

# *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

*February 2, 2020*

**THEME:** “Those who follow Jesus by faith are called to live lives to His glory.”

**HYMN 249:** “*God of Mercy, God of Grace*”

**SERVICE OF THE WORD** – Page 38

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST LESSON:** Micah 6:1-8 (EHV) (Sermon Text)

*The Lord summons his people to answer the case he has against them. God’s people had forgotten his mighty acts on their behalf. How shall God be answered? With promises of offerings and sacrifices? No, the Lord looks for faith expressing itself in mercy, justice, and a humble walk with God.*

6:1 Listen now to what the LORD is saying. Get up. Plead your case to the mountains. Let the hills hear your voice.

2 Listen, you mountains, to the accusation from the LORD. Pay attention, you enduring foundations of the earth, because the LORD is presenting a case against his people, and he is indicting Israel.

3 My people, what have I done to you, and how have I made you weary? Answer me!

4 I was the one who brought you up from the land of Egypt. I redeemed you from the place where you were slaves. I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam ahead of you.

5 My people, remember what Balak king of Moab planned, and how Balaam son of Beor responded to him when you were about to travel from Shittim to Gilgal, so that you may acknowledge the LORD’s righteous acts.

6 With what am I to appear before the LORD? How should I bow down to God on high? Should I appear before him with burnt offerings, with one-year-old calves?

7 Will the LORD be delighted with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of streams of oil? Should I give my firstborn for my rebellion, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He has told you, mankind, what is good. What does the LORD require from you, except to carry out justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 1 (p.64) (sung in unison)

*The Church sings of the blessedness of those who walk in the way of the Lord.*

**SECOND LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (EHV)

*Paul now urges the Corinthians to remember in humility their calling to faith by grace. No one can claim a place before God by virtue of worldly stature or wisdom. Indeed, God calls the weak and lowly “so that no one may boast before him.”*

1:26 For example, consider your call, brothers. Not many of you were wise from a human point of view, not many were powerful, and not many were born with high status. But God chose the foolish things of the world to put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are strong, and God chose the lowly things of the world and the despised things, and the things that are not, to do away with the things that are, so that no one may boast before God. But because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us the wisdom from God, namely, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. God did this so that, just as it is written, “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

**CHOIR:** “*Worship the King*”

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:1-12 (EHV)

*Jesus opens his Sermon on the Mount to those who look upon him in faith by pronouncing a series of beatitudes. Truly blessed are those who seek to glorify their gracious Savior with their lives.*

5:1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, because they will be comforted. Blessed are the gentle, because they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, because they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**HYMN 302:** “*Lord, to You I make Confession*”

**SERMON THEME:** **You Are Children of God. Act Like It!**

1. After we have seen our error
2. We will humbly submit to his will

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

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN 395:** “*Seek Where You May to Find a Way*”

**BENEDICTION**

**CHOIR:** “*Children of the Heavenly Father*”

**SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Serving Us Today ~ February 2, 2020**

**Organist:** Marge Schroeder

**Altar Guild:** Dave & Faye Leatherman & Ruth Reiter

**Ushers:** Dave Schroeder, Gary Troudt & Dennis Troudt

**Counters:** Wes & Barb Schwartz

**Our Winter Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, February 9 immediately following our Service. Please plan to stay a few minutes to review the 2019 Annual Report and a couple additional agenda items.

**Our Directory Is Currently Being Updated** and will be included in our Annual Report. If your address or phone number has changed, especially if you have converted to a cell number only, please contact our church office with your changes. Thank you!

**Italian Night at Immanuel:** Yummy Italian cuisine galore in our Fellowship Hall, Friday, February 14, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. hors d'oeuvres & beverages, dinner served at 5:30 p.m. This is a free-will offering event. More information will be forthcoming in our weekly bulletins and Lamplighter.

**2019 Giving Statements** are available for pick up in our fellowship hall.


**Women's Retreat in Kewaskum:** 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.

**Jesus Cares Ministry** will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran on Nebraska Street. Please see our bulletin board for more information.

**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!

**Ladies' Guild Members** will be gathering on Saturday, February 8th at 9:00 a.m. to work on a variety of projects. Hostesses are Barb Luft and Pat Stieg.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL	
Needed per week	\$3,120.00	<b>Office Hours</b>	Tues. Weds & Thurs. 8:00 a.m. -Noon
Budget Received 01-26-20	\$1,810.00	<b>Today</b>	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Budget Need to date	\$12,480.00	<b>Today</b>	10:00 a.m. Adult Doctrine Study
Budget Received to date	\$10,261.00	<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 a.m. Bible Study
		<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
		<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 p.m. Dartball
		<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 a.m. Ladies Guild Meeting
		<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. Communion Service
		<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	01-26-2020 Attendance	80	<b>Sunday</b>

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