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**The Second Sunday After the Epiphany January 19, 2020**

**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  
Ringing of the Bell  
Welcome  
Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Scripture Mosaic on the Sanctity of Human Life

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. (Gen. 2:7)

**C: You shall not murder.** (Ex. 20:13)

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

**C: For You formed my inward parts; You knit 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.** (Ps. 139:13-15)  
 P: Is not He your Father who created you, who made you and established you? (Deut. 32:6). 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; for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Cor. 6:19-20)  
**C: 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.**

Hymn: #659, "Lord of Our Life"

Salutation  
 P: The Lord be with you.  
**C: And also with you.**

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7  
 P: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
 P: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42a  
 P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.  
**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**  
*(The Gospel is read.)*  
 P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

The Nicene Creed ..... back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #847, "Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing"

Sermon: "The Infant on a Mission"

Offering

Prayer of the Church  
 P: Let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

The Admonition to the Communicants

The Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal

The Words of Institution

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

Distribution (by continuous line)  
 #624, "The Infant Priest Was Holy Borne"  
 #538, "Praise Be to Christ"  
 #362, "O Sing of Christ"

Post-Communion Prayer  
 Benediction  
 Closing Hymn: #842, "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Chimes/Silent Prayer  
 Announcements  
 Postlude

# LIFE QUOTE

**January 19** "As the Church, we are created to stand against evil. We are created to speak truth ... and forgiveness. The truth is that abortion ends the life of a human being, and we should be unwavering in our opposition to it. But that is not the end of the story. We have been given the gift of Christ, and the power of Christ can wash our sins away." *Rev. Troy Tysdal, Church of the Lutheran Brethren – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*  
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