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Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's blessing or to one's harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with a sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all members of Immanuel who have been confirmed and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Prelude
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell
Opening Hymn: #867, "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"

Invocation
P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**
Versicles

P: O Lord, open our hearts to pay attention to Your Word. (Acts 16:14)
C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)**
P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
C: **A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. (Psalm 51:17)**

Confession - Psalm 51:1-6 (spoken by all)
Have mercy on me, O God; according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Absolution

P: Because of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who atoned for your sins and gives you His victory, I am able to speak to your heart and share with you that your iniquity is pardoned, and that you have received from the Lord's hand His boundless grace. Let not your hearts be troubled. God forgives the sins of all who repent.
C: **Amen! My heart is glad!**

Hymn of Praise: "God Brought Me to This Time and Place"
From Lutheran Worship, #456; Tune: LSB #947

1)
God brought me to this time and place Surrounded by His favor.
He guarded all my nights and days, His kindness did not waver.
His peace as sentinel He gave My spirit's health and joy to save.
To this day He has blessed me.
2)
All honor, thanks, and praise to You, O Father, God of heaven.
For mercies ev'ry morning new, Which You have freely given.
Inscribe this on my memory: My Lord has done great things for me;
To this day He has helped me.

3)
Oh, help me ever, God of grace, Through ev'ry time and season,
At ev'ry turn, in ev'ry place - Redemptive love the reason.
Through joy and pain and final breath By Jesus' life and saving
death
Help me as You have helped me.

Responsive Reading of Psalm: 10:12-18

P: Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand;

C: **forget not the afflicted.**

P: Why does the wicked renounce God

C: **And say in his heart, "You will not call to account"?**

P: But You do see, for You note mischief and vexation, That You
may take it into Your hands.

C: **To You the helpless commits himself; You have been the
helper of the fatherless.**

P: Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer;

C: **Call his wickedness to account till You find none.**

P: The LORD is king forever and ever;

C: **the nations perish from His land.**

P: O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted;

C: **You will strengthen their heart; You will incline Your ear**

P: to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,

C: **so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

Collect of the Day (*spoken by Pastor*)

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51

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Sermon Hymn: "Almighty Lord, Before Thy Throne" TLH #579

1)

Almighty Lord, before Thy throne Thy mourning people bend;
'Tis on Thy grace in Christ alone Our failing hopes depend.

2)
Dark judgments from Thy heavy hand Thy dreadful pow'r display;
Yet mercy spares our guilty land, And still we live to pray.

3)
How changed, alas, are truths divine For error, guilt, and shame!
What impious numbers, bold in sin, Disgrace the Christian name!

4)
Oh, turn us, turn us, mighty Lord; Convert us by Thy grace!
Then shall our hearts obey Thy Word And see again Thy face.

5)
Then, should oppressing foes invade, We will not yield to fear,
Secure of all sufficient aid When God in Christ is near.

Sermon: "The Sanctity of the Body"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Father, thank You for speaking to our hearts today.

C: **Our iniquity is pardoned.**

P: Give us hearts filled with Your compassion

C: **That we might eagerly show it to others in our deeds.**

P: For the whole Christian Church on earth:

C: **Speak to their hearts that they might be a voice upholding
the sanctity of life.**

P: For our nation and its leaders,

C: **that they might uphold the value of human life.**

P: For all pregnant women,

C: **that they might value the life You have given regardless of
the circumstances.**

P: For those whose hearts are wounded because of a past
abortion:

C: **Let them hear of Your full forgiveness in Jesus Christ.**

P: For those who commit abortions and those who support them:

C: **Strike their hearts with Your truth and bring them to
repentance.**

P: For those of us who are indifferent and silent when God's gift of
life is abused and devalued:

C: **Strike our hearts with Your truth and bring us to
repentance.**

P: For those facing tough questions at life's end:
 C: **Speak to their hearts and comfort them with Your Spirit of wisdom, strength, and hope.**
 P: For those in our congregation who rejoice this week in the gifts of life and love, especially _____.
 C: **We thank You for their earthly lives and the faith that You give Your people.**
 P: For all in need of healing and support, especially _____ and those we name before You from our hearts.....Grant Gospel comfort and joy even amidst affliction.
 C: **Help us give thanks for Your good and gracious will.**
 P: For all who commune in the family fellowship of the Table this day,
 C: **that we would celebrate our unity in God's Word.**
 P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the mercy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
 C: **Amen.**

Preface

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 good and right so to do.**

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Words of Institution

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 C: **Amen.**

Distribution *(by continuous line)*

#629, "What Is This Bread"

#641, "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Blessing/Closing Prayer

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #643, "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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JANUARY MEETINGS

The Church council will convene on Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 PM in order to prepare the agenda for the Voters' Meeting. The Voters' Assembly will convene for the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 27th at 7:30 PM.

If you have reached the age of 18 and are a confirmed member of this congregation, we would love to have you participate in the business decisions of your church! All you need to do is attend the meeting and sign the church constitution. Copies of the constitution are available for your inspection. Please see Pastor Sorenson or the elders if you have questions.

LIFE QUOTES

January 18 "A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law."

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

FIRST CHOICE CLINIC BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

All baby bottles are due back at church by Sunday, January 25th. If you would still like to contribute to the support of our local pro-life pregnancy center, please include your cash or check in one of the empty baby bottles in the narthex. Remember, your gifts may be given in honor or in memory of someone special.