

# *Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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The Baptism of Our Lord*



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Please stand.

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

C: Amen.

## HYMN

### "BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME MOST HOLY stanza 1"

1 Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a  
place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your saints, your  
cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to  
sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

Text: Johann J. Rambach, 1693–1735, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (KÖNIG) (98 98 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** (*John 3:5,6*)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.  
(*Psalms 51:5*)

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** (*1 Corinthians 6:11*)

## HYMN

### "BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME MOST HOLY stanza 2"

2. *My loving Father, there you took me  
To be henceforth your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, there you let me  
The fruit of all your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see.*

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## HYMN

*"BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME MOST HOLY stanza 3"*

*3. My faithful God, you fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
Oh, cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.*

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN

*"BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME MOST HOLY stanza 4"*

*4. All that I am and love most dearly—  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely,  
And help me your own child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but yours alone.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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*Be seated.*

## FIRST READING

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

<sup>2</sup>But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

<sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

<sup>5</sup>Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

<sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” <sup>9</sup>Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.”

<sup>10</sup>Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup>So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

<sup>12</sup>So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

<sup>13</sup>So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah. (NIV)

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

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

# PSALM 2 (REFRAIN HYMN #943)

*"ISAIAH, MIGHTY SEER"*

The responses are spoken responsively as indicated, the refrain is sung.

Refrain:



Congregation:

'Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is



God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts!



His glo - ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!"

- M: <sup>1</sup> Why do the nations rage?  
Why do the peoples grumble in vain?  
<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth take a stand,  
and the rulers join together  
against the LORD and against his Anointed One.  
<sup>3</sup> "Let us tear off their chains  
and throw off their ropes from us."  
C: <sup>4</sup> **The one who is seated in heaven laughs.**  
**The Lord scoffs at them.**  
<sup>5</sup> **Then he speaks to them in his anger,**  
**and in his wrath he terrifies them.**  
<sup>6</sup> **"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy mountain."**

## Refrain

- M: <sup>7</sup> I will proclaim the decree of the LORD.  
He said to me: "You are my Son. Today I have begotten you."  
<sup>8</sup> Ask me, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth as your possession.  
<sup>9</sup> You will smash them with an iron rod.  
You will break them to pieces like pottery."  
C: <sup>10</sup> **So now, you kings, do what is wise.**  
**Accept discipline, you judges of the earth.**  
<sup>11</sup> **Serve the LORD with fear,**  
**and rejoice with trembling.**  
<sup>12</sup> **Kiss the Son, or he will be angry,**  
**and you will be destroyed in your way,**  
**for his wrath can flare up in a moment.**  
**How blessed are all who take refuge in him. (EHV)**

## Refrain

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## SECOND READING

TITUS 3:4-7

<sup>4</sup>But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ST. MARK 1:11



*Refrain*

C:   
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

M: You are my Son, whom I love;  
with you I am well pleased.

C: **Refrain**

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## HOLY GOSPEL

ST. LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup>The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

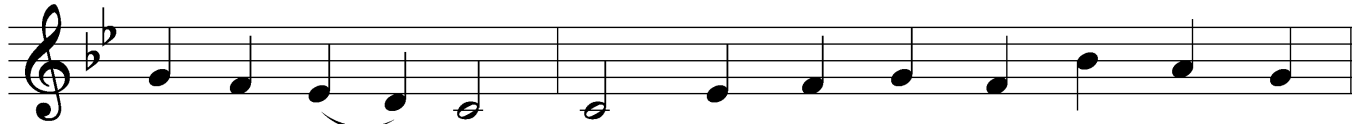
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## HYMN #378

## "TO JORDAN CAME THE CHRIST OUR LORD"



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, to do his  
 2 To his dis - ci - ples spoke the Lord, "Go out to  
 3 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, for God him -  
 4 All that the mor - tal eye be - holds is wa - ter



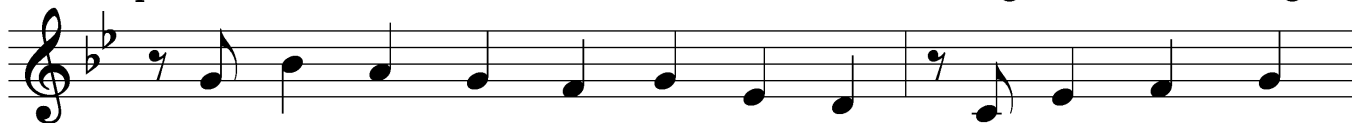
Fa - ther's plea - sure; bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word  
 ev - 'ry na - tion and bring to them the liv - ing Word  
 self has spo - ken; let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell,  
 as we pour it; be - fore the eye of faith un - folds



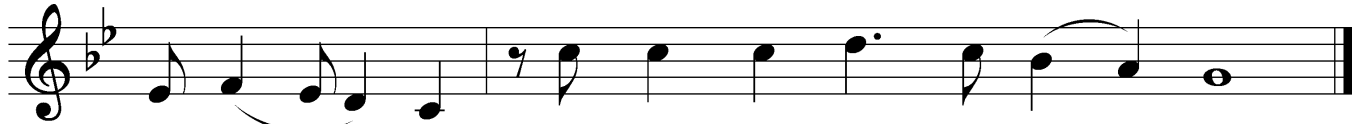
was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing  
 and this my in - vi - ta - tion: Let ev - 'ry - one a -  
 and so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with his  
 the pow'r of Je - sus' mer - it. For here it sees his



now shall be a cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion  
 ban - don sin and come in true con - tri - tion  
 Word en - dows pure wa - ter free - ly flow - ing;  
 pre - cious blood to all our ills bring heal - ing,



and by his blood and ag - o - ny re - lease from death's  
 to be bap - tized and there - by win full par - don and  
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows our kin - ship while  
 the won - ders of that crim - son flood the love of God



op - pres - sion; a new life now a - waits us.  
 re - mis - sion and heav'n - ly bliss in - her - it."  
 be - stow - ing the bap - tism of his bless - ing.  
 re - veal - ing, as - sur - ing his own par - don.

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## SERMON

"THE LORD AND HIS ANOINTED"

*Please stand.*

## REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

M: Holy Baptism is the priceless means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. The apostle Paul wrote: "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Again Paul wrote: "All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives us new life. We reject the devil and confess that we believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

M: I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**C: Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

M: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

**C: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

M: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

M: Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus, to value the Word and sacraments, and to live a life that pleases God?

**C: Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

M: May the eternal God, who saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated.*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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*Please stand.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

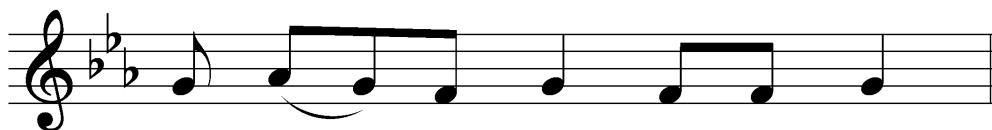
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M: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so 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.

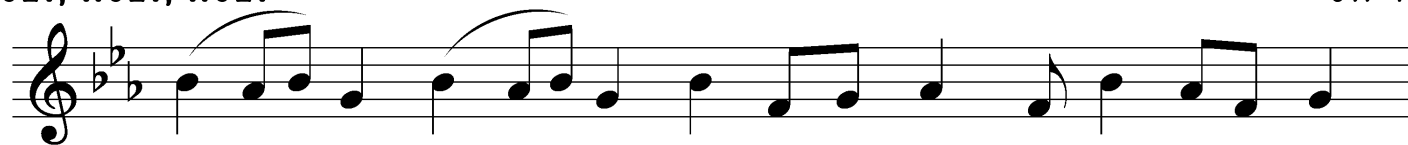


C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

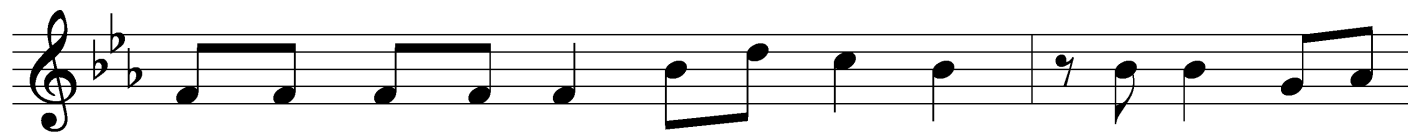
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whose wonderful and mysterious birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

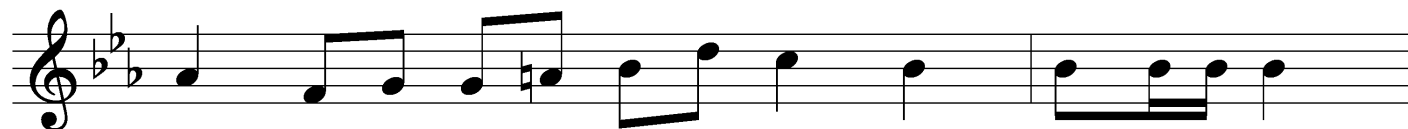
CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,



bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**M:** We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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."

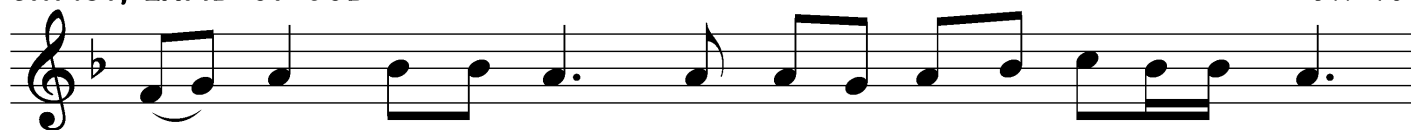
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*CW 169*



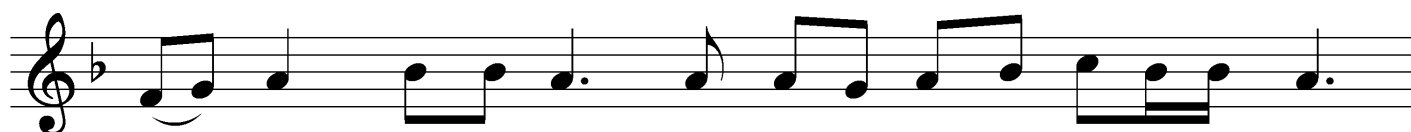
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



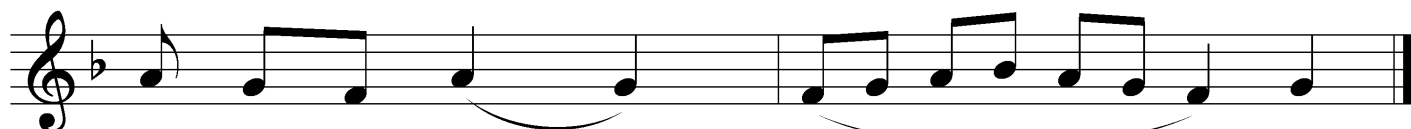
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - - - men.

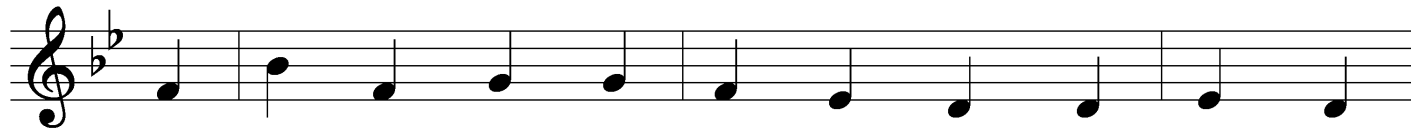
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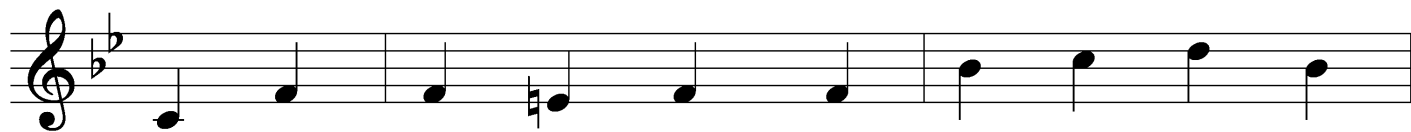
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN #377

"TO JORDAN'S RIVER CAME OUR LORD"



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, the Christ, whom  
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of  
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -  
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, the God from God, the  
 God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the  
 tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 voice with words pro - found: "This is my Son," was



Light from Light, the Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
 Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.  
 heav'n - ly dove, de - scend - ed on him from a - bove.  
 his de - cree, "the one I love, who pleas - es me."

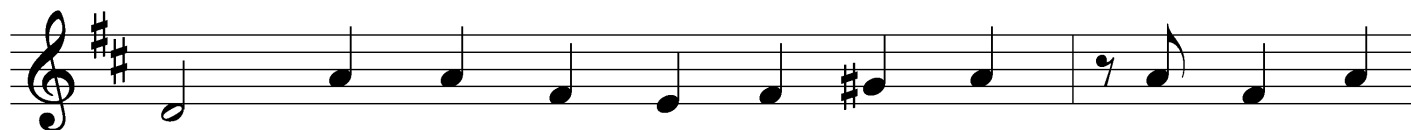
5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
 anointed Christ in glorious sight  
 as God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
 to save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!  
 This man is Christ, our substitute!  
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
 proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

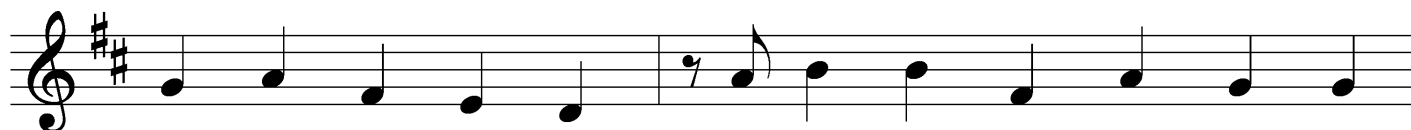
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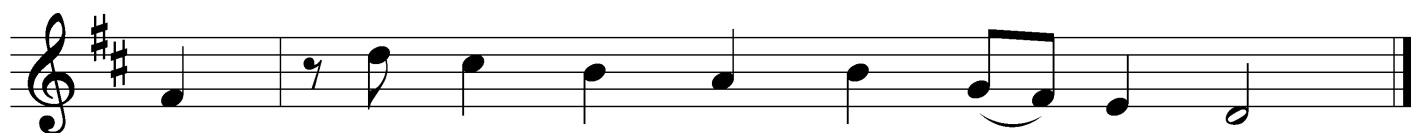
*"THROUGH SIMPLE WATER, DRAWN AND POURED"*



1 Through sim - ple wa - ter, drawn and poured, u - nit - ed  
 2 There at the font with prom - ise true God brings his  
 3 My sin - ful self was cru - ci - fied with Christ, as  
 4 From that day on God helps me drown the sin - ful  
 5 When doubts a - rise, when sin as - sails, the pow'r of



with his pow'r - ful Word, in bap - tism Je - sus sets us  
 sav - ing grace a - new— the sin - in - fect - ed soul he  
 if I, too, had died; and as he rose, I al - so  
 self and hold it down. I am made new; I'm born a -  
 bap - tism nev - er fails. "I am bap - tized! What should I



free from sin's dread pow'r and slav - er - y.  
 heals and all his par - d'ning love re - veals!  
 rise to live with strength that he sup - plies.  
 gain, re - pent - ing, trust - ing, serv - ing him.  
 fear? God's love for me is al - ways near!"

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**M:** The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C:** his mercy endures forever.

**M:** Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C:** we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN #684

*"FATHER WELCOMES"*



Fa - ther wel - comes all his chil - dren to his fam - 'ly through his Son.



Fa - ther giv - ing his sal - va - tion, life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to me, for my king - dom is of these.  
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, in his prom - ise, be as - sured:  
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; let us dai - ly rise with him,



Life and love I have to give, mer - cy for your sin.  
those who are bap - tized and be - lieve shall be born a - gain.  
walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God.

*Refrain*

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**Thank you to members** for your gifts and your Christmas greetings. It is a joy to serve you at Immanuel.

And thank you for the prayers for my daughter-in-law this week, her son is healthy.

Pastor Krueger

**New Bible class:** Join us on Zoom Thursday nights for a study of Worship. In the Lutheran church, we make joining in worship a primary focus of our lives. We follow an order or outline of worship that reflects church traditions going back to the Old Testament. We are eager to join our voices in song and prayer and confession, led by the ministers we have called. Join us in studying why we do what we do. A copy of the study guide is in back. Pastor will email a link to the Zoom class to members--ask him to be included.

**Men's Bible class** and breakfast meets this Saturday morning. Sign up in back if you can attend.

### **LSGOO (Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio)**

Remember your State of Ohio taxes can provide preschool scholarships to help with tuition at Immanuel and “costs you nothing”, you are just redirecting your State of Ohio tax dollars. Contributors to the LSGOO program of Ohio may be eligible for a dollar for dollar tax credit, up to \$750 per person or \$1500 if married filing jointly. You can make donations online or via your personal check.

Online: log online to [www.lsgoo.org](http://www.lsgoo.org) and follow the directions after you click on “donor”. Be sure and select “Immanuel Lutheran preschool of Findlay” since there is another Immanuel option. After you enter all the information - you will receive an email confirmation and also will be mailed a letter of your donation from LSGOO, to be used with your tax filing to receive the State of Ohio tax credit.

Personal Check: Checks should be payable to The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio and mailed to: LSGO of Ohio, 3870 Linden Road, Rocky River, OH 44116. In the memo line, please specify the school to which you'd like your donation designated (note: Immanuel of Findlay since there is another Immanuel in the program). Note: be sure your address is on your check or a note to that effect so the LSGOO committee can mail you your donation confirmation for tax filing.

That's all - it's that easy. Together we can help provide scholarship assistance to more preschool kids and share the love of Jesus with more kids and families.

If anyone has any question ask any member of the Immanuel LSGOO committee:  
*Eldon Betts, Howard Wilch, Don Lucas*

### **CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Worship &amp; Holy Communion, 8:00AM &amp; 10:30AM</i> Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15AM Confirmation, 6:30PM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Church Council Meeting, 6:30 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Adult Bible Class, 10:00 AM Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Adult Bible Class on Zoom, 7:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Japanese Bible Cooking Class, 11,00 AM
<b>Saturday</b>	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 8:00 AM
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Worship, 8:00AM &amp; 10:30AM</i> Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15AM Confirmation, 6:30PM

## BIBLE STUDY

<i>Sunday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Today's Readings	9:15AM
<i>Wednesday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Joshua	10:00AM
<i>Thursday</i>	Zoom Bible Study	Worship	7:00 PM

## GREETERS EAST DOORS

### 1-12

8:00 *Bob H.*

10:30 Diane L.

### 1-19

8:00 *Volunteer*

10:30 Pam W.

### 1-26

8:00 Howard & Nancy W.

10:30 Deana H.

## NORTH DOORS

*Volunteer*

Bill & Helen R.

*Volunteer*

Jim & Jamie T.

*Volunteer*

Brad & Sarah S.

## JANUARY USHERS

8:00 *Bob H., Howard W.*

10:30 Matt M., Don B.

**ACCOMPANIST:** Connie Krueger

**Welcome!** We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us welcome the opportunity of worship. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, please feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

**Large print bulletins** are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

**There are visitor welcome packets** available in the narthex.

**There are children's books**, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

**Silence is golden.** Please silence cell phones before worship.

**Bulletin Board:** If you would like items displayed, please contact the office.

**When receiving communion**, it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.

**Celebrating Communion in Love**—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.