



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, January 21, 2024, 9:30am

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Follow Me

Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.)

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!**

OPENING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story


#661




GREETING & THANKSGIVING

Leader:  *All:* 

May God be with you 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

Almighty God, **by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

WORD

READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹ And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³ for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴ For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not all too human? ⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to...
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Go, Make Disciples

#540

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,

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

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.

God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them (*as the martyr, Agnes, ministered to victims of sexual abuse*). Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain (*especially*). God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. 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 in body or spirit.)



*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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!* #315
 Taste and See #493

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift, **Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.** Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 21—January 28, 2024

***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations that are needed are bakery items, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for January is Social Ministry. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for Coffee Hour or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact Linda Sjolund at 517-242-5364 with your date and any item you wish to bring. **THANK YOU ALL FOR VOLUNTEERING!**

***TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** All are welcome to come to our study on **TUESDAYS** from 7:30pm-9:00pm at Pasquali's in Negaunee. We welcome you to drop in as your schedule allows. Each week's discussion will be structured as a stand-alone study. Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! If you have questions, call or text 540-435-4915.

***"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.

***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** This **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 **tomorrow, Monday, January 22** at **9:30am**.

***END OF THE YEAR STATEMENTS** are available in the Fellowship Hall. They are in alphabetical order. Please pick up at your convenience. If you are unable to get to the church and would like it mailed, please contact the office.

***SUPER BOWL PARTY** The Superior Central Conference Youth between 6th-12th grade are invited to a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, **February 11 from 6:00pm-9:00pm** at Immanuel. Join us for Food, Fellowship and Football. Please RSVP to stacymc6@gmail.com.

***FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** This nine week course will meet once a week on Sundays starting on **February 18** from **6:00pm-8:00pm**. If you are interested in signing up or need more information, call the church office or speak to Ben Raymond.

***ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Meeting is scheduled for **February 4** at **11:00am** in the Fellowship Hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 21—January 28, 2024

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

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

	<i>Third 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)
Monday	9:30am	Kitchen Clean-up
Tuesday	10:00am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Bible Study @ Pasquali's
Wednesday	6:00pm	Internet Safety Presentation/Discussion beginning with a meal
	6:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	10:00am	Quilting
Friday	OFFICE CLOSED	
	10:00am	AA
Sunday	<i>Fourth 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.)

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!

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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, Molly 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 Tossava.*

**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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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>Judy Hallgren Dave Hallgren</i>	6:00pm GREETERS	<i>Kevin Crupi Reuven Romback</i>
9:30am USHERS	<i>Judy Hallgren Dave Hallgren</i>	6:00pm USHERS	<i>Kevin Crupi Reuven Romback</i>
9:30am LECTOR	<i>Val Paulson</i>	6:00pm LECTOR	<i>Ben Raymond</i>
9:30am COMM ASST	<i>Dana Echelbarger Sally Echelbarger Mike Lempinen</i>	6:00pm COMM ASST	<i>Katie Ritzenhein</i>
9:30am Tech Team	<i>Tyler Moore</i>		

YOUR 2024 DONATION BOX CAN BE PICKED UP.
THEY ARE LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.
PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BOX. (If you cannot find one and you would like one, please contact the office and they will prepare one for you.) THANK YOU!

SUPERIOR CENTRAL CONFERENCE YOUTH
BETWEEN 6TH-12TH GRADE
ARE INVITED TO A

SUPER BOWL PARTY



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
6:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

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JOIN US FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FOOTBALL!



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