

**An invitation to pray:**

**Upon Entering the Church**

Almighty, ever-living God, grant that I may gladly hear Your Word and that all my worship be acceptable unto You. Amen.

**Before Receiving the Sacrament**

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.

What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Amen.

**During the Distribution of the Sacrament**

The Lord was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory; glory as of the only-begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. Amen.

**After Receiving the Sacrament**

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this gift given to us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation in heaven. Amen

Abide with us, O Lord, that we may abide in You until the end; let not sin and need separate us from You, until we, through the strength of Your Holy Sacrament, enter into heaven, and eternal blessing. Amen.

**At the Close of the Service**

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I might bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in faith toward You and in fervent love toward my fellow man. Amen.

**The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**



Jesus schläft während des Sturmes.

Und siehe, da erhob sich ein groß Ungeheuer im Meer, also daß auch das Schiffein mit Wellen bedeckt ward, und er schlief. Und die Jünger traten zu ihm, und wecten ihn auf, und sprachen: HER, hilf uns, wir verderben.  
Ev. Matth. Cap. 8. v. 24. 25.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rockwell City  
Service at 8:45 a.m.**

**&**

**Trinity Lutheran Church, Knierim  
Service at 10:15 a.m.**



**Dual Parish Since 2003**

***“United Together With Christ in the Likeness  
of His Death and His Resurrection.”***

**[Romans 6:5]**



**PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES:** may be picked up on the table in the Narthex. Your name is on your copy. They are in alphabetical order.

**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES:** Informed parents are aware of the many pressures on our adolescent and teenage girls today. An important task of parenting a young teen girl is to help her develop a healthy body image. Teach her that beauty comes in different shapes and sizes, and that a beautiful body is a healthy one. Remind her that God created her, and each of His children, to be unique and one of a kind. Be sensitive to her concerns for society's measure of "cool", but whole-heartedly and vigorously challenge the basis for its unhealthy standard!

## **INTERCESSIONS, PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS**

*Please remember your fellow parishioners and those dear to them in your daily prayers.*

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*The sick and in need:*

Charles Ballstadt

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*Birthdays:*

Dorothy Zierke

Kim Martin

Nancy Schofield

James Weiss

Cleo Ballstadt

Heather Hull

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*Anniversary:*

Mark and Pat Essing

Brent and Shelly Keiser

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*Servicemen in Afghanistan:*

Brian Lindner Todd Essing Matthew Dietrich Travis Folsom

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*Lord, looked down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve Thy servants who stand in need of our prayers; Look upon them with the eyes of Thy mercy' Grant them comfort and a sure confidence in Thee; Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.*

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**Immanuel, Rockwell City and Trinity, Knierim:** Our members, all fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, and all children and all those who rejoice in the blessings of God's Kingdom.

**The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod:** The congregations and pastors of the Humboldt Circuit; President of Synod Matthew Harrison; President of Iowa-District West Paul Sieveking; all pastors, missionaries and congregations; Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO; Seminarians Tim Oetting and Daniel Harders.

**The United States of America:** We give thanks for all the rights, liberties and freedoms that God gives us. All those in authority over us; all those who service in the armed forces, law enforcement, civil service, medical staff and all our citizens.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the 43<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

*“The Redeemer of Israel”*

But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. 3 For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gradual**

The heathen shall fear the name of the Lord: and all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

**The Lord reigneth; let the multitude of isles be glad.  
Hallelujah!**

The Epistle Reading is from Romans, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

*“Love Your Neighbor”*

Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Triple Alleluia**

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The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

*“Wind and Wave Obey Jesus”*

Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. 25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" 26 But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. 27 So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

Here ends the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

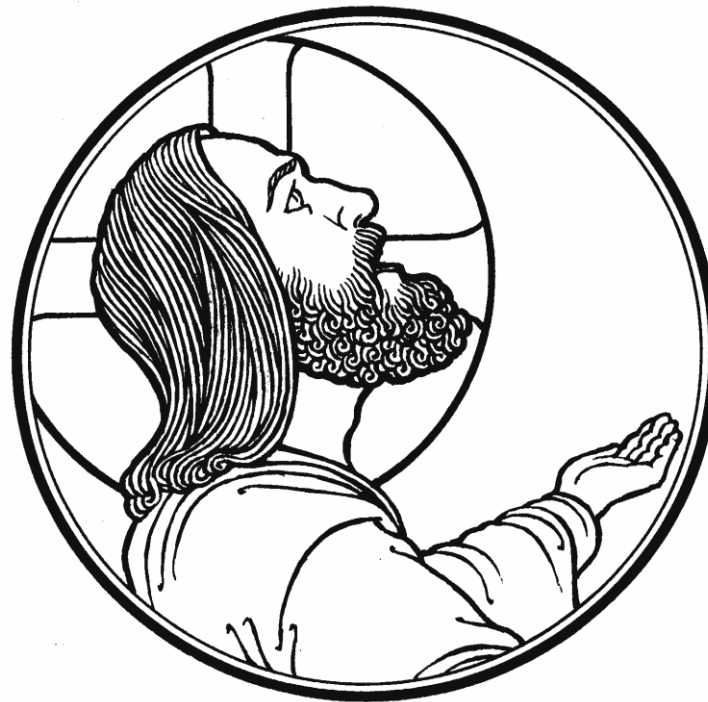
## CATECHESIS ON THE GOSPEL LESSON

Here we see One greater than Jonah [Jonah 1:1-17] asleep in the boat, while the men battle the waves and the sea in vain. And as Jonah stilled the sea when they awakened him, so does Christ. But how did Jonah still the sea? Was it not by consenting to be sacrificed for all the sailors, being thrown overboard? And how does Christ still the sea? Is it not likewise by consenting to be the One offered up for the sins of the world? Since He is the sin-bearer, therefore the curse is lifted, and creation must submit again to its Creator. Now the Creator commands the winds and the sea, and they obey Him. And as Jonah's presence in the sea made it calm, so Christ's presence in the sea of Baptism causes a great calm, yea, a great and mighty deliverance from all affliction. For *sweet is the calm of Paradise the blessed*, as the hymnist declares. But faith is required, for although they called out well to Him, saying, *Lord, save us!* Even as the church herself cries out with the prayer of David, causing, *Save me, O God, by thy name!*, yet they also cried, saying, *We are perishing!*, which opposes their first cry, for salvation. So rather let them (and us) be confident that He will do it.



## ✠ THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ✠

*I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and for all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Savior. (1 Tim. 2:1-3)*



We stand for prayer and praise, so it is fitting that we also stand for the Prayer of the Church. In this prayer, the pastor prays for all the things that the Apostle Paul urged upon Timothy: for rulers, for the Church and her pastors, for the sick and the suffering, and for all people. Don't let your mind wander during this prayer, but instead, listen to the pastor as he mentions each name and offers *your* petitions before God. Fold your hands reverently while you pray, and then, at the end of the prayer, add your hearty "Amen."

*"A Guide for Christian Meditation Before, During, and After the Divine Service"  
by the Rev. Paul L. Beisel, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran, Iowa Falls, Iowa*

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✠ **To God Be The Glory** ✠

**The Apostles' Creed** (*Confessed Together*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**

**Born of the Virgin Mary;**

**Suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**Was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**He descended into hell;**

**The third day He rose again from the dead;**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty;**

**From thence He shall come to judge the quick and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;**

**The holy Christian Church,**

**The communion of saints;**

**The forgiveness of sins;**

**The resurrection of the body;**

**And the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

