

Immanuel Lutheran Church – Macomb, Michigan
February 5 & 6, 2012

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: “Holy, Holy, Holy”.....LW #168 Vs. 1, 2, & 4

BAPTISM: (10:45am) **Isabel Kathy Knutson**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We have come here today
PEOPLE: **to worship and glorify God the Father.**
Liturgist: We have come
PEOPLE: **to worship and glorify God the Son.**
Liturgist: We have come
PEOPLE: **to worship and glorify God the Holy Spirit.**
ALL: **To God be the glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

CONFESSION & ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

Liturgist: Let us take a moment in silence to examine our lives and admit that we have sinned against God, our neighbor and ourselves.

(A time of silence.) Gracious God,

PEOPLE: **I am aware that I have not lived as I should. I have hurt You and others in my thinking, in my speaking, and in my actions. Because of my sin, I haven’t always come to You in prayer. I have neglected to give You praise for the many blessings in my life. Forgive my sin and by the power of the Holy Spirit, draw me closer to You.**

Liturgist: Our God has heard our confession. He sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to suffer and die for us so that we might receive forgiveness of all our sins. Our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We can rejoice! Our close relationship with God has been restored.

PEOPLE: **To God be the glory! Amen!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O Lord of mercy. We know You have a purpose for us. We know that You will provide and work through all times. Help us in the midst of turmoil and remind us of Your vision of love and good for us. O Lord we look forward to and are thankful for Your purposeful work in our life! In the name of Jesus, Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING: **Psalm 57:1-11 Page 894**

ANTHEM: (8:15am) “The Prayer”.....Sacred Choir
 (10:45am) “I am the Church”.....1st Grade Choir
 (Mon. 7pm) “Cry Out to Jesus”.....Dave Couser

GOSPEL READING: **Matthew 23:34-40 Page 1538**

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

We believe in one God. God the Almighty Father made everything that exists, even those things we cannot see.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the eternal Son of God, and is really God Himself. In order to save us from our sins, He came down from heaven and by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born as a human being, the child of the virgin Mary. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and died and was buried. As the Bible had foretold, He rose from the dead on the third day. He returned to heaven, and rules there with God the Father. He will come back in glory to judge all people, and He will rule forever.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of life. He is to be worshiped and glorified together with the Father and the Son. He speaks to us in the Bible. We believe that all Christians are called to be members of the body of Christ, the church. We believe that our sins are forgiven in Baptism, and we look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the eternal life promised to us. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & COLLECTION OF “WE CARE” CARDS

MESSAGE SONG: **“On Eagle’s Wings”** Text/ Tune by Michael Joncas, ©OCP Publications

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!”

REFRAIN: And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
 Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. REFRAIN:

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. REFRAIN:

MESSAGE OF THE DAY: **Shared by Rev. Michael J. Lutz, Senior Pastor**
“Hard Times” based on Psalm 57:1-11

1. **We’ve all had them.**
2. **They will come.**
3. **Journal to see God bringing you out of them.**

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

Guests: Because you are our guests today, please feel no obligation to participate in the offering. However, just like the believers of old, this is one way the people of our congregation express their worship of God.

MUSICAL OFFERING:

HYMN: (8:15am & Mon. 7pm) **“Children of the Heavenly Father”**

Children of the heav’nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e’er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

ANTHEM: (10:45am) **“Blessings”.....Marianne Macfarlane**

PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION: (8:15am)

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

ANTHEM: **“Salvation Belongs to Our God”.....Sacred Choir**

SONG: **“You Are My All in All” (worship video)**

BENEDICTION

ANTHEM: (10:45am) **“God Made Me That Way”.....1st Grade Choir**

CLOSING SONG: **“Lord, Be Glorified” ©1978 Bob Kilpatrick Music**

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our Home, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In our home, Lord, be glorified today.

In my school, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my school, Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Be Glorified today.

Join us next week: “A Biblical Fasting” - Psalm 42:1-2