

**In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.**



***Immanuel Lutheran Church and School  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod  
8231 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, MO 65101  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - DS 4  
Pastor Steve Resner  
February 8, 2026***

*Church Office: 573-496-3451 Email: [ilhchurch@midmoimmanuel.com](mailto:ilhchurch@midmoimmanuel.com)  
School Office: 573-496-3766 Email: [immanuelhc@midmoimmanuel.com](mailto:immanuelhc@midmoimmanuel.com)  
Preschool: 573-496-3766 Email: [ilhcpreschool@midmoimmanuel.com](mailto:ilhcpreschool@midmoimmanuel.com)  
Pastor Steve Resner: 573-291-5711 Email: [sresner@midmoimmanuel.com](mailto:sresner@midmoimmanuel.com)  
Immanuel Outreach: Email: [ilcoutreach@midmoimmanuel.com](mailto:ilcoutreach@midmoimmanuel.com)  
Drive-in worship service - 107.3 FM*

## Welcome – Ringing of the Bell

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

## Opening Hymn - 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given his Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### Introit

*Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12*

Blessèd are you, O LORD;

teach me your statutes!

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

I have stored up your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you.  
Blessèd are you, O LORD;  
teach me your statutes!  
With my lips I declare  
all the just decrees of your mouth.  
In the way of your testimonies I delight  
as much as in all riches.  
I will meditate on your precepts  
and fix my eyes on your ways.  
I will delight in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word.  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
Blessèd are you, O LORD;  
teach me your statutes!

## Kyrie

LSB 204

**☩ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

**☩ 1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;**

**You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 58:3–9a*

<sup>3</sup>“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,  
and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day  
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day for a person to humble himself?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed,  
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,  
and a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>“Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of wickedness,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover him,  
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

<sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up speedily;  
your righteousness shall go before you;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'"

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 112:1–9; antiphon: v. 4*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Blessèd is the man who fears the LORD,  
who greatly delights in his commandments!

**<sup>2</sup>His offspring will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches are in his house,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup>Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

<sup>5</sup>It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;  
who conducts his affairs with justice.

**<sup>6</sup>For the righteous will never be moved;  
he will be remembered forever.**

<sup>7</sup>He is not afraid of bad news;  
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,  
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

<sup>9</sup>He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever;  
his horn is exalted in honor.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 2:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

**C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**C** **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5:13–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed – Back Cover of Hymnal**

### **Children's Message**

### **Sermon Hymn - 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

### **Sermon – “Salt and Light”**

*Matthew 5:13-20*

### **Offering**

### **Offertory**

**We give thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
..... one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Benedicamus**

*LSB 212*

**A** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn - 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**

## SERVING US TODAY

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Pastor Steve Resner</b>
<b>Principal:</b>	<b>Mr. Tyler Kopp</b>
<b>Youth &amp; Family Ministry:</b>	<b>Sonja Bechel</b>
<b>Organist:</b>	<b>Gail Duenckel</b>
<b>Offering Music:</b>	<b>Jasper Allen</b>
<b>Audio:</b>	<b>Tyler Kopp &amp; Kevin Engelbrecht</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Lucas Bechel</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Craig Schulte &amp; Kaden Schulte &amp; Caleb Bernskoetter</b>
<b>Elders:</b>	<b>Chad Bettmann</b>
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>Carson Laughlin &amp; Allie Phillips</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<b>Pat Sommerer &amp; Carrie Wolken</b>

**Prayer Requests:** Brennan Schulte, John Green – Father of Heather Mueller, Kenny Braun, Les Lohraff, Lloyd Sommerer, Cooper Browner, Donnie Bax, Justin Kumburg – Father of Abel Kumburg, Angie Foster – Granddaughter of Judy Ehrhardt, Carol Hale – Friend of member, Doris Wehmeyer – Mother of Diane Trinklein, Loretta Siebeneck - Sister of Shirley Dushecke, Rita Linhardt, Josie Beck, Judy Masters, Ruth Hall - Mother of Marti Thruston, Jean Angerer, Mary Kempker – sister of Rhonda Ahart

**Nursing Home Residents:** Virginia Meier - Heisinger Bluffs, 3rd floor. Arlene Binkley – Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Versailles.