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**An Order of Service Inspired by Luther's Deutsche Messe  
Written by Pastor Sorenson**

**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

Ring of the Bell

Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

Introit, prayed responsively ..... worship insert

Kyrie (to the tune: Gethsemane)

Lord, have mercy, hear our plea,  
Father of all Majesty;  
Christ, have mercy, God's own Son,  
Who for us redemption won!  
Lord, have mercy, Spirit blest,  
Source of truth and life and rest.

Gloria (To the tune of Ode to Joy)

1)

Glory be to God, almighty, Glory be to God on high.  
Angels in the sky shine brightly; Peace to all the world they cry!  
God's good will for ev'ry nation In the Christ, God's holy Child.  
Ceaseless praise and jubilation For the world is reconciled!

2)

Glory be to God almighty, Glory be to God on high!  
All creation joins the anthem Of the angels in the sky!  
Shepherds heard this proclamation:  
Christ the Lord is born for you!

Angels sing in adoration And we join their song anew!

3)

Glory, honor, and dominion, Be to Christ, God's only Son!  
Glory be to His true Father And the Spirit, Three in One!  
Blessed Trinity, we praise Thee  
For Christ's blood has set us free.  
Praise to God in highest glory Now and through eternity!

Collect of the Day (*spoken by Pastor*)

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Common Alleluia Verse (to the tune: Easter Hymn)

Word made flesh, Thy Words proclaim; Alleluia!  
Words of Life that bear Thy name; Alleluia!  
Thou hast bled and died for all; Alleluia!  
Let us hear Thy Gospel call; Alleluia!

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:21

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd 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: "O Blessed Day When First was Poured"

Besnault/Chandler Tune: Rockingham Old

1)

O blessed day when first was poured The blood of our  
redeeming Lord!

O blessed day when Christ began His saving work for sinful man!

2)

While from His mother's bosom fed, His precious blood He wills  
to shed;

A foretaste of His death He feels, An earnest of His love reveals.

3)

Scarce come to earth, His Father's will With prompt obedience to  
fulfill,

A victim even now He lies Before the day of sacrifice.

4)

In love our guilt He undertakes; Sinless, for sin atonement  
makes.

The great Lawgiver for our aid Obedient to the Law is made.

5)

Lord, circumcise our heart, we pray, And take what is not Thine  
away.

Write Thine own Name upon our hearts, Thy Law within our  
inward parts.

6)

O Lord, the Virgin-born, to Thee Eternal praise and glory be,  
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Ghost forevermore.

Sermon: "The First Few Drops of Blood"

Offering

Confession and Announcement of Grace

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 self-examination and personal confession of sin.)*

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: 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 the 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 Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

Admonition to the Communicants

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution (*by continuous line*)

Sanctus (to the tune: Nicaea)

1)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Heaven opens wide today as we receive from Thee.

We cry out "Hosanna!" For our Savior's coming.

God in the highest, Hail the glorious King!

2)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Grant, O Lord, that in true faith we feast today on Thee.

Saints and all the angels, Heav'nly anthems singing.

Fall down and worship, Hail the glorious King!

Agnus Dei (to the tune: Wem In Leidenstagen)

1)

Lamb of God, Most Holy: Lord, to Thee, we cry:

Grant Thy grace and pardon, Strength to us supply.

2)

Lamb of God, most holy, Who, for sinners, slain.

Paid for our transgression; Suffered for our gain.

3)

Christ, our blest Redeemer, Died upon the tree.

For the world of sinners; Thus, He died for me.

4)

Look in faith to Jesus; He is God's own Son!

Mercy, peace, and blessing For us Christ has won.

5)

Lamb of God, most holy, Grant to us Thy peace.

Through Thy precious Supper Faith and love increase.

Hymn: #900, "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: Nunc Dimittis (to the tune: St. Thomas)

1)

Let us depart in peace

According to Thy Word.

We have beheld salvation's Light,

By faith and not by sight.

2)

Salvation I behold,

Prepared for all the earth.

The One whom prophets had foretold

The Christ of priceless worth!

3)

The Nations' One True Light,

Who shines that all would be:

Reflecting Christ's own glory bright

Through all eternity.

4)

Elect by God's pure grace,

Yet Christ for all was sent;

He calls us to His dear embrace

By Word and Sacrament.

5)

Rejoice, O Israel:

Christ is thy glory true.

Unite with all His saints to tell

The praises He is due.

6)

All glory be to God

Through all eternity!

The Father, Son, and Spirit laud

The Blessed Trinity!

Amen!

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude