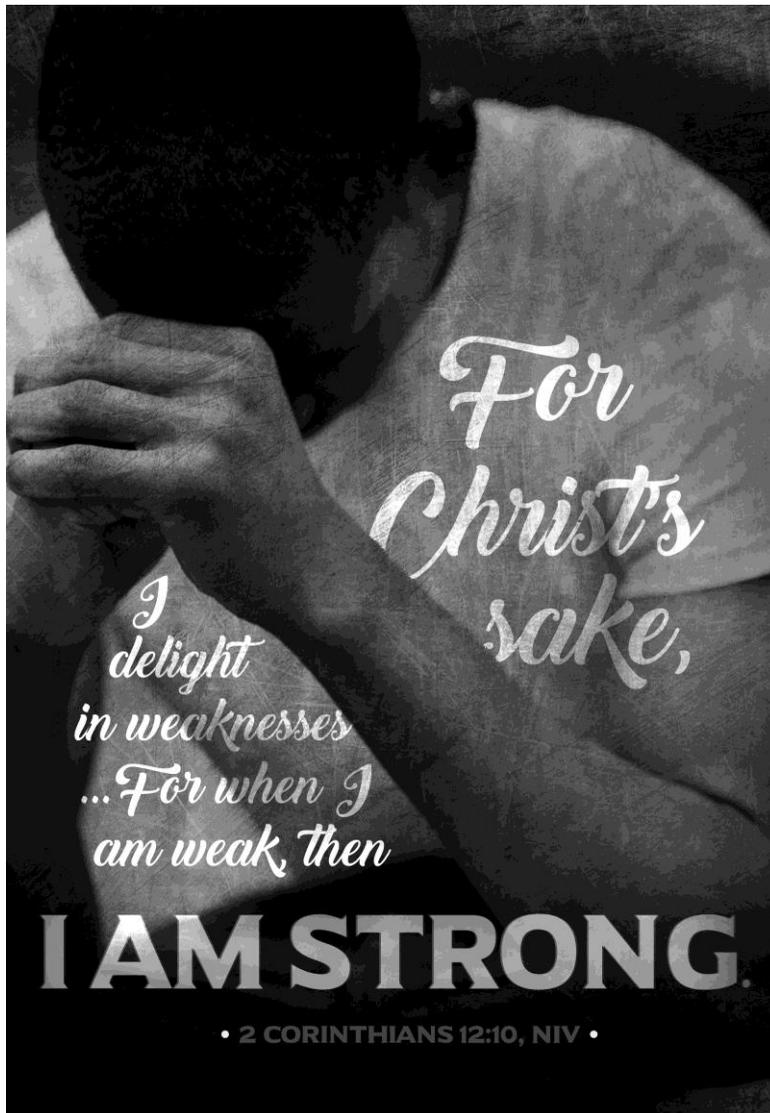


**IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Manitowoc, Wisconsin



**Jesus is our Surprising Savior**  
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany | February 14 & 17, 2019

## WELCOME

In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome to one and all! We pray that here at Immanuel you will find the warmth of Christian hospitality, the abiding truth of God's Word and the quiet assurance of peace in Christ. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. Come worship with us again!

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Jesus did some surprising things during his life and ministry. For instance, he was born in a manger. He instructed the teachers of the law at twelve. He associated with the tax collectors and sinners. He allowed himself to be crucified. He also said some surprising things, things that ran directly contrary to the basic convictions of the world in which we live. For instance, he commands us to love our enemies and to follow him patiently in suffering. And in all these things he promises to be our Savior. Yes, Jesus is our surprising Savior!

## FOR VISITORS

- **Friendship Register:** Please fill out the Friendship Register located at the end of each pew.
- **Cell Phones:** Out of respect for our Lord and your fellow worshipers, please silence your cell phone.
- **Restrooms:** The main restrooms are located in the Gathering Room near the coatrack.
- **Offering:** The gospel ministry of Immanuel is supported by the generosity and sacrificial giving of our members. You are our guest today, and may want to learn more about our ministry before giving a gift. When the offering plates are passed, please do not feel obligated to make a contribution.
- **Information:** The media counter is located in the Gathering Room. Here you will find magazines, brochures, devotional booklets and children's bulletins (printed on yellow paper).
- **Contact:** Our pastor and principal are always happy to serve you. Please feel free to contact them (contact info on back of announcement page).
- **Communion:** We practice *Close(d) Communion* at Immanuel, meaning we only commune those who are members of our congregation. Members of WELS or ELS churches in our fellowship who wish to commune are asked to speak to the pastor before the service.

## DIVINE SERVICE II

**HANDBELL CHOIR** (*8 & 10:30am*)

Children of the Heavenly Father  
More Precious than Silver

**WELCOME**

**HYMN 446** (*red hymnal*)

I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

*STAND*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** (*spoken*) Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C:** **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

All glory be to God on high!  
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
Your favor toward our fallen race.

Our grateful thanks to you we bring,  
For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.

O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
You take all sin and guilt away.  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;  
From God's right hand, your mercy share.

You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;  
The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again:  
"All glory be to God!" Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: *(spoken)* And also with you.

M: O God of power and might, you know that we live in the midst of many great dangers and in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Give us strength and protection to support us in all peril and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

*BE SEATED*



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-8 | NIV

This is what the LORD says: “Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup> That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. <sup>7</sup> “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. <sup>8</sup> They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

### PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 1 | p. 64 (*red hymnal*)

### SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 | NIV

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

John 6:68 | NIV

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

**VERSE OF THE DAY**



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**STAND**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 6:17-26 | NIV

**M:** The Gospel according to Mark chapter 6.

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

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon,<sup>18</sup> who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured,<sup>19</sup> and the people all tried

to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. <sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. <sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. <sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN 421** (*red hymnal*)

All Depends on Our Possessing

**SERMON**

Corinthians 12:7-10

God Is Gracious Even When We Are Afflicted

*STAND*

## **NICENE CREED**

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## **OFFERING**

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.*

*STAND*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: As the prophet reminds us, blessed are those who trust in the Lord. So let us come before God's throne of grace today with the concerns of our hearts and our prayers on behalf of all as they have need.

*Brief silence*

M: Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have delivered your people through the blood of your Son and have given us the new birth into a hope and life death cannot overcome. Grant to your Church honesty in our preaching and love in our service to those who have not yet heard the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your Son that we might have healing through his wounds. Be with the sick, the hospitalized, the aged, the infirm, the dying and the troubled in mind or heart [*especially ...*]. Help them to know your presence and your peace in their afflictions, and grant them healing and relief as you will. Teach them contentment of heart, and keep them in faith to the day of Christ's coming. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are the blessed and chosen people of your grace and favor. You have called us by your Word and gathered us by your Spirit before you. Grant to us repentance and faith, that we may receive the Sacrament for our benefit and so be transformed by this blessed communion to be more Christ-like in faith and service. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Special prayers and intercessions.*

M: All these things, blessed Father, and those things you know we need, we pray you to grant us for the sake of the merits of Jesus Christ alone, with whom you live and reign, the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**GUESTS:** *From Biblical teaching we understand participation in Communion to be, among other things, a statement of agreement with our church's teachings. If you are not a member of Immanuel, please speak to the pastor before communing. Thank you for respecting our practice.*

**GLUTEN FREE WAFERS / GRAPE JUICE:** *We offer gluten-free Communion wafers to those who need them – but you must make your need known to the pastor ahead of time. The purple-colored individual cups in the center of the Communion tray contain grape juice for those unable to drink wine.*



## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**  
*Sanctus*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**O holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest!  
How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming  
To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation  
And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage—  
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**M:** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and

preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C: *(spoken)* Amen.**

# LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



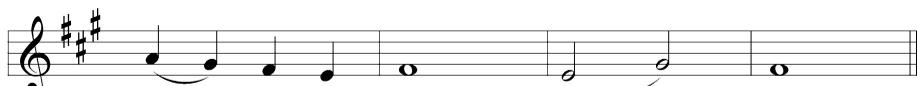
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world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN 434:1-2** (*red hymnal*)

Lord, You I Love with All My Heart

*STAND*

**SONG OF SIMEON**

Luke 2:29-32

*Nunc Dimittis*

**O Lord, now let your servant  
Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised  
incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten  
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory  
Of those in Israel!**

**All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

- M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.
- C:** *(spoken)* Amen.

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN 434:3** (*red hymnal*)

Lord, You I Love with All My Heart

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