**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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## Sunday, January 15, 2023 Lectionary 2, Year A

## Prelude

### Announcements

**Gathering** Hymn “Christ, Be Our Light” # 715 vss. 1 & 2, 4 & 5

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**P:** Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

P: Gracious God

**All: Have mercy on us**

**We confess that we have turned from you**

**And given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**Known and unknown, things we have done**

**And things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your spirit**

**So that we may live and serve you In newness of life,**

**In Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,

and for his sake

God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister

Of the church of Christ,

And by his authority,

I therefore declare to you

The entire forgiveness of all your sins,

In the name of the Father,

And of the Son,

And of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**Greeting**

**P:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: and also, with you**

Glory To God pg. 139

### Prayer of the Day

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

**Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11**

P: I love to do your will, O my God. *(Ps. 40:8)*

1I waited patiently up- | on the Lord,  
  who stooped to me and | heard my cry.  
 2The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,  
  and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.  
 3The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;  
  many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the Lord.  
 4Happy are they who trust | in the Lord!  
  They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies. R  
 5Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- | pared with you!  
  Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than | I can count.  
 6Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;  
  you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required. R  
 7And so I said, “Here I | am; I come.  
  In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:  
 8‘I love to do your will, | O my God;  
  your law is | deep within me.’ ”  
 9I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;  
  I have not restrained my lips, O | Lord, you know.  
 10I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;  
  I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the | great assembly.  
 11You are the Lord; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;  
  may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me safe.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

***R:*** *Though God’s church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
 2To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:  
 3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.   
 4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation pg. 142

*Alleluia.* In the | Word was life,\* and the life was the light | of all people. *Alleluia. (John 1:4)*

Gospel John 1:29-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

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

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon Rev. Gary Froseth**

**Hymn of the Day “Lamb Of God” # 336**

**Apostles Creed** *See the yellow sheet in your pew rack*

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And, also with you.**

Offertory Hymn “Spirit Of Gentleness” # 396 vs. 2

**Offering Prayer**

**P:** Liberating God,

**All: you break the bonds of injustice**

**and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving**

**for all your works of merciful power,**

**and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving pg. 144**

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

Holy, Holy, Holy pg. 144

Communion Prayer

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 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.

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

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Communion Hymns “Lamb Of God” pg. 146**

**“As The Grains Of Wheat” # 465**

**Distribution**

**Blessing after Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn “Lord, I Lift Your Name On High” #857 sing twice**

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

**Prayer Concerns: Joanne Diestelhorst, Joan Bonstead, Judi McGill, Tom McDonell, Phyllis Hustedt, Thelma Bursik, Esther Osterby, Brent Harring, Sonya ( Jackie Loos sister-in-law), Kyle Gillis, Barb Wipfli** (contact ILC office to update)

*Thank you to all who contributed to our Mitten Tree, especially Donna Neiter for so many mittens! The mittens and hats will be distributed to the Neighbor’s Place, Salvation Army, and the Women’s Shelter.*

**Community Dinner Tonight 4 pm**

ILC is providing the Community Dinner at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Jan 15th.  We will continue the same meal and procedure that we have been doing since the beginning of Covid. Sack lunches are prepared in our kitchen after the Sunday morning coffee hour. The lunch includes a sandwich of ham or turkey on a bun, cheese, mayo, chips, bar, fruit and water. The meals are distributed from the covered entrance at the Presbyterian church between 4 and 5 pm. We have been receiving funds to support this ministry from Thrivent thanks to ILC members who make the request.  Thank you, Al and Vonnie Solomonson, for obtaining the funds for the meal this month.  If you are a Thrivent member, you can request funds which come in the form of a gift card for $250.  This covers a large portion of the costs. Thanks also to those who have made an anonymous donation of money or food. If you are able to volunteer to assemble the sack lunch after coffee or distribute the meals at 4 pm from the Presbyterian church, contact Kathy Knox.  Future dates for this year are June 25th, Aug 27th and Oct 22nd.

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023.** Church Council Meeting

**Sunday, January 22, 2023.** Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting.

**Men’s Discussion Group** meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

**Volunteers needed for Office Coverage**

**Volunteers needed for Profile Committee**

As we begin our search for a new pastor, we must develop a Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Committee. This team of 6-9 persons compiles a document that describes the ministry of the congregation. Members of this team should be a cross-section of the congregation’s different demographics: young and old, new and long-time members, people involved with different aspects of ministry, etc. The MSP will be presented to potential candidates as they discern God’s calling for the next chapter in ministry. If you are interested and able to be part of this important committee, please contact Adam Doede or any member of the Church Council.

**Volunteers needed to visit the homebound and ill.**

**Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours.** There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

**Attendance on 1/08/2023: 39**

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| **Worship Assistants – January 15, 2023** | | |
| **Worship Leader: Rev. Gary Froseth** | | |
| **Pianist / Organist** | **Reader** | **Usher** |
| Judy Kort | Sue Schwede | Mike Schwede |
| **Altar Guild**  Holly Westaby & Kathy Knox | | |

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