

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, January 26, 2025

Third Sunday after Epiphany, Year C



Please welcome Kathy Robinson as she leads us in Worship today.

Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

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

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

#314

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

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

Psalm: Psalm 19

R: Please read responsively to Psalm: Psalm 19

¹ The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker’s handiwork.

² **One day tells its tale | to another,**

and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

³ Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the
ends | of the world,**

where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶ **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about
to the end of | it again;**

nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. R

⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

⁸ **The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | jice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R**

¹¹ By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹² **Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleans me from my | secret faults.**

¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get
dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable | in your sight,**

O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. R

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of
the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one

Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

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

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

pg. 142

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Pulpit Hymn

“Christ, Be Our Light”

#715

Sermon

Kathy Robinson

Silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

“We Are Marching in the Light”

#866

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:

Sue Schwede

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.

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”

#677

The usher will bring up the offering plate.

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.

Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God

✠ bless you with joy,

anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

Sending Hymn **“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”** **#551**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance on 1/19/2025: 27

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: Kathy Robinson

Organist/Pianist: Karen Z.

Reader: Sue Schwede

Usher: Mike Schwede

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

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)

February 2025 ILC Newsletter. The deadline for submissions for February 2025 ILC Newsletter is January 29, 2025. Thank you.

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.

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today? Life Line Screening will be here at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up.

Three ways to register:

- **Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 promo code HSCA001**
- **Online: <https://www.llsa.social/hzca>**
- **Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607**



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church
607 Adams Street

When: February 25th, 2025

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These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

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