



Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 2020

THEME: Jesus, our light, implores us to preach the gospel with a unity of faith.

HYMN 84: *“Jesus, Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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 9:1-4

Isaiah prophesies that a light will dawn in Galilee of the Gentiles for the comfort of those spiritually downtrodden and oppressed.

9:1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for the land that was in anguish. In former times, he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will cause it to be glorious, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned. You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy. They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time, like the celebration when people divide the plunder. For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them. You have broken the bar on their shoulders and the rod of their oppressor, as you did in the day of Midian.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 27 (p.75) (sung in unison)

The Church sings to her Lord in supplication and faith. Although she does not deserve God's mercy, yet her confidence is well-founded because it rests on God's promises.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 (sermon text)

Paul exhorts the Corinthians to true unity on the basis of the pure gospel. He urges them to put away divisions that were threatening to split the congregation according to loyalties to various leaders.

1:10 Brothers, I am making an appeal to you using the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I ask that you all express the same view and not have any divisions among you, but that you be joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 11 For the news I heard about you, my brothers, from members of Chloe's household, is that there are rivalries among you. 12 What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized into the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one can say that I baptized you into my own name. 16 (I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides them, I do not know whether I

baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel—not with the wisdom used in speeches, so that the cross of Christ would not be emptied of its power.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (Matthew 4:23)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

After John the Baptist had been imprisoned, Jesus began his great Galilean ministry, preaching a message of repentance and faith in fulfillment of the prophet's words that in obscure Galilee a light would dawn. As he begins to preach, Jesus calls his first disciples: Peter, Andrew, James and John.

12 When Jesus heard that John was put in prison, he withdrew into Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. He did this to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and on those dwelling in the region and the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

From that time, Jesus began to preach: “Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near.” As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. He said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” They immediately left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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HYMN 577: *“Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations”*

SERMON THEME: Let the Cross of Christ Shine

1. It will expose the ones causing divisions
2. It will reveal to us true wisdom

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART – Page 20

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

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HYMN 569: *“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”*

SONG OF SIMEON – Page 24 (Please Stand)

BENEDICTION

HYMN 453 Verses 1 & 2: *“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke”*

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serving Us Today ~January 26, 2020

Altar Guild: Dave & Judy Zarter & Jan Zellmer

Organist: Marjean Schroeder-Oaks

Ushers: Jim Daubert, Mark Juedes, Mike Juedes & Pam Juedes

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.

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. "ish". 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!!

2019 Giving Statements are available for pick up in our fellowship hall. If you have a question on your giving statement, please call the church office on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings.

WLA's "Let's Celebrate" event is today. Everyone is invited to attend. Join them for an afternoon of music, food, children's activities, pie and ice cream, and the silent auction of theme baskets. Come for an hour or stay for the day!

The Light Of Our Savior's Love Shows. This letter was received this past week (Regarding the emergency evacuation at Oshkosh West High School):

"Immanuel Lutheran Church: Thank you so much for reaching out and opening your doors to students on December 3, 2019. Our daughter was one of those students. Your welcoming smiles and hard candy helped her relax and feel safe. Your thoughtfulness blessed our family on a very difficult day." Additionally, out of gratitude, a monetary gift was enclosed with the card.

GriefShare: Members of Immanuel that have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited to attend our next session starting Monday, February 10 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.

Ladies' Guild will be starting a special "chrismons project" in 2020. Quite a bit of planning and preparation is needed. All members; men, women, young and seniors are invited to join us. It will be an on-going project (throughout 2020) and we will be working at various days and times. Please continue to watch our weekly bulletins and monthly newsletter for updates.

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 01-19-2020	\$2,643.00	Today	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Budgeted Need to date	\$9,360.00	Today	10:00 a.m. Doctrine Study
Budgeted Rec'd to date	\$8,451.00	Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Bible Class
		Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
		Thursday	7:30 p.m. Dartball
		Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
		Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Worship Attendance 01-19-2020	69	Sunday	10:00 a.m. Doctrine Study

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