



Immanuel Messenger

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A Word from the Pastor

Rev. Dr. Robert W. Jenson

Our Distinguished Guest Preacher

November 14, 2010, The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Also, the 25th Anniversary of Pastor Fryer's Ordination to the Holy Ministry





All Saints Sunday is soon upon us, November 7th, and I find myself most eager for it these days. It is the Sunday that especially invites us to remember that the Church is a vast host of people, including our mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, and many people who are dear to us and who helped pass on the Christian faith to us.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of my ordination to the holy office of Word and Sacrament is soon upon us. We will celebrate it on Sunday, November 14 -- the Sunday after All Saints Sunday. This all places me in a reminiscing mood. Especially I find myself recalling my parents and others who helped form me in Christian faith.

If I were to place photos on display during Coffee Hour of people who have most taught me and shaped me in the faith of the Church, chief among them would be the man pictured on the front page of this newsletter: theologian Robert W. Jenson. He and his dear wife, Blanche, have been father and mother in the Lord to Carol and me, all the way back to Seminary days. They gave us our pre-marriage counseling and have been present at every important church event in our lives, including our wedding, our ordinations, the baptisms of our sons, and installations in our churches. Dr. Jenson preached for my installation here at Immanuel back in 1991, and it means an awful

lot to me that he is scheduled to preach at this anniversary Sunday, November 14.

I recall a passing line in Boswell's biography of Samuel Johnson in which Boswell said of Johnson that "As height is evident in other men, so intelligence is evident in Johnson." The same can be said of Robert W. Jenson. He is a brilliant theologian, honored around the world. But the thing I want to lift up for you is that he is not only intelligent, but also he is good. He is a devout, faithful, gentle Christian.

Things just happened to work out back when Carol and I were young and planning our ordination service that Luther's birthday, November 10, fell on a Sunday. Stubborn Lutherans that we are, we quickly settled on that date to be ordained. Professor Jenson was the preacher for that service too. We celebrated Carol's 25th anniversary of ordination just recently, at a wonderful liturgy up at The Wartburg in Mount Vernon, NY, where she serves as Chaplain. She will join us at Immanuel on Sunday, November 14, for that day's celebration.

We would be deeply honored if you could worship at Immanuel that day. You will be a sight for sore eyes. God be with you all!

In Christ,

Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to put your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 6th. An extra hour of sleep before All Saints Sunday!

ARTEK Concert

In honor of the 25th Anniversary of Ordination of The Rev. Gregory Fryer
Saturday, November 13, 2010, at 8 p.m. here at Immanuel

ARTEK, America's outstanding early music ensemble specializing in the music of the early Italian Baroque, will present ***Baci Soavi – Madrigal Masterpieces by Claudio Monteverdi and Luca Marenzio*** on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 8 pm at Immanuel Church. ARTEK's director, Gwendolyn Toth, (who is also Immanuel Church's music director) will lead an ensemble of six distinguished singers and five continuo players on lute, theorbo, guitar, harp, gamba, lirone, and harpsichord.

In honor of Gregory Fryer's 25th Anniversary celebration, ARTEK is inviting the entire congregation of Immanuel Church to attend the performance on Saturday. Vouchers for each family are enclosed with your newsletter mailing. Pastor Fryer and his wife, Carol, will be the guests of honor at the performance, and will be playing the part of a duke and duchess as those who sponsored the composers of Italian madrigals in the 16th and 17th centuries.

ARTEK has performed Italian Baroque repertoire since the early 1990s. In 1995, the ensemble released the first American recording of Monteverdi's opera, *Orfeo*, to worldwide critical acclaim. Since then, ARTEK has established a goal of performing the entire output of Monteverdi, as well as continuing to explore other composers of the period. In August, 1995, ARTEK recorded its most recent recording, Monteverdi's Madrigals of Book V, due for release on January 1, 2011.

This fall's *Baci Soavi* program will present madrigals not only by Monteverdi but also by one of the great madrigalists of the late Renaissance, Luca Marenzio (1553?-1599). Marenzio was perhaps the most highly regarded Italian composer of the last quarter of the 16th century. His influence on Monteverdi was substantial, and his work deserves greater exposure to today's public. The program will feature "Baci soave e cari", a cycle of five six-voice madrigals set to the *Canzon de' Baci [Song of Kisses]* by the famous Renaissance poet Giovanni Battista Guarini. In a more somber mood, ARTEK will also perform Marenzio's dramatic five-voice madrigal cycle "Giunto alla tomba", set to text from *Gerusalemme Liberata* by Torquato Tasso. Additional selections on the program by Marenzio include 16th-century instrumental intabulations for lutes, harp and keyboard of madrigals.

Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643) was highly influenced by Marenzio. Both worked in the various ducal courts: Monteverdi principally in Mantua, and Marenzio in Rome, Ferrara, and Florence. ARTEK's program will draw on Monteverdi's Madrigals, Book 6, performing four of the fully baroque concertato madrigals with obligatory basso continuo accompaniment which transcend the late Renaissance style: "A Dio Florida", "Ohime il bel viso", "Qui rise Tirsi", and "Batto qui pianse".

Performers will be Laura Heimes, soprano; Barbara Hollinshead, mezzo-soprano; Ryland Angel, countertenor; Philip Anderson, tenor; Michael Brown, tenor; Peter Becker, bass-baritone; Christa Patton, harp; Motomi Igarashi, viola da gamba and lirone; Charles Weaver, lute and guitar; Daniel Swenberg, theorbo; and Gwendolyn Toth, harpsichord and director.

The vouchers enclosed with the newsletter are redeemable for 2 tickets. They can be redeemed in advance either at the church office with Karen Rombey, or on Sunday, November

7th at Coffee Hour from Gwendolyn Toth. Vouchers can also be redeemed at the box office on the evening of the performance, but we encourage everyone to redeem in advance if possible to avoid long lines. If any family needs more than the 2 tickets redeemable for the enclosed voucher, please call Karen Rombey at the church office (212-289-8128) to receive additional vouchers.

A reception will follow the concert. To get to the undercroft for the reception, bear to the left in the narthex as you would exit the church.

Midtown Concerts' November Schedule

Listed below are the upcoming concerts being held every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. Concerts, presenting music by a variety of early music ensembles and recitalists, are free and last about 35 minutes long. Please join us!

<u>November 3</u>	Duanlied: <i>The Sweet Sorrow</i>
<u>November 10</u>	Barbara Hollinshead and Howard Bass: <i>Songs from the 16th and 17th Century French Court</i>
<u>November 17</u>	The Western Wind: <i>Early American Vocal Music</i>
<u>November 24</u>	Duo Marchand: <i>A 1770's Musicale</i>

Wheat Ridge Ministries and the Center for Urban Education Ministries

Please join us at coffee hour on November 21st, when Marlene Lund and Rick Hermann will be giving a brief presentation on the work of Wheat Ridge Ministries and the Center for Urban Education Ministries. The mission of Wheat Ridge is to seed new ministries of health and hope in the name of the healing Christ. Wheat Ridge provides support for new faith-based health and human care organizations and programs through its granting, connecting and equipping activities. It has been working at this mission for over 100 years!

The Center for Urban Education Ministries, a new initiative of Wheat Ridge, connects leaders of Lutheran congregations, schools and agencies with resources to help them provide effective educational opportunities for children, youth and families who live in urban environments. The Charlie Project, formed to address the massive closing of faith-based schools in the city, will be highlighted. Marlene Lund, one of our members, has been the Executive Director of the Center for the past two years.

Volunteering for Immanuel's Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 20, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

November 20th is the date of our Bazaar, and we will need volunteers to man the tables, and also help in setting up on specified days and evenings as we get closer to the date. Volunteers working on the 20th will be given money aprons and a free lunch. They should bring 15 singles and five dollars in quarters for change making, after which they will reimburse themselves. Every Sunday after Service we mark the prices of the items which come in during the week, so anyone who has time to remain after to help us, is most welcome. We also need donations for the Immanuel Café. Canned fruits and baked goods would be most appreciated, so those who can donate food items please call Maria Van Der Merwe at 646//863-2902 so she can coordinate with you what she will need. We will also need shopping bags of all sizes, plastic and paper. Workers/volunteers who wish to donate their time before, or during the bazaar should call Kathy Jolowicz at 212/249-0125 or email her at kaj133@aol.com.

Update on Our Church Roof Fund Campaign

Our campaign goal is \$350,000

Number of contributors, through 11/2/2010	126
Total of pledges or contributions without a pledge, through 11/2/2010	\$252,740
Initial leadership gift	\$50,000
Profit from May 8 bazaar	\$2,100
Children's noisy offering, 10/31/2010	\$153.05
TOTAL SO FAR	\$304,993.05

Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2010

This is the last Sunday of the church year. We are reminded that this world, human history, and our lives come to an end. We are also reminded that the end of our lives, of the world, and of history is the God who is their beginning and that those who are "in Christ" can look forward to the end of things as the time of the gracious kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving Eve

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 24th

We celebrate our national day of Thanksgiving with a liturgy at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening, November 24th. It is a spoken liturgy with hymns and cantor, along with Music Director Gwendolyn.

Fraternité Notre Dame Toy Collection

Once again this year the Sisters of the Fraternité Notre Dame will be hosting a Christmas party for needy children. This year the party will be on Friday, December 17. They are asking for donations of new toys. If you can give a toy, please wrap it and mark it as to the age of the child and whether it is for a boy or girl. (Please no guns or violent toys.) The Sisters will also accept toiletries or clothing as

they distribute gifts to the hospitalized and homeless as well. No need to wrap these. You may leave your gifts in the narthex on Sunday mornings, or bring them to the church office during the week. The last day for bringing gifts is Sunday, December 12th, as the Sisters will pick them up from the church office on Monday morning, December 13th.

Sunday School Mitten Tree

The Sunday School will have a mitten tree once again this year. Please give the mittens you bring to one of our Sunday School teachers. The mittens will be given to the

Fraternité Notre Dame who will distribute them to needy children. The mitten tree will be put up during the Hanging of the Greens on December 18th.

Holy Land Trip Planned by St. Peter's Church

A trip to the Holy Land is planned by St. Peter's Church for early next year, March 20-30, 2011. Major sights will include Joppa, Nazareth, the Galilee, Bethlehem and, of course, Jerusalem. Immanuel's church members have been most welcome participants in past Saint Peter's trips. For complete information, contact trip planner Brian O'Hanlon at 212-734-3385, or by E-mail: mediatours@usa.net.