

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021



Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**“WELCOME TO IMMANUEL”
INSIDE, OUTSIDE, AND ONLINE WORSHIP**

*Note that our guidelines will evolve over time as restrictions increase or decrease.
Thank you for your faithful flexibility as we worship our beloved Lord and Savior!*

INSIDE

- Please practice social-distancing. Save important conversations and visiting for outside where it is safer.
- Masks are required inside and advisable outside.
Pick up your bulletin on the table inside and put your offering (or pledge) in the offering plate.
- Let the usher know if you have a preference where you would like to sit. They will try to seat you based on your group size and your preference.
- Talk as little as possible and only in a soft voice.
- Only the worship leaders sing and speak out. Hum the songs if you feel so led.
- Communion cups/wafers are already set up in the pews. Put the used cups back in the wooden holder when you are finished.
- The usher will dismiss you.
- Inside worship is inevitably different than before the pandemic. For the best experience, you may want to view it as a more reflective time enjoyed in a beautiful, sacred space where you can listen, share in communion, and attend to God.

OUTSIDE

- Safer than inside worship, outside worship doesn't require masks in your vehicle—although masks are advisable when interacting with others like the usher who brings you:
 - ◇ Your bulletin.
 - ◇ Your combined communion cup & wafer.
 - ◇ An offering box to put your offering (or pledge card).

- Please turn your car radio to this radio station:

FM 90.9

- Feel free to sing and join in as loudly as you want during worship. Take home the used communion cups and dispose of them.
- Outside worship reminds us of the fun and comradery of the summer parking-lot worship. It is a way of worshipping more closely with others while staying safe in our vehicle. Like the inside worship, communion is offered.

ONLINE

- The safest and most convenient worship experience, online worship involves just a few steps:
 - ◇ If you wish to celebrate communion, prepare ahead of time bread or cracker, as well as juice or wine.
 - ◇ Go to www.immanlutheran.org on your computer, smartphone, tablet, etc.
 - ◇ View or print out the bulletin before watching the service. You may also request to have a paper bulletin mailed to you each week.
 - ◇ Click on the video link and worship!
- Online worship is the safest and most convenient worship experience. It is recommended for the most vulnerable. Although missing the social element of worshipping together inside or outside, the online worship can in some ways feel the most “normal.”

Welcome to Worship!
We are a “Church Together”

God calls us to be a church together as we find ourselves physically separated, but spiritually united as one community of God. Whether you are a visitor or longtime member, you are welcome to join us in worshipping Jesus Christ.

Offerings may be mailed to the office:

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1865 14th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80631

Contact the Office and Pastor:

Office phones (970-352-3003) will be monitored during office hours and messages responded to in a reasonable manner. For the safety of everyone during this pandemic, we have been advised to not have in-person meetings or visits. If you have a pastoral concern, either call the office and leave a message to set up a time to converse with Pastor Daren, or if urgent, text or call Pastor Daren at 760-814-5171.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of goodness and lovingkindness,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.**

We have turned away from your invitation to new life.

We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.

In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,

those we know and those known only to you,

for the sake of the one who came to live among us,

Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Hear the good news of peace and salvation!

God forgives us all our sins,

not through our own work,

but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people.

With all who come to the manger,

rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

Amen.

THE 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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low
estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on,
let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those
who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as
though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no
possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no
dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day: Rise Up, O Saints of God (ELW 669) *Verses 1,2,5*



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.
Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our congregation and community, for families big and small, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

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**

Communion

After all have communed:

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Purpose and Mission Statements:

Immanuel is called to proclaim the life, death and resurrection of Christ; to provide places and opportunities for worship and fellowship; and to be the spirit of Christ in the world.

Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry gathers in Christ's name to share God's love, to ask questions, to grow in faith, to respect and nurture our differences, and to serve others.

Blessing

Sending Hymn: Brightest and Best of Stars (ELW 303) *Verses 1,2*



- 1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
- 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
- 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
- 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
- 5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daren Erisman
Pianist: Marcia Hutton

Church Office Hours
Monday – Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
Pastor Daren Erisman
Office: 352-3003, Cell: 760-814-5171, email: reverisman@gmail.com

*In this time of COVID19, Please feel free to make appointments with
Pastor Daren by calling or emailing him at the above phone numbers or email address.*

WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

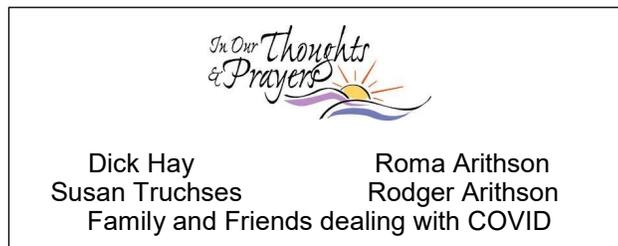
Sunday, January 24	10:30 am	Holy Communion—3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Saturday, January 30	9-Noon	Tied in Faith
Sunday, January 31	10:30 am	Holy Communion—4th Sunday after Epiphany
	11:30 am	Annual Meeting

VOLUNTEERS

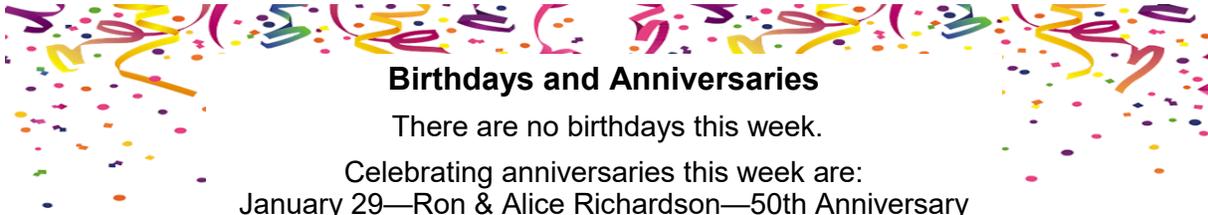
	<u>Sunday, January 24</u>	<u>Sunday, January 31</u>
Greeter:	Janet Willis	Julie Elmquist
Assisting Minister:	Julie Elmquist	Marcia Hutton
Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson	Cindy Thompson
Tellers:	Clarence Carlson, Janet Crespin	Bob & Sue Morse
Ushers: Indoor-	Ron & Cindy Thompson	Katy Sickles, Vera Sylvester
Outdoor -	John Johnson & Sally Stewart	Tim Adams & Shirley Marine

Worship will be held inside with COVID restrictions, outside in the parking lot via FM and live streaming online. Please choose a way to worship that is best for you and your family.

Immanuel has added \$79.62 for Choice Dollar distribution. This is King Soopers
Community Rewards for the last quarter of 2020



Immanuel's ASAP team has been and STILL IS keeping you in prayer.
If you have concerns or praises for the team,
contact Pastor in the church office or any member of the prayer team.
Roma Arithson, Dianna Fuller, Diane Felipe, Shirley Marine, Don Peterson, Janet Willis



Birthdays and Anniversaries
There are no birthdays this week.
Celebrating anniversaries this week are:
January 29—Ron & Alice Richardson—50th Anniversary

**Your Immanuel Council is aware of the rising COVID numbers
and will be monitoring the situation.**

Lap Quilts for Indoor Services



If you chose not to bring your own blanket for services, we have lap quilts you can purchase for \$10.00/each.

If you would like a bigger quilt or a fleece blanket, shop our sewing display room off the Fellowship Hall.

All items are for sale. Proceeds are used to purchase supplies, participate in Immanuel projects and assist in paying for repairs.

Immanuel Sewing Group
Any questions? Call Bev Peterson at 970.324.0106

The Youth still have **calendars and note pads** available. If you would like to purchase one, two or ten, contact Amy Herold.
970.978.0870 or email: herold_amy@hotmail.com



Once again, Immanuel's Youth will be partnering with "Souper Bowl of Caring" to give back to our community and help others in need! Beginning on Sunday, January 3, 2021 and ending on Super Bowl Sunday (February 7) the youth are asking Immanuel's congregation to kindly consider donating non-perishable food and/or giving monetary gifts and all will be donated to the Weld Food Bank in Greeley.

You can place your food donations in the football field located in the narthex and monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate payable to Immanuel but earmarked for Weld Food Bank. Thank you for your support!



ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 31st FOLLOWING WORSHIP

The annual meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2021. Because of current Covid restrictions, we will try to dispense with business quickly and efficiently.

You will be able to attend in person, in the parking lot and by zoom. If a quorum is not established, we will still conduct the meeting but will ratify all results at the 2022 annual meeting.

We also will vote to set aside the by-laws for this meeting. This will allow us to conduct all votes orally, no written ballots.

If you are unable to participate in person or in the parking lot, for this annual meeting only, you may request a homebound ballot. Please call the church office, 352-3003, if you need a homebound ballot. Janet Willis will be coordinating these ballots with the church office.

By January 15, 2021 you will receive an agenda, the nominating committee report, and the proposed budget by email and all will be printed in the bulletin the 17th, 24th and 31st. If you have questions about any issues on the agenda, please contact any Council member.

If you have information that needs to be added to the weekly update, please contact Denise in the church office at 352-3003 or email to: office@immanlutheran.org.

