

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, March 2, 2025

**Transfiguration of Our Lord / Last
Sunday after Epiphany, Year C**



Please welcome Pastor Doug Helling as he leads us in Worship today.

Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

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

“Beautiful Savior”

#838

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: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

Psalm: Psalm 99

R: Please read responsively to Psalm 99

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD; worship upon God's holy hill. (Ps. 99:9)

¹ The LORD is king; let the ¹ people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ¹ the earth shake.

² **The LORD, ¹ great in Zion,**

is high above all peoples.

³ Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. R**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's
footstool;
God is the Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who
call upon your name, O LORD,**

they called upon you, and you answered them,

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for
their evil deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One. **R**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as

though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Gospel: Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The conversation about Jesus’ suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus’ identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my

Chosen; listen to him!”³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. [

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹ Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Doug Helling

Silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

#671

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 “hear 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

“Come, Beloved of the Maker”

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Blessing after Communion

P: The blessing of God,

who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✚ be upon you now and forever.

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

“We Are Marching in the Light”

#866

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance on 2/23/2025: 31

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

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 Doug Helling

Organist/Pianist: Delores K.

Reader: Al Solomonson

Usher: Bruce Knox

Video Recorder: Bob Henning

Communion Assistant:

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



Time For Easter Flowers! The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex!

Here are the flowers for 2025:

- Single Lilies (5+ blooms) \$13
- Spring Bulb Plants (Tulip, Daffodil, Hyacinth) \$10
- Mums – Daisy Variety in white, yellow or lavender \$14

All prices include preformed foil pot covers.

Order by March 16, 2025

Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 9:15am. Immanuel Lutheran Church
Congregational Informational Meeting.

Sunday, March 23, 2025, am 9:15am. Immanuel Lutheran Church Council
Meeting.

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.

40 Days 40 Items

In observance of the Lenten Season, many people choose to “give up” something they enjoy as they enter a period of reflection. An alternative to or perhaps in addition to this observance is to “take on” something new.

You can collect an item for each day of Lent—40 days yields 40 much-needed items in our community for many organizations. You will make a profound impact on your community while you are reflecting on your life and making personal changes.

Please consider contributing the following shelf stable food to your local food bank, clothing or hygiene items to those that need it. You can bring these items to church and place them in the appropriate donation location, and we will sort and distribute at the end. Items collected will then be distributed amongst Neighbors Place, The Marty Bus, Women's Community and Community Clothing Closet.

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| 1. Peanut Butter | 2. Socks |
| 3. Canned Meal with Pop Tops | 4. Canned Chicken/Tuna |
| 5. Pasta | 6. Spaghetti Sauce |
| 7. Cereal | 8. T-Shirts |
| 9. Canned Vegetables | 10. Canned Fruit |
| 11. Oatmeal | 12. Applesauce |
| 13. Pants | 14. Spices/Sauces |
| 15. Jelly | 16. Juice/Juice Boxes |
| 17. Flour, Sugar or Oil | 18. Sweatshirts |
| 19. Side Dishes | 20. Soup |
| 21. Popcorn/ Snacks | 22. Hamburger Helper |
| 23. New Tarps | 24. Baked Beans |
| 25. Granola Bars/Protein Bars/Pop Tarts | 26. Water |
| 27. Laundry Soap | 28. Toilet Paper |

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| 29. New Underwear/Boxers | 30. Instant Mashed Potatoes |
| 31. Microwave Meals | 32. Crackers [i.e. Saltine or “Ritz”] |
| 33. Cake Mix with Frosting | 34. Walking Shoes without holes |
| 35. Individual Drink Mixes ex. Propel | 36. Tooth brush/Toothpaste |
| 37. Paper Towel | 38. Bath Soap |
| 39. Shampoo/Conditioner | 40. Deodorant |

Please bring your donations to any of the following four church locations: St. Stephens, Good Shepherd, Pilgrim, or Immanuel Lutheran Church. If you have questions feel free to reach out to Shauna Robinson, 608-514-4504, nutband@gmail.com

March 2025 Worship Servers					
Worship Leader					
DATE	PIANIST / ORGANIST	READER	USHER / GREETERS	VIDEO TAPER	COMMUNION
3/2/2025	Delores Kessel	Al Solomonson	Bruce Knox	Bob Henning	
3/9/2025	Karen Zuidema	Adam Doede	Bob Doede	Bob Henning	
3/16/2025	Delores Kessel	Vern Diestelhorst	Kathy and Bruce Knox	Bob Henning	
3/23/2025	Karen Zuidema	Sue Schwede	Mike Schwede	Bob Henning	
3/30/2025	Karen Zuidema	Sue Schwede	Mike Schwede	Bob Henning	
Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, and Pattie Brcko					

Pastor Schedule for March 2025:

3/2/2025	Transfiguration of Our Lord / Last Sunday after Epiphany	Pastor Doug Helling
3/9/2025	First Sunday in Lent	Kathy Robinson
3/16/2025	Second Sunday in Lent	Kathy Robinson
3/23/2025	Third Sunday in Lent	Deacon Everett Schmidt
3/30/2025	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Kathy Robinson