

**Sunday, Feb.1, 2026 Annual Meeting
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pepin, WI
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

*As you enter, you are invited into a time
to silently reflect and center for worship*



PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

R/ And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. **Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

LITANY:

Recognizing that our faith is a living, busy, active and mighty thing, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

And also with you.

Teach us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Descend on our hearts, that we may love others in the ways Jesus loves us.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Empower us to be enthusiastic in pursuing your vision for our congregation.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Move us to engage issues in our community in Christlike ways,
and to pursue deep and authentic relationships with those with
whom we serve and partner.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Strengthen us to face the barriers we encounter in doing your
work, learning to work with others amid disagreement.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Give us the ability to adapt to the cultural,
economic and social changes that occur
in the neighborhoods we serve.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Guide us to be a healthy congregation
that learns from its failures as well as its
successes and offers wisdom to others.

Receive our prayer, O God.

As we strive to become the church that we
proclaim to be, raise up leaders who focus
on the gospel of freedom, forgiveness
and reconciliation as given to us through
God's indescribable act of love in the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Renew us
daily in our baptism, that we may discover
vitality in our relationships with you, each
other and those we serve in the world.

Amen

Founded on Faith



1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
 2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
 3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
 4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
 5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow' red to serve,

pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
 Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
 Em - pow' red to serve with gifts, both great and small,
 we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
 we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.

The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
 Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
 we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
 a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
 Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!

Al - le - lu - ia!

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WORD

PSALM

Psalm 15

Read Responsively

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

- 3 they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up-on a neighbor.
- 4 **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**
- 5 They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior, open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us, speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing, for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-10

P/ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter. **R/Glory to you, O Lord.**

- 1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P/ The Gospel of the Lord

R/ Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: **ELW 729** "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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SERMON

CLOSING PRAYER: Lord God, **you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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