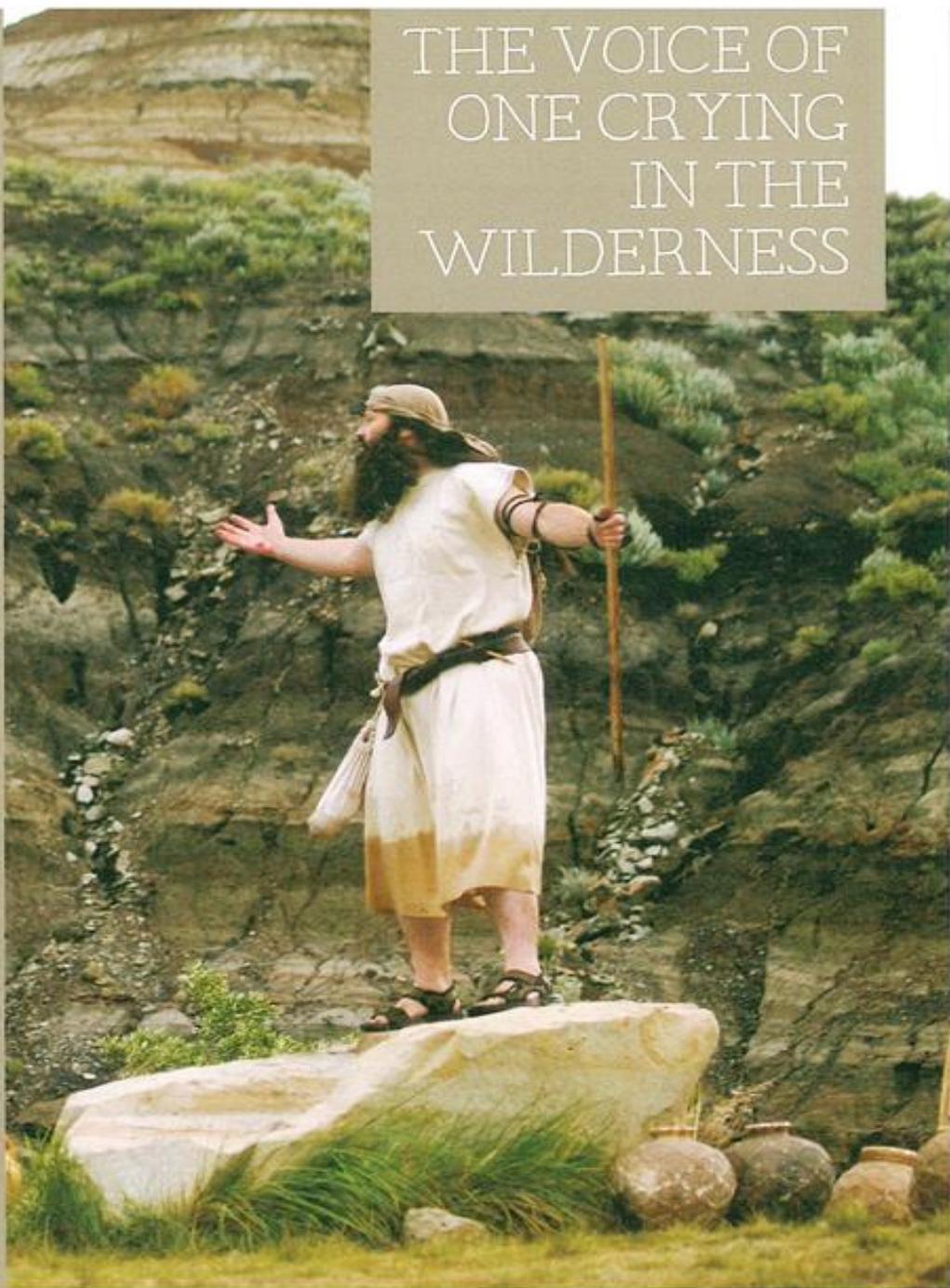


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ONE CRYING  
IN THE  
WILDERNESS



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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8 AM in person and FB live  
10:30 AM Radio Service

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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**Theme for worship:** This morning we'll continue our journey through Advent preparing for the birth of the Christ. We'll hear about John the Baptist preparing the way for the Messiah through Baptism. We'll rejoice that Eliza Phelps will receive God's gift of Baptism as she enters into Christ's family, also reminding us of the "New Beginnings" and "New Hope" that come to us this season.

**Pre-Service Music** 🎵

--*Spiritwind*

**Ring of the Bells**

**Radio Welcome**

**Pastor Marty Welcome**

**Opening Hymn** 🎵 "Jesus Loves Me, Alleluia"

**1 Jesus Loves me this I know**

**For the bible tells me so**

**Little ones to him belong**

**They are weak but he is strong** (*chorus*)

**2 Jesus loves me may I be**

**ever faithful knowing he**

**walks beside me ev'ry day**

**shines His light along the way** (*chorus*)

(*Chorus*) **Aleluia, Allelu Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Aleluia, Alelu Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

### The Invocation

**P** We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

### The Baptism of Eliza Loraine Phelps

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

**C Amen.**

**P** Our Lord invited, encouraged and commanded Baptism, saying to His disciples in the last Chapter of Matthew: "All authority in heaven and on Earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." From scripture we learn that we are all sinful and unclean and have become separated from God. Through the water and the Word, God uses Baptism to mark us as His children while restoring our relationship with Him. Through such ordinary means of water and His Word, God creates faith, strengthens it, and promises to bless His children.

**P** Hear how our Lord Jesus has opened the Kingdom of God to little children. "People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth; anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it!' (Luke 18:15-17)

Eliza, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

## The Charge to Sponsors and Parents

**P** As parents and sponsors, God has blessed you with the honor and also the responsibility of raising Eliza to know God and to help her to grow in the faith that will be implanted and begun in baptism. You are to include her in your prayers, encourage and support her in her walk with the Lord. Sponsors, this will especially fall to you if she should lose her parents. You are to raise her to know God's Word, and bring her for instruction in the application of that Word, through Christ's body, the Church. As she grows in years you are to see that she is instructed in the Christian faith, prepared to participate in the Lord's Supper, and regular in attendance of the services held in God's house where God will continue to build her up as His child. You are to instruct by your own life and actions and model the life Christ has asked us to live, always knowing that forgiveness and reconciliation are also yours when your modeling goes astray.

**P** This then do you intend gladly and willingly to do?

**Sponsors and parents: We do so intend with the help of God.**

**P** Because Eliza cannot speak for herself, we speak together the confession of faith she is being baptized into, realizing that as the body of Christ, we are all pledging to Eliza's family we will help, support and encourage them in their walk with Christ.

**P** Do you renounce the Devil and all His works and all of his ways?

**C I do renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

**C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**P** Do you desire to be God's child and receive all the benefits He promises to grant in and through baptism remembering daily the restored relationship God establishes through His forgiveness that will be yours?

**C I do.**

**P** Who brings this child to be Baptized?

**Parents: We do.**

**P** How is she named?

**Parents: Eliza Loraine Phelps**

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is Performed

**P** Receive this Baptismal Napkin to show that Christ has taken away and borne Eliza's sins and put upon her His perfect righteousness.

**P** Receive also this burning light symbolizing the light of Christ that has come into Eliza through Holy Baptism this morning.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Eliza Loraine new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, Jesus Christ, an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly ask that as she has become Your child You will keep her in her baptismal grace that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Your Holy Name and finally with all Your saints obtain the promised inheritance in heaven.

**C Amen**

**P** Through Baptism God has added Eliza Loraine to His people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle Reading

2 Peter 3:8–14

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. <sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God

## Children's Message

--Pastor Marty

### Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1–8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter

### **C** Glory to you O Lord

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" <sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You O Christ

## Sermon Hymn ♪ "What Can I Give Him"

What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;

If I were a Wiseman I would do my part;

Yet what can I give Him? Give him my heart. *(Repeat song)*

## Sermon: "Baptism; A New Hope"

--Rev. Marty Marks

### Confession and Absolution

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## The Offering

*(Immanuel is excited that we now have the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting [www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com](http://www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com). If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)*

## The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

## The Lord's Prayer

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it. Special instruction about how to partake in the supper will be explained during the service in response to Covid-19 precautions.)*

**P** The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

**P & C** **Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.**

## The Words of Institution

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, “Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

**P** Come, the table is prepared and the Lord awaits.

**C** We come in the name of Jesus.

## The Sacrament Is Distributed for Us to Receive

### Distribution Hymns ♪

#### “One Bread, One Body”

*(Chorus)* **One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

**1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Chorus***

**2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Chorus***

**3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. *Chorus***

#### “You are My Hiding Place”

**You are my hiding place, You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance  
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You, I will trust in You  
Let the weak say I am strong in the strength of the Lord**

#### “Spirit of a Living God”

**Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me.**

**Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me.**

## The Benediction

Silent Prayers

Announcements

Postlude

<b>PARTICIPANTS – December 6, 2020</b>	
<b>Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>Musicians/Vocalists</b>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i> Amy Haeseker, Ellen Olsen
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Jackson Harms
<b>Acolyte</b>	Heather Allen
<b>Radio Narrator</b>	Sue Harms
<b>Sound Operator</b>	Doug Nelson
<b>Videographer</b>	Krista Marks
<b>Usher</b>	Dan Lohmeier

**THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.**

**Altar Flowers:** “In loving memory of my parents, my husband Harrison, my brothers and sisters”, by Merle Sawyer.

**Radio Broadcast:** “In loving memory of my parents, my husband Harrison, my brothers and sisters”, by Merle Sawyer.

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