

Welcome to All

*Mission: To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we **GATHER** and worship, **GROW** in the Word, and **SERVE** God by serving people.*

Information for Visitors ...

A special welcome to guests and visitors! May our time together be a blessing to you.

Assistance is available from elders in entryway identified by a large red nametag.

Coffee & Fellowship is available in the Gather Room each Sunday between services.

A **Nursery** is available from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for children through age 4. It is located at the bottom of the grand staircase just outside the Gather Room.

Children's bulletins are available from the ushers.

Elevator is located through the basement and the ushers' room in the Sanctuary.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and all ages are welcome. Adult classes meet in the Conference Room, Parlor, and Grow Room.

Red Worship Attendance pads are passed during the offering. Please take a moment to register your attendance. Visitors, please let us know if we can be of service to you.

Regular Worship Times 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of communion is celebrated at all worship services every Sunday.

All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness.

During our 8:30 a.m. service commune by intinction, meaning you may dip the wafer in either the wine or grape juice or drink from the common cup. During our 10:30 a.m. service you will be ushered forward to kneel at the railing. Please deposit used chalice in the baskets after you stand up.

Gluten-free wafers and/or white grape juice are available at all services.

Please silence cell phones

As you enter today we invite you to take a piece of fabric and sharpie as it will be used in the sermon today.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ, Be Our Light (vs.5)

ELW 715

WELCOME Pastor Candice Combs

OPENING HYMN *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*
(vs. 1 & 2)

ELW 843

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.

C: Amen.

A: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: God who searches us and knows us,

**C: you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.

Receive the promise of baptism:
You are God's child; your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
C: Amen.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



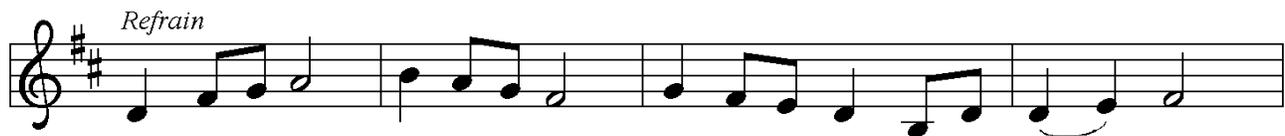
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - migh-t-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112:1-9 (read responsively)

¹Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

⁷They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

⁸Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

⁹They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said: ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

SERMON

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 THE PEOPLE

A: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

PEACE

We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor, and introduce yourself to someone you don’t know. With winter cold and flu season upon us, in lieu of shaking hands, we invite you to share a fist bump, elbow rub, or peace sign.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission
(vs. 1, 2, 5)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of wonder,

**C: you formed us in our mother's womb,
and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine.**

**We place them on your table,
together with our lives and all that you have made.**

Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit.

We wait for your mercy;

we long for your peace;

we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ,

our banquet of life.

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

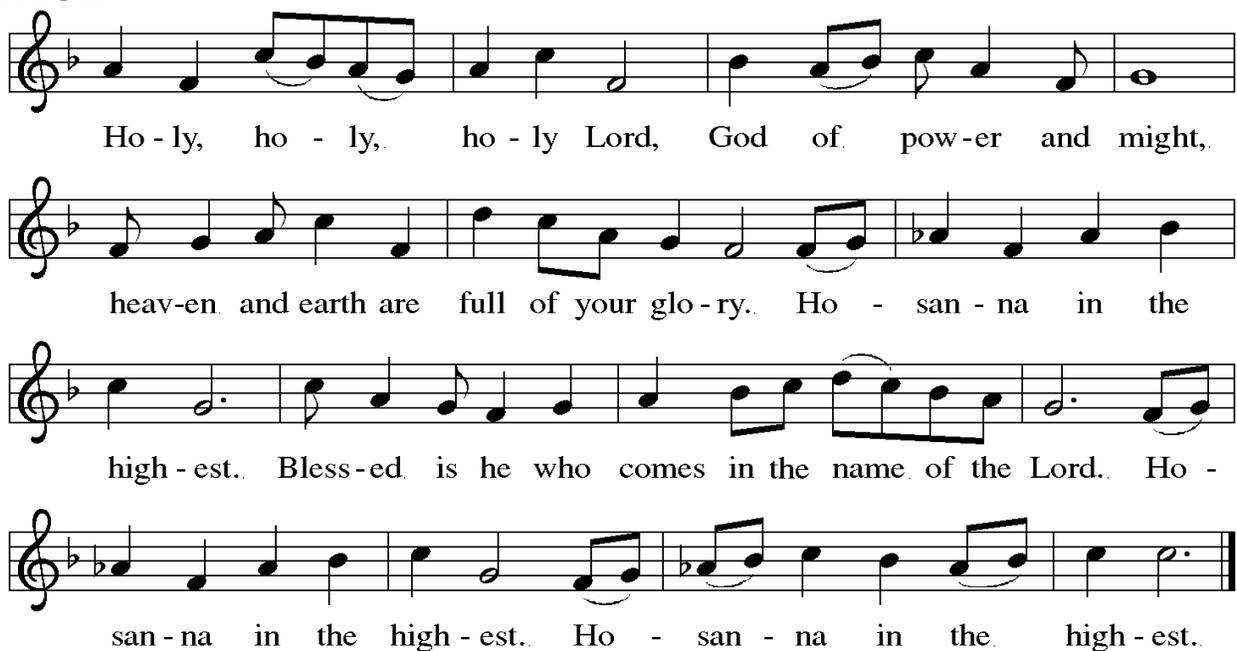
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

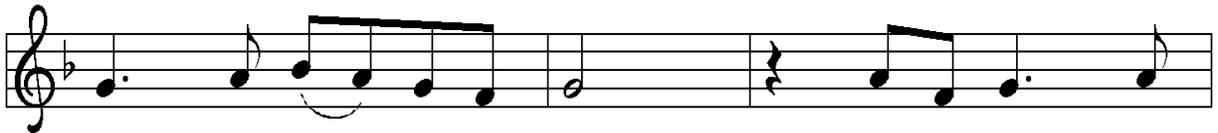
You are invited to bring your piece of fabric forward at communion, and tie it to the net after you commune.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

How Great Thou Art

ELW 856

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

I Come With Joy

ELW 482

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.'

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Faithful God,
**C: you have kept your promise to us in this meal,
nourishing us with the gift of salvation.
Now send your servants forth in peace,
that we may testify to your goodness
and share the hope that is ours
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

BLESSING

P: May Christ, the wisdom and power of God,
and the source of our life together,
keep you united in mind and purpose.
And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you always.
C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

O God of Mercy, God of Light
(vs. 1 & 3)

ELW 714

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please return your sharpie to the usher for next week.

Prayer List

Please pray for these ILC members

Elois Sakewitz	Wilbert Becker	Clarence Bohls	Fred Scott
Susan Moore	Donna Cearley	Judy Tawater	Trilba Eschberger
Vernette Fuchs	H.L. Weiss	Donald Wolf	Virginia Weiss
Billie Becker	Randa Nowotny	Cyndi Motloch	Charla Dubes

Please pray for these friends & extended family members:

Kenneth Warren	Rodney Reed	Beverly Kuchar	Marvin Schroeder
Calen Stewart	Evelyn Wuensce	Ike Eickbusch	Jayshree Sampalli LaRose
Barrett Randig	Ricki Hooper	Karen Benavidez	

During their time of loss, please pray for the families of Larry Vorwerk and Jan Selman and Judy Tawater.

Chapel flowers are placed in loving memory of Ruby Pfluger with much love by her family.

Gather & Grow

Sun	Worship Service – Parish Hall (Scout Sunday)	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship Service – Sanctuary	10:30 a.m.
Mon	Crafters Circle – Candy Hansen’s Studio Workroom	9:00 a.m.
	Men’s Basketball	8:00 p.m.
Tues	UP – Parish Hall	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
	Evangelism Committee Meeting – Parlor	11:00 a.m.
	Stewardship Committee Meeting – Gather Room	5:30 p.m.
	Day School Committee Meeting – Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
	LRPC Meeting – Gather Room	7:00 p.m.
Wed	UP – Gather Room	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
	Tired & Retired – Parish Hall	11:30 a.m.
	Cemetery Committee Meeting	4:00 p.m.
	Sotaria Praise Band Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Thurs	UP – Parish Hall	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Fri	“Sweet Little Jesus Boy” Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Sat	Healthy Congregation Workshop	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
	“Sweet Little Jesus Boy” – Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.
Sun	Worship Service – Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship Service – Sanctuary	10:30 a.m.
	“Sweet Little Jesus Boy” – Parish Hall	3:00 p.m.

Announcements

“Yellow Brick House” Food Pantry Weekly request: We ask that you prayerfully consider helping with this ministry through food and/or cash donation.

• Bread	• Pancake mix
• Sugar (2 and 4 lbs.)	• Pineapple (20 oz. cans)
• Chicken Helper/Skillet	• Tuna Helper/Skillet
• Black-eyed peas and pinto beans (15oz. cans)	• Instant Potatoes (mashed, scalloped, au gratin)
• Large bottles of fruit juice (grape, apple, orange etc.)	• Desserts (cookies, Nutty Bars, Swiss Rolls etc.)

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy” tells the life of Jesus on a rotating stage with over 50 cast members. This presentation will be Saturday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please make plans to come see this incredible presentation! Come a little early and get a good seat! Once the play starts no one will be seated until the next scene change. Pick up flyers as you leave church today to distribute to friends and neighbors. Hope to see you there!

Due to a conflict on the 3rd Sunday in February, the **Domino Group** will move its monthly get together to the 4th Sunday for this month only. Anyone interested in playing dominoes is welcome to join us. We hope to see you on Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 in the Gather Room.

Tired and Retired will get together this Wednesday, February 12 at 11:30 a.m. for potluck. Pastor Candice will be with us for another Question & Answer time. Won't you come and bring a friend. Dress in your Valentine attire if you wish. See you then!

Thankoffering piggy banks have been placed in the Gather Room. Please take one and fill throughout the year as you wish. It will be returned on October 18 at the WELCA Thankoffering Services.

Question and Answer with Pastor Candice: There will be a question and answer with Pastor Candice regarding the concern of keeping ILC's rich traditions during this time of transition. This is today at 9:30 a.m. in the Gather Room.

The church office will be closed Monday, February 10 and Monday, February 17 for compensation for weekend staff development workshops. Please feel free to email the church office or leave a voicemail and we will make sure any needs are attended to.

HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS WORKSHOP #1 will be held Saturday, February 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the ILC Parish Hall. The \$25 fee includes lunch, course material and an honorarium for the Synod presenter. Please register online for this event at <http://bit.ly/ilcworkshop1>.

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce Giving Sundays this year to help support ministries outside of ILC. We hope you will open your hearts to these wonderful opportunities to support God's work. Our first ministry is Daily Bread, Lutheran Campus Ministries' food pantry, a resource for hungry students at UT. A special offering will be taken up on **Sunday, February 16** at both services and Pastor Brad Fuerst with LuMin has been invited to give the sermon and lead a Q&A during the Sunday School hour.

Baby Care Kits: During the months of January and February WELCA members are collecting items for Baby Care Kits (6-24 months). Items include cotton t-shirts, gowns or sleepers, blankets, cloth diapers, jackets/sweaters, socks, hand towels, bars of gentle soap and diaper pins. For more information see the Image, posters around the ILC or visit <https://lwr.org/get-involved/build-kits-of-care/baby-care-kits>. Gently used items are accepted.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: January 22 staff interviews were conducted and Sunday, January 26 the youth interviews were completed. Now that the Church Council members have been elected, we will immediately begin working on the Ministry Site Profile. Updates on our progress will be posted as soon as details are available. Please keep the Committee and the process in your prayers.

Lutheran World Relief: SOAP NEEDED FOR PERSONAL CARE KITS - We are in need of **60** bars of soap to complete the Personal Care Kits. Please consider bringing one or more **full** size bar(s) of soap to Church in the next couple of Sundays. With your donation we will be able help 37 (or possibly more) keep clean and well groomed!! Drop your soap off in the WELCA Room on in the basket located in the Gather Room.

Dinner Around the World: The youth is hosting a night “around the world” which focuses on different foods from other countries. The event will be held in the Parish Hall Saturday, February 29 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The fundraiser includes food, a silent auction, live auction items, and fun for everyone! FREE day care will be provided in the gym while adults enjoy the evening together!

WELCA: Please join us for the Capital North/Capital South Conference Event at Abiding Love Lutheran in Austin on March 7. You can pick up a registration form from the WELCA bulletin board. Registration is \$12 and should be paid by February 21.

Immanuel's Backpack Ministry is in need of volunteers to help with delivering bags to Ruth Barron Elementary. There is a sign up calendar on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you would like to help but can't commit to a certain day, you can also be on the emergency call list. This is a list we are compiling of people who can be called last minute to fill in if we do not have a volunteer. Please let the office know if you would like to be on that list.

New Member Class to begin on Sunday, February 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This is a six-week long class which is open to anyone interested in becoming a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, or current members who want a refresher on life at Immanuel! New Member Sunday will be April 5! Please RSVP to Melissa Parry at melissap@ilcpville.org if you plan on attending the class.

Funeral Receptions: We are in the process of updating the list of ladies who have volunteered to bring cakes to the funeral receptions and kitchen volunteers. Please notify Janelle Hebbe at 512-251-4007 or janelle@sbcglobal.net if you wish to add your name to this ministry. If you are already on the list or belong to a Bible study circle there is no need to respond.

Giving Statements have been mailed out. If you didn't receive yours in the mail or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

Collection Bins: There are now collection bins outside the church office to leave items for backpacks, food pantry, and other select items that will be collected throughout the year. They are labeled accordingly for easy access.

Please remember to let the office know about special dates and events, especially those events that only happen once a year.

Last Sunday's Worship Attendance – Early: 73 Late: 149

Last Sunday's Sunday School Attendance – Youth: 35 Adults: 41

Joyfully Serving Today

	Early Service	Late Service
Organists	Joy Arnhamn	Vernagene Mott
Acolytes	None needed	
Assisting Minister	Devorah Jakubowsky	Devorah Jakubowsky
Readers	Scouts	Candy Hansen
Communion Assts	Scouts	
Chapel Asst Minister	None needed	Jean Pfluger
Ushers/Greeters	Scouts	
Children's Message	Kevin Kluge	
Console/Projectionist	Martin Jakubowsky/Kelby Sladek	Dave Gifford
Coffee Maker	Mark Mueller	
Altar Guild	Peggy Parker	Jan Selman & Sharion Tanner

Please contact a **Council Member** if you have any special facility needs.

February	Clint Fletcher	512-925-0104
March	TBD	

Please contact an **Elder** if you would like to assist with worship or sign up online at www.bit.ly/ILCsignup.

Early Service – Parish Hall (8:30 a.m.)

February	Steve Barczi	512-657-2021
March	Jane Dunnigan	512-569-6200

Late Service – Sanctuary (10:30 a.m.)

February	Kurt Schwartz	512-636-3158
March	Steve Dubes	512-659-6552

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City on a Hill

by James C. Christensen

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." – Matthew 5:14-16

I took the train from Rome to Umbria one year. As the sun set across the countryside tiny lights began to twinkle and I realized they were the little hill towns, each shining in the darkness. As a somewhat weary traveler, far from home, it was reassuring that night on the train to see the tiny little lights that shone up and down the valley, knowing that each glowing dot represented life.

It occurred to me that this is what the Savior was talking about in the Sermon on the Mount. Back then, people didn't have television or photography or any other kind of visuals, so Jesus taught using things they would be familiar with, such as a city on a hill. As in the days of Christ, the light from these ancient hill towns would have served as a guide, offering direction and comfort to travelers, so it was important to let that light be seen—to let it shine. I'm always impressed with the way the Master could use a simple analogy to teach a profound truth. One of the things I enjoy doing in my work is depicting a scene or moment like this in a way that helps people understand why Jesus used a particular image or example.

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



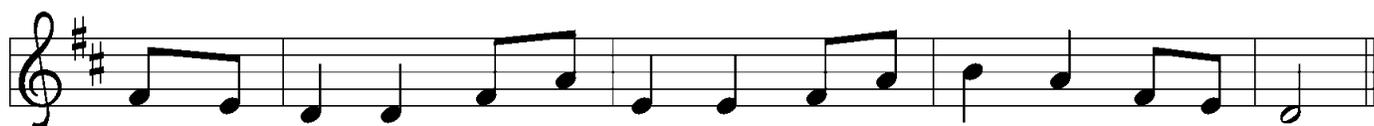
- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

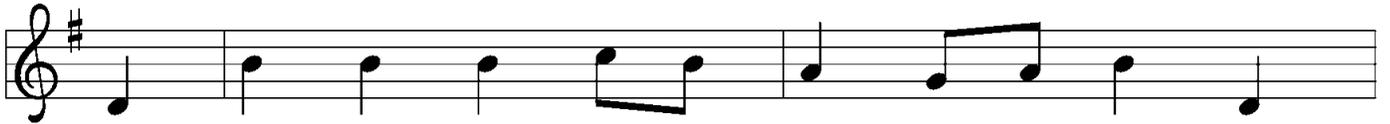


Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y•a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



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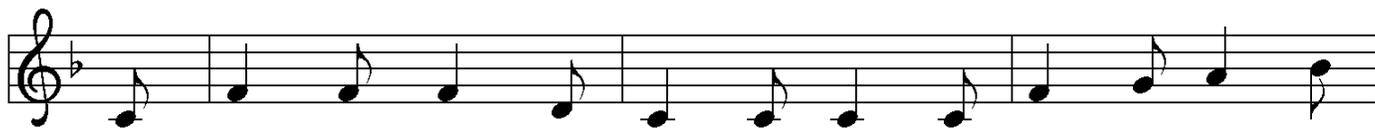


When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
word and thought may work a work for you.
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.