VIDEO TAPER	COMMUNION
2/2/2025	Delores Kessel	Al Solomonson	Bruce Knox	Bob Henning	Joanne Diestelhorst
2/9/2025	Karen Zuidema	Adam Doede	Bob Doede	Bob Henning	
2/16/2025	Delores Kessel	Patti Bricko	Vern Diestelhorse	Bob Henning	
2/23/2025	Karen Zuidema	Sue Schwede	Mike Schwede	Bob Henning	
Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, and Pattie Bricko					



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