



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, January 14, 2024, 9:30am

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to
worship! Please
complete a
Connection Card
and place the card
in the
offering plate.
Thank you!

All the baptized
have a calling in
God's world. God
calls not just
pastors and deacons
but also the
youngest child,
like Samuel. The
story of the calling
of Nathanael
plays with the
idea of place.
Nathanael initially
dismisses Jesus
because he
comes from Nazareth.
But where we come
from isn't important;
it's where—or rather
whom—we come to.
Jesus refers to Jacob,
who had a vision in a
place he called "the
house of God, and . . .
the gate of heaven"
(Gen. 28:17). Jesus
says he himself is the
place where Nathanael
will meet God.

GATHERING

- PRELUDE
- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
- TEMPLE TALK
- GATHERING & HYMN

Cody Scanlon

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

Leader:

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:

the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:

and the day is al - most over.

Leader:

Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:

and shine within your peo - ple here. —

All: a tempo

1. Joy - ous light of heav - 'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
 2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
 3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry

glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
 blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
 danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle

sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
 wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
 jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y

eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
 fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
 God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our

you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us

light our hearts a - new.
 free and make us whole.
 on to end - less day.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, one of the ways we find joy in a weary world is through connection. The prayer of confession is a place of connection with God. In the prayer of confession we get to come before God with our full, messy, honest selves. And in the midst of that mess, God tells us that we are loved, claimed, and forgiven. There is no greater joy than that. So join me in the prayer of confession, not because you have to, but because you can. Let us connect with our merciful God.

God of laughter, God of open front doors and the reunion of family and friends, **we confess that we often doubt good news. We move through this world waiting for the other shoe to drop, waiting for life to fall apart, waiting for our humanity to get the best of us. Instead of leaning into joy, we lean into scarcity. We lean into fear. We lean into isolation. Forgive us for forgetting that joy is amplified when shared. Heal the wounds we have from past hurts, and teach us how to throw open our doors to you. Show us how to find joy in connection.**

Faith family, I imagine that when we come before God with the truth of our lives, the door is thrown open. There is laughter. There is joy. There is embracing—and it is holy. So trust this; believe this: You are claimed. You are loved. You are forgiven. And you are sent to serve. Find joy in that. **Amen!**

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.**

THANKSGIVING

Leader: May God be with you all, *All:* and al - so with you;

Leader: Let us sing our thanks to — God,

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

All: A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli per-

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry. 3

ceived that the LORD was calling the boy.⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."¹¹ Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.¹³ For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them.¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am."¹⁷ Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you."¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

¹Lord, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything.¹³ "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are

You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)

members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Here I Am, Lord

#574

Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church (*especially*) be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration (*especially*). God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints (*especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church*). God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(Please be seated.)

MEAL



OFFERING

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

OFFERING SONG

Open Our Eyes, Lord

TFF#98

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.
To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

... with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



sion will be structured as a stand-alone study. Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! If you have questions, call or text 540-435-4915.

***ELEVATOR 'OUT-OF-COMMISSION'**: The elevator is NOT USEABLE. Work is being done to retrofit the elevator with a new lift. The company we are working with is A4 Access. 80% of the work is complete. We have run into issues to complete the final 20%. There has been an add-on cost of \$7,500 due to a State of Michigan Code change. Martin Saari and members of the Property Committee are working diligently to bring this project to completion. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

***"GOT SNEAKERS??"** We are collecting used ATHLETIC SNEAKERS which are then sent to a company that reuses those that are still usable and recycles those that aren't. There is currently a bag in the Stewardship corner where they can be deposited. Thank you for your donation.

***ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE** The final day to submit for the 2023 Annual Report is **this Thursday, January 18.**

***CHANGES TO CHURCH SERVICE TIMES** As of **Sunday, January 7,** we began Sunday Worship Services at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall in addition to the regular 9:30am service. This service will replace the Monday night service.

***CHURCH CLOSING PROCEDURES** In the event of inclement weather, a closing announcement will be placed on the church phone message, signs will be posted on the church doors, a post will be added to the church webpage and on Facebook and the closure will be listed on TV6 Closures. Sunday School closures will be posted on our Sunday School Facebook page by 7:30am. When you see the cancellation notice, please pass it on to your friends who may not have seen it yet.

***INTERNET SAFETY** On **Wednesday, January 24,** Trooper Tom Kinnunen will be doing a presentation and discussion on Internet Safety in the Fellowship Hall. A meal will be served at 6:00pm with the presentation to follow. All are welcome to attend!

***BEACON** In an effort to cut costs and help save the environment, we would like to update our files as to how you would like to receive the Beacon. Please fill out the insert in today's bulletin and drop it in the offering plate or at the office. Thank you for your help!

***GUIDING GOOD CHOICES PARENT/CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES** This caregiver education series will be held on 5 consecutive Wednesdays from **5:30-7:30pm** starting on **January 31** at the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum, West Baraga Avenue, Marquette.

Session Dates:

January 31st, Getting Started: How to Promote Health and Wellbeing During the Teen Years

February 7th, Setting Guidelines: How to Develop Healthy Beliefs and Clear Standards

February 14th, Managing Conflict: How to Deal with Your Anger in a Positive Way

February 21st, Avoiding Trouble: How to Say No, Keep Your Friends, and Still Have Fun

February 28th, Involving Everyone: How to Strengthen Family Bonds

Details:

Supper will be provided at each session

Child supervision available at the Children's Museum for participants' child(ren)

Participants who complete all five sessions will be eligible to win a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card.

***KITCHEN CLEAN UP** Please come and help out with a kitchen clean up on **Monday, January 22** at **9:30am.**

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**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

***Pray For:*** Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Karen Couture, Dan Hendrickson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Jessica Luck, Kathryn Madison, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Ezra Newman, Stephanie Penhale, Shirley Pizziola, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Marlene Romback, Louise Spickerman, Kathy Stambaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Taseris, Bob Walker.

***Our Shut-ins:*** Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, June Jarvi, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Elsie Suardini, Lynne Tossa-va.

***Members in the Armed Service:*** Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Tanner Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.  
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IN JANUARY, our **Tanzanian Connection and Relations** will be the **Mission Emphasis (ME)**. Many miles separate us, but we discover God's blessing of strengthened faith and vitality in the relationships we develop visiting and being visited by our Tanzanian brothers and sisters in Christ. January's above-and-beyond ME offerings will go to our Immanuel Companion Congregation fund, to help defray the cost of traveling to Yombo Lutheran Church of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania this May. If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use January's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*



Thank you for giving \$1,180 in December to the
Room at the Inn.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Bre Kinnunen*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN:
Sunday & Monday - *Connie Scanlon*

Worship Services: Sunday @ 9:30am / 6:00pm
Office Hours are 8:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30am GREETERS	<i>Alice Mutkala</i>	6:00pm GREETERS	<i>Diana Hetrick</i>
	<i>Julie Vargason</i>		<i>Jim Hetrick</i>
9:30am USHERS	<i>Alice Mutkala</i>	6:00pm USHERS	<i>Diana Hetrick</i>
	<i>Julie Vargason</i>		<i>Jim Hetrick</i>
9:30am LECTOR	<i>Cody Scanlon</i>	6:00pm LECTOR	<i>Sheila Meier</i>
9:30am COMM ASSTS	<i>Danielle Songer</i>	6:00pm COMM ASSTS	<i>Sheila Meier</i>
	<i>Emily Huff</i>		
	<i>Cody Scanlon</i>		
9:30am Tech Team	<i>Tyler Moore</i>		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 14—January 21, 2024

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

	<i>Second Sunday after Epiphany</i>	
Sunday	9:30am	Worship Service
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship
	5:00-7:00pm	UPLIFT
	6:00pm	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
	7:30pm	AA Group Meets (men & women)
Tuesday	9:30am	Miriam Circle
	10:00am	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting
	6:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	7:00pm	Bible Study @ Pasquali's

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (cont'd)
January 14—January 21, 2024

Wednesday	1:30pm	Abigail Circle
	6:00pm	Choir Practice
	7:15 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting
Thursday	10:00am	Quilting
	DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS	
Friday	OFFICE CLOSED	
	10:00am	AA
Sunday	<i>Third Sunday after Epiphany</i>	
	9:30am	Worship Service
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship
	5:00-7:00pm	UPLIFT
	6:00pm	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
	7:30pm	AA Group Meets (men & women)

(FYI: Pastor Bre can be reached at 507-993-1909 or email: upbre3@gmail.com.)