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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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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 spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with 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 confirmed members of Immanuel 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: #659, "Lord of Our Life"
Invocation and Scripture Mosaic

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. (Genesis 2:7)

C: You shall not murder. (Exodus 20:13)

P: Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in His image. (Genesis 9:6)

C: For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb.

P: I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.

C: My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. (Psalm 139:13-15)

P: Do you thus repay the Lord, you foolish and senseless people? Is not He your Father who created you, who made you and established you? Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God. You are not your own.

C: For you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (Deuteronomy 32:6; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: In humble repentance, let us make confession of our sin to the Lord.

(Silence for self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have not honored You with our bodies and our lives. We have done those things You do not desire us to do. We have not done the good You would have us do. Our thoughts have been impure. Our words have been unkind. We have not stood up for the helpless; we have not honored the life You have created in all humankind. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day, spoken in unison

Almighty God, You are the Giver and Preserver of life. You gave Your own Son into the womb of a virgin to embrace our humanity and redeem us from our sin. Give us such an appreciation for Your gift of life that we will honor and value all human life as You will and desire, and lead us to speak boldly how Christ took on our flesh to bring us eternal life and salvation; through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:15-17

Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Holy GospelMatthew 2:13-18

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Hymn of the Day: "Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, TLH #270, vss. 1, 3-5

Tune: Galilean (8.7.8.7. only)

1)

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, Saying, "Christian, follow Me."

2)

Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, Saying, "Christian, love Me more."

3)

In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love Me more than these."

4)

Jesus calls us; by Thy mercies, Savior, make us hear Thy call;
Give our hearts to Thine obedience, Serve and love Thee best of all.

Sermon: "Children for Molech" Leviticus 18:21

Offering

Litany of Life

By: Rev. Frank Pavone; Modified by Rev. Lowell Sorenson

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, hear us.

P: Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father, Creator of the world, have mercy on us.

C: Have mercy on us!

P: God the Son, through whom all things were made,
God the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life,
Lord Jesus, the Beginning and the End,
Lord Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life,
Lord Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life,
Lord Jesus, Eternal Word of Life,
Lord Jesus, living in the womb of the virgin Mary,
Lord Jesus, Lover of the poor and weak,
Lord Jesus, Defender of the helpless,
Lord Jesus, Bread of Life,
For every sin against life,
For the sin of abortion,
For the daily killing of babies,
For the bloodshed throughout our land,
For the silent screams of Your children,
For the killing of Your future disciples,
For the exploitation of women by abortion,
For the silence of Your people,
For the apathy of Your people,
For the co-operation of Your people in this tragedy,
For our pre-born brothers and sisters killed by abortion.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: For our pre-born brothers and sisters threatened by abortion,
For our brothers and sisters who have survived abortion,
For mothers who have had abortions,
For mothers tempted to have abortions,
For mothers pressured to have abortions,
For mothers who have refused to have abortions,
For the fathers of aborted babies,
For the families of aborted babies,
For the families of those tempted to have abortions
For abortionists,
For all who assist and cooperate in abortions,
For doctors and nurses, that they may nurture life,
For government leaders, that they may defend life,
For the clergy, that they may speak up for life,
For the pro-life movement,

For those who speak, write, and work to end abortion,
 For those who help provide alternatives to abortion,
 For those who promote adoption,
 For national and local pro-life groups,
 For courage and perseverance in pro-life work,
 For those who suffer ridicule and rejection for their stand for life,
 For those imprisoned for defending life,
 For those who have been injured and mistreated for defending life,
 For legal professionals,
 For courts and judges,
 For police officers,
 For educators,
 For media professionals,
 In thanksgiving for the babies saved from abortion,
 In thanksgiving for the mothers saved and healed from abortion,
 In thanksgiving for the former abortion providers who have become pro-life,
 In thanksgiving for all those who take a stand against abortion,
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

C: Spare us, O Lord.

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

C: graciously hear us.

P: O Lord, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

C: have mercy on us.

P: Let us pray,

Almighty and ever-living God, You have created all things through Your Son Jesus Christ. He trampled the power of death by His triumphant resurrection. May all who acknowledge You promote the sacredness of life and always serve You faithfully, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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 Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: Amen.

Distribution (By continuous line)
 "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" #624

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #842, "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Silent Prayer/Chimes

Announcements

Postlude

Life Quotes

January 20 "A woman has the right to choose what she does with her body, but the baby is not her body. Where's the lawyer for the baby? How can the dream survive if we murder the children?" *Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., speaking with Notre Dame High School students* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life •

www.lutheransforlife.org

Pro-Life Petitions

If you are so inclined, two pro-life petitions await your signatures in the narthex. One is a petition for the Minnesota Legislature and the other is directed to United States Senators and House Members. Forty years of legalized abortion on demand is too much!

MCCL March For Life

Thousands of people will meet at the State Capitol on January 22 at 12:00 p.m. to show their commitment to the pro-life message. This day marks the 40th anniversary of the US Supreme Court's tragic Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions to legalize abortion on demand. Commemoration of these grievous rulings calls public attention to: the enormous toll of abortion on society, more than 55 million unborn babies killed since 1973, the need for legislation to ensure protection for the lives of unborn children, and the health care overhaul forcing taxpayer funding of abortions. Help send a clear message to lawmakers and public officials. Be a defender of life!

Annual Voters' Meeting

Mark your calendars! The Voters' Assembly will convene for the annual meeting on Tuesday, January 29th at 7:30 p.m. All members of the congregation 18 and older are welcome to join the Voters and assist in making decisions that impact our life together. A full agenda will be provided in next Sunday's bulletin.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 27 8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920) "Getting the Right Gift"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus
With His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus gave us sinners the most precious, personal gift we could ever receive, and we ... well, we were too busy playing with the box. (Mark 1:35-39)

Catechism Review

What do the Scriptures teach about Christ's resurrection?

They teach that on the third day Christ victoriously rose from the grave and showed Himself alive to His disciples.

Why is Christ's resurrection so important and comforting?

Christ's resurrection proves that A) Christ is the Son of God; B) His doctrine is the truth; C) God the Father accepted Christ's sacrifice for the reconciliation of the world; D) all believers in Christ will rise to eternal life.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:	1:00PM	Ladies Mission Project
Tuesday:		Roe v. Wade Anniversary: Remembrance Of Unborn Victims
	12:00PM	MCCL Pro-Life March for Life – State Capitol
	6:30PM	First Choice Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday:	4:30PM	5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation (rescheduled)
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir
Thursday:		St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor: Acts 16:1-5; 1 Tim. 6:11-16; Matt. 24:42-47
	10:00AM	LWML Board Meeting
	7:30PM	Women's Bible Study
Friday:		The Confession of St. Paul: Acts 9:1-22; Gal. 1:11-24; Matt. 19:27-30
Saturday:		St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor: Acts 20:28-35; Tit. 1:1-9; Lk. 10:1-9
	9:00AM-5:00PM	Stampin' with the Spirit
Next Sunday:		Third Sunday after the Epiphany
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	9:45AM	Fellowship Time
	10:00AM	Worship
		Acolyte: Tyler Ballman

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday	- Vicky Hoffman, Barb Kelm
Friday	- Justin Kassen
Saturday	- David Banitt

IN OUR PRAYERS

Melissa Barbey; Willard Holst; Donna Edquist; Vera Carlson; Sharon Dicke (healing); Jeanette Falkner; the family and friends of Russell Carlson as they reflect on his passing; those mourning the passing of Earl Dicke; and those mourning the passing of Sara Kroll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Voth; she died after a long battle with cancer.