



IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Manitowoc, Wisconsin

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Welcome

Thanks for being here! We truly pray that today you find the warmth of our Christian hospitality, the powerful truth of God's Word and the peace-giving assurance of his promises. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. We hope you worship with us again!

If Immanuel Is New to You:

Relax. At Immanuel, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed for you here as well as displayed on our screens.

Bring the kids. Our congregation really loves and encourages the worshipping family! In fact, our worship will often include a children's message with little ones in mind. If your children are acting up, please know it's never a bother to our worship service. However, if you feel other worshipers could be distracted, parents who want to calm their restless child are invited to use our lobby area with screens so that you may continue your worship with us.

Restrooms are located in the lobby, just to the right of the elevator.

Make yourself at home. You don't have to rush off after the service today. Light refreshments are typically provided in our lobby after the 8:00 am service. If you are comfortable, feel free to follow up with one of our Pastors - we'd be honored if you would take the time to introduce yourself!

Don't feel obligated. Our members give financial offerings to the Lord as an expression of thanks and praise for his amazing love. Please know that you are our guests and we're simply happy you've come to hear about Jesus and his Word today. You're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

Cell phones. To remove as many distractions as possible from worshipping God today, we kindly ask that you silence your phone before the service.

Questions? If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, or have questions about our PreK thru 8th grade school, our pastors or principal would love to help. Feel free to contact them at any time (*their contact info is included on the announcement insert*). You may also browse the information counter in our lobby for magazines, brochures and devotional resources.



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We Worship Our GLORIOUS Savior

Opening Song – “Beautiful Savior”

(CW 522:1-2)

Our Beautiful Savior Revealed – Matthew 17:1-9

PASTOR: After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

CONG: There he was transfigured before them.

His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said,

“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them.

“Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.”

When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

We Praise Him for His Glory – “Beautiful Savior”

(CW 522:3)

We are UNHOLY before Our God

Dear friends, Jesus promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, he is with them. So, he is with us today as we have come together to worship the glorious God who created us to be reflections of his glory and love.

But when we see his holiness in the Bible, like Peter, James and John, we are all too aware of our sin and how far we fall short of that glory.

(we pray)...Lord Jesus, at times we have a distorted image of you. We see you in

Scripture walking the earth and ministering to others in such humility. It's tempting to minimize your power, glory, and holiness. Though true man, you are also the Only, True, Almighty God.

Forgive us Lord Jesus, for all the times we have stolen glory from you by failing to give you the honor and worship you deserve.

Lord, at your Transfiguration when you offered your disciples such a clear glimpse of who you truly are, they were instantly more aware of their own faults and imperfections. Whenever we see your majesty shining in your Word, and when we are faced with our own sin and guilt,

we too must confess that we fall far short of the perfect lives you demand of us and all people!

Father, Son and Spirit – in true sorrow and with a child-like faith – we cry:

Cleanse us from our sins and take away our guilt!

We are HOLY Through God's Love

(God's grace announced by pastor)

We Praise Him for His Glory – “Beautiful Savior”

(CW 522:4)

We Worship as We Confess our Faith – Expl. to 2nd Art. of Apostles' Creed

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sin, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and reigns eternally. This is most certainly true.

Praising Our Glorious Lord – “Lift Up Your Eyes”

(tune: CW 605)

(sung) **Lift up your eyes, See Christ the Lord**

Upon the mount to be adored:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

With Moses and Elijah bold God’s mighty messengers of old

See your Savior. Hear the story: Christ transfigured, Bright with glory

Shines before us.

“This is My Son, whom I do love,”

So speaks the Father from above.

From the cloud He Gives His blessing.

Now to the cross Christ goes to die, For all our sins He’s lifted high.

Christ our Savior brings salvation To-us-and to ev’ry nation.

Alleluia!

Message from God’s Word – 2 Kings 2:1-12

¹ When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

³ The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “so be quiet.” ⁴ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

⁵ The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.” ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

⁷ Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the

two of them crossed over on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied. ¹⁰ “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”

¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more.

Things I'd like to remember this week...

The Glory of Jesus is a Wonderful Truth!

It's a reason to LOOK to the _____ with _____

It's a reason to LIVE in the _____ with _____

We Worship When We are THANKFUL for God's Word

Dear Lord, thank you for revealing yourself as true God on the Mount of Transfiguration. There your Father put his stamp of approval on all you did for our salvation. Thank you for using those moments to prepare me for the valleys of this life. When I am tempted to doubt your power and glory, turn my eyes back to that mountain and renew my strength.

And Lord, may this vision of your glory encourage me as I await eternal life - showing me the glory that someday will be mine! Keep me strong in faith as I live my life for you. Amen.

We Worship When We SING – “Lift Up Your Eyes”

(tune: CW 605)

(sung) **Lift up your eyes once more to see How Jesus will on Easter be:**

Risen Savior, Bright with glory.

When life leads into valleys dark, Recall this mountain, as the spark

Of His love, for-ever glowing In your heart, For Christ is showing

Us His glory.

**So sing to God, the Father true; To Christ, His Son, our Savior, too:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And to the Spirit, Whom we praise: Great Triune God through all our days:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offerings of Thanks

*"Wealth and honor come from you; Now, our God,
we give you thanks, and praise your GLORIOUS name." 1 Chr. 29*



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We Worship When We PRAY

Holy God, we give you thanks for your grace and mercy, which you have always shown to your people. Today we thank you for revealing your Son's glory before his suffering and death for our salvation.

By the power of your Spirit nourish and strengthen our faith as we continue to hear Jesus through your perfectly-inspired words of the Bible.

Heavenly Father, empower us to preach Christ Jesus as Lord, the light for this dark world. Make us bold to share the priceless treasure of Jesus' forgiveness with our neighbors. Graciously continue to care for all that you have made. Protect our nation and the other nations of the world from warfare, bloodshed, and terror.

Guide our leaders in government, business, and service organizations, that they may truly be your servants and be blessings to us and all people.

Lord of creation, bless the teaching that takes place in both church and public schools. Give teachers and students the zeal for discovering the truth about your world. Make colleges places that prepare young men and women for life-long service to you and your people. Preserve our own college and seminary, that they may always teach Your Word in its truth and purity and be filled with men and women eager to serve You in full-time ministry. Into Your hands, Gracious Father, Glorious Son, and Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy as we join to pray... (*Our Father in Heaven*)...

God's Word for Our Hearts – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³ Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

The Closing Blessing

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

Today and always - Amen!

We Worship As We SING

(tune: CW 347 – Angels from the Realms)

(sung) **Clothed in light upon the mountain, Stripped of might upon the cross.
Shining in eternal glory, Beggared by a soldier's toss.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.**

**Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry! Worthy still your peace and strife!
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.**

Silent Prayer – *feel free to use this silent prayer of thanks*

Dear Savior, thank you for the glory you once revealed to your disciples on a lonely mountaintop. Thank you for revealing your glory to me through your Word today. Cause that Word that I have heard to grow in my heart, sustain my faith, and implant in my heart a desire for a lifetime of service to you. Make me bold to share your Word with others so that many more will one day praise your name. Amen.

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