



Immanuel Lutheran Church
Forest City, Iowa
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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "Ring to the Lord of Harvest"

Bell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: You, God, are the one and only King; our one and only King. We bow humbly seeking your forgiveness for the other "kings" that we kneel before and chase after.

(we take a moment to surrender our false gods, laying them at the throne of the Most High)

C: Forgive our wandering, nomadic, drifting allegiance to your throne. Guide us home to your pastures where true life is found. Lead us home to your heart where we learn to trust that you are the only king we need. Root our faith in your sovereign and supreme rule as we strive to follow you, Jesus, through the many powers and principalities in this world that seek to sabotage our faith. In the name of Jesus and the power of your Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

L: Children of the Most High, in Jesus the anointed, you have been granted access to the very throne room of God, to come as you are, without pretense or deception. God, your King knows you through and through. God hears your requests for mercy and forgiveness, and by God's grace and steadfast love your sins are forgiven. Your King smiles upon you this day as you bow your hearts before him, and takes you by the hand, lifts you up, and sends you forth to now carry the grace, mercy, and love that you have received into the world around you and to share it in joyful abundance.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

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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.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Christ, we honor you,

C: The faithful witness,

L: The firstborn of the dead,

C: The ruler of the rulers of heaven and earth.

L: You who love us and freed us from our sins –

C: We honor you.

L: For you have inspired us and taught us

C: You have transformed our lives.

L: You have enlivened our hearts.

C: You have exemplified and embodied Love.

L: In your wisdom you made us to be a kingdom

C: A priesthood of believers.

L: And your rule is forever;

C: Your peace, your goodness, unending.

L: You came to testify to the truth

C: The truth of God's loving nature.

L: And we who listen to your voice

C: And make this testimony

L: With our voices

C: With our actions

L: With our being –

C: That God is Love.

ALL: Love has established the world and it shall not be moved. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6 *Coming of the shepherd and righteous Branch who will execute justice*

PSALM: [based on Psalm 91] **"Be With Me Lord"** Marty Haugen Choir-verses; Congregation-refrain
Refrain: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble, be with me, Lord, I pray.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20 *Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation peace through his blood*

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43 *Jesus is crucified between two thieves: you will be with me in Paradise*
Announcement: Glory to you, O Lord. Conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Lift High the Cross"**

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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PRAYERS: *L: Lord, in your mercy, C: receive our prayer.*

Ruby Sue Albertsen	Pastor Michelle Gawienowski	Linda Olson
Gisle 'Doc' Bartleson	Barb Johnson	Lisa Overlie
Liam Bartleson	Vince & Mavis Langerud	Ashley Rayhons
Daunta Berg	Eleanor Lovik	Jennie Spencer
Michael Christ	Jill (Lewison) Nedved	Missionary Karen Anderson
Hayden Despenas	Mike Oleson	Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" Choir

OFFERTORY: "**O God beyond All Praising**" #880 vs. 3

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION: "**Jesus Remember Me**" (pre-filled kits from the pew) #616

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: "**Crown Him with Many Crowns**" #855

BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

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Worship Participants:

Assisting Minister: Cindi Lehmann	Altar Care: Kathy Leuwerke
Greeter: Shirley Rollefson	Scripture Reader: Mary Kingland
Ushers: Beenken family	Sound/Video Techs: Karl Wooldridge/Carson Strukel
Song Leaders: Steve & Audrey Olmstead	Bell Choir Director: Ruth Melby
Piano/Organ: Karen Post	Choir Director: Linda Ferjak

Today's worship is broadcast at 11:00am over KLOW 107.3 FM. **Broadcast** is given by Dick & Vera Hynes in honor of grandson Hayden Despenas, who received a heart transplant and is now at home in Mason City. Thank you to all for your prayers for Hayden.

Baptized today:

Izabella Rose Little, born Dec. 15, 2021, to Lani (Schulz) & Clayton Little. Baptism sponsors are Christopher Little and Jaci Miller;

Axle John Lindsay, born July 22, 2021, to Alexa Ackerman & Max Lindsay. Baptism sponsors are Lindsey Ganseveld and Nich Lindsay;

Ashton Michael Jordahl, born November 29, 2019 to Whitney (Ackerman) & Austin Jordahl. Baptism sponsor is Alexa Ackerman.

Arthur Harris Jordahl, born April 26, 2022, to Whitney (Ackerman) & Austin Jordahl. Baptism sponsor is Alexa Ackerman.