



# *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa*

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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*The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: "**We All Are One in Mission**"

#576 [music tune #361] ELW

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.**

KYRIE AND HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast"

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5 *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10 [read responsively]

<sup>5</sup> Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup> **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;**

**you save humankind and animals, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup> **They feast upon the abundance of your house;**

**you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

<sup>9</sup> For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup> **Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”**

#310 (vs. 4)

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11 *The wedding at Cana*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“What Feast of Love”**

#487

APOSTLES’ CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *L: God of grace,* **C: hear our prayer.**

**Joann** Bartleson

**Doris** Johnson

**Jill** (Lewison) Nedved

**Liam** Bartleson

**Karen** Kofron

**Tim** Schmidt

**Hayden** Despenas

**Mike** Korth

**Lucky** Truong

**Mercedes**

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

OFFERING: “Lord, Be Here Among Us”

Choir

OFFERTORY: **“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

#836 (vs. 1,3)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION

**“Lamb of God”**

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**“I Come with Joy”**

#482

**“Bread of Life from Heaven”**

#474

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **“In Christ Called to Baptize”**

#575

BLESSING

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Worship Participants:**

Ushers: Chad, Marcie & Keaton Hanson

Altar Care: Marla Betz

Song Leaders: Scott Bertelsen, Jaci Thorson

Assisting Minister: Cynthia Ryder

Sound/Video Techs: Brody Hopp/Ken Ferjak

Scripture Reader: Steve Olmstead

Communion Servers: Steve Westerberg, Leah Boyd

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

Piano/Organ: Karen Post

Choir Director: Linda Ferjak

**IMMANUEL’S DECEMBER GENERAL OFFERINGS:**

Dec. 2024 General Offerings: \$71,558.95

Dec. 2023 General Offerings: \$75,016.41

Monthly Budget: \$41,169.33

YTD Actual 2023: \$480,793.78

YTD Actual 2024: \$458,645.53

Currently, we are (\$17,149.29). Last year, we were \$15,244.88