



## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 9, 2020

**THEME:** True worship is expressed by lives filled with service and love.

**HYMN 291:** *"We Have a Sure Prophetic Word"*

**THE COMMON SERVICE** – Page 15

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 58:5-9a (EHV) (sermon text)

*God prescribed Israel's ritual worship, including fasting. But such things were never to be considered godly simply by virtue of their performance. The Lord looks beyond the ritual to the heart. The worship of God extends beyond the formalities of ritual worship to include the entire life of the believer.*

58:5 Is this the kind of fast that I would choose: a day when a person afflicts himself and bows his head like a reed and makes his bed on sackcloth and ashes? Do you call this a fast, a day to gain the Lord's favor?

6 On the contrary, isn't this the kind of fast that I would choose: to loosen the chains of wickedness, to tear apart the ropes of a yoke, to release the oppressed so they go free, and to tear every yoke to pieces?

7 Isn't a true fast that you share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless and afflicted into a house? Yes, when you see a naked person, you are to cover him, and do not hide yourself from your own flesh and blood.

8 Then your light will break forth like dawn, and your healing will spring up quickly. Your righteousness will go out ahead of you, and the Glory of the Lord will follow you.

9 Then you will call, and the Lord will answer. You will cry out, and he will say, "Here I am!"

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 111 (p.106) (sung in unison)

*The Church sings of the goodness of God in providing redemption for his people.*

**SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (EHV)**

*Paul reminds the Corinthians that his preaching centered on the crucified Christ, not on the promotion of one's self. True preaching of the Word always demonstrates the Spirit's power, not the wisdom of man.*

2:1 As for me, brothers, when I came to you, I did not come with superior speech or wisdom in order to proclaim to you the testimony of God. For I had no intention of knowing anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness, in fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not marked by persuasive words of human wisdom, but by a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

**CHOIR:** *"Shine, Christian, Shine"*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:13-20 (EHV) (please stand)

*Jesus calls his believers light, salt, and a city set on a hill. He calls on Christians to let their lives shine and so glorify God in this sin-darkened world. Jesus came to fulfill the law in our place, providing a "righteousness that surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law."*

5:13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. In the same way let your light shine in people's presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them but to fulfill them. Amen I tell you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not even the smallest letter, or even part of a letter, will in any way pass away from the Law until everything is fulfilled. So 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 practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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**HYMN 280:** *"Thy Strong Word"*

**SERMON THEME:**

**CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART** – Page 20

**OFFERING HYMN 485 Verses 1 & 2:** *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* (Please Stand)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER** - Page 20

**ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION** – Page 21

**PRE-COMMUNION HYMN 309:** *"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"*

**SONG OF SIMEON** – Page 24 (Please Stand)

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 260:** *"Let All Things Now Living"*

**SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Epiphany

**Serving Us Today ~ February 9, 2020**

**Organist:** Marge Schroeder

**Counters:** Sandy Briese, Randy & Amy Montgomery

**Altar Guild:** Barb Luft, Ann Gosdeck & Julie Treichel

**Ushers:** Karl Luft, Dave Leatherman & Timothy Krause

**During Our Worship Service** this morning we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Non-members are asked to speak with Pastor Seelman before the service prior to communing.

**2020 Annual Meeting Will Be Held Today** immediately after our Worship Service. Please stay a few minutes to review the 2019 Annual Report and a couple additional agenda items.

**Italian Night at Immanuel:** Yummy Italian cuisine galore in our Fellowship Hall on Friday at 4:30 p.m.; hors d'oeuvres & beverages, dinner served at 5:30 p.m. ALL are invited to attend and/or volunteer. There is a sign-up sheet in our fellowship hall if you are interested. Two types of pasta, meats and sauces will be provided. However, anyone wishing to provide food would be greatly appreciated! This will be a fun time! Everyone is going to enjoy this event....mark your calendar and just show up!!

**GriefShare:** Members of Immanuel that have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited to attend our next session starting tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. This offer is also extended to any individual in the Oshkosh area that seeks relief for their grief journey. Please invite and encourage those you feel may benefit from these meetings. All information shared is strictly confidential.

**Women's Retreat in Kewaskum on February 22:** Immanuel ladies have been invited to attend their annual retreat. Please see our bulletin board for more information.

**A Portable DVD Player Is Now Available** for our shut-ins or anyone that would like to view our Worship Services. Please speak with Pastor if you are interested.

**Ash Wednesday Is February 26 With Communion.** During the Wednesdays of Lent, our sermons will be focused on "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." We will begin our Lenten Fellowship with soup suppers at 5:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is located near the bulletin board for those willing to provide soup, bread, cheese, sausage, desserts, etc. and to assist with serving and clean-up. Thank you!

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		Office Hours this week:	
Budgeted Need per week	\$3,120.00	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon	
Budgeted Rec'd 02-02-2020	\$13,235.00	Today	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Budgeted Need to date	\$15,600.00	Today	10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting
Budgeted Rec'd to date	\$23,496.00	Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Bible Class
<i>Epiphany</i>		Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
		Thursday	7:30 p.m. Dartball
		Friday	4:30 p.m. Italian Night
Worship Attendance 02-02-20	69	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sunday School	4	Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Sunday Doctrine Class	11	Sunday	10:00 a.m. Doctrine Study
Tuesday Bible Class	9	Sunday	

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