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# Holy Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

**W**arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Today we celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday. And we celebrate indeed because our Immanuel Choir is back with us for this Sunday! We have a liturgy rich in music, including the great *Sanctus* with its line about the lintels of heaven: "The beams and the lintels trembled at the cry, and clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high."

For my sermon this morning, I do something I seldom do: I have substituted a Bible text of my own choice for one of the assigned Bible readings. I am substituting a reading from Acts 17 for our First Lesson (Isaiah 6:1-8). That reading from Acts 17 tells the story of St. Paul speaking to the Athenians. He quotes a saying to them about God. It is a saying that I want to lift up for us: "In him we live and move and have our being." I think it is an important and comforting truth.

If you do not already have a church home, please consider joining us here at Immanuel. Just speak with Pastor Carol or send her a note ([ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com)).

In Christ,



Pastor Gregory P. Fryer  
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## Lutheran Chorale Mass

*This morning's liturgy includes many of the elements of Reformation era worship. For example, our Hymn of Praise, All Glory Be to God on High, was composed by a contemporary of Luther named Nikolaus Decius (1490-1541), and this morning's Kyrie is even older than that, based on a Latin text from 1100 and a tune going back to 800.*

PRELUDE O Lux Beata Hieronymus Praetorius (1560-1629)

THE BELLS

*Please stand when the minister approaches the center aisle.*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☛ Amen.

☞ Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☛ Amen.

☞ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Stand/kneel*

- ☐ Most merciful God,
- ☑ **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**
- ☐ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 165

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

NICAEA

The Immanuel Choir

*(In this time of COVID-19, we ask that you refrain from singing the hymn out of concern for the safety of all. Instead, let us meditate on the words.)*

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!



APOSTOLIC GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

KYRIE, LBW 168

*Kyrie! God, Father*

KYRIE, GOTT VATER

The Immanuel Choir

*(In this time of COVID-19, we ask that you refrain from singing the hymn out of concern for the safety of all. Instead, let us meditate on the words.)*

Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above,  
you abound in gracious love,  
of all things the maker and preserver.  
Eleison! Eleison!

Kyrie! O Christ, our king,  
salvation for all you came to bring.  
O Lord Jesus, God's own Son,  
our mediator at the heav'nly throne:  
hear our cry and grant our supplication.  
Eleison! Eleison!

Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost,  
guard our faith, the gift we need the most,  
and bless our life's last hour,  
that we leave this sinful world with gladness.  
Eleison! Eleison! Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE, LBW 166 *All Glory Be to God on High*

ALLEIN GOT IN DER HÖH

The Immanuel Choir

*(In this time of COVID-19, we ask that you refrain from singing the hymn out of concern for the safety of all. Instead, let us meditate on the words.)*

1 All glory be to God on high  
and thanks to him forever!  
Whatever Satan's host may try,  
God foils their dark endeavor.  
He bends his ear to ev'ry call,  
and offers peace, goodwill to all,  
and calms the troubled spirit.

- 2 O Father, for your lordship true  
we give you praise and honor;  
we worship you; we trust in you;  
we give you thanks forever.  
Your will is perfect, and your might  
relentlessly confirms the right;  
your lordship is our blessing.
- 3 Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son  
of God, creation's author,  
redeemer of your wand'ring ones,  
and source of all true pleasure:  
O Lamb of God, O Lord divine,  
conform our lives to your design,  
and on us all have mercy.
- 4 O Holy Spirit, perfect gift,  
who brings us consolation:  
to men and women saved by Christ  
assure your inspiration.  
Through sickness, need, and bitter death,  
grant us your warm, life-giving breath;  
our lives are in your keeping. Amen

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☞ Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever.
- ☞ **Amen.**

*Sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON ..... Acts 17:16-33, NRSV  
*St. Paul chooses an elegant setting to proclaim Jesus Christ. He is speaking in Athens, on the Areopagus, which is a rock outcropping in Athens known as Mars Hill in the King James Version. St. Paul's speech is a paradigm of proclamation to people who do not yet know the Bible.*

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them [Silas and Timothy] in Athens, he was

deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he argued in the

synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this babbling want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) <sup>19</sup>So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands,

**A** The word of the Lord.

as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

<sup>32</sup>When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, "We will hear you again about this." <sup>33</sup>At that point Paul left them.

**C** Thanks be to God

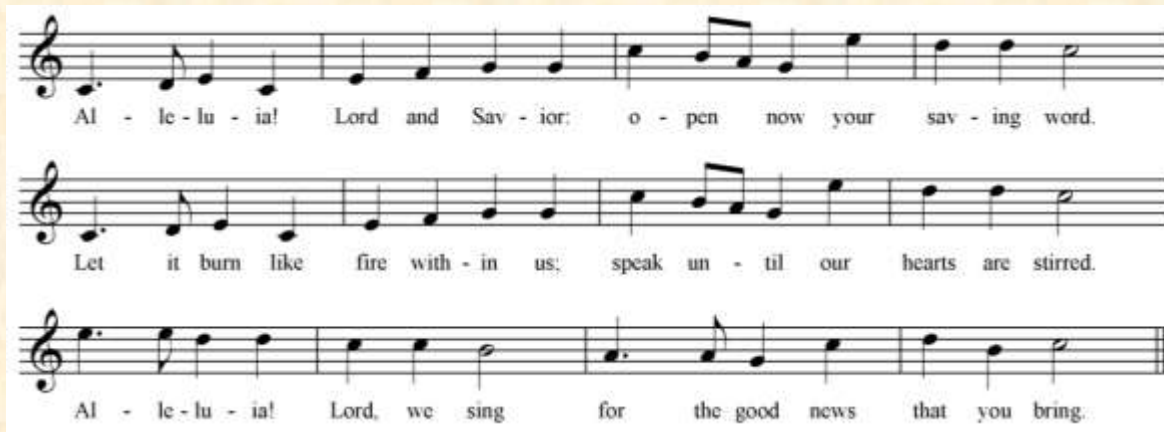




**A** The word of the Lord.

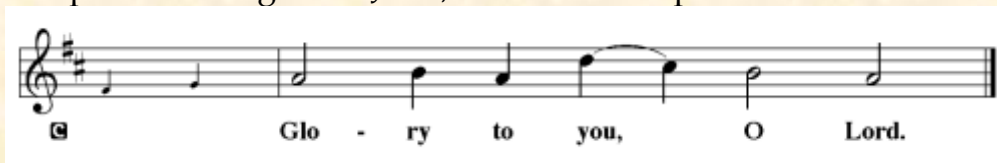
**G** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the singing of the Gospel Acclamation by the Choir and for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*



HOLY GOSPEL..... John 3:1-17, RSV  
*Before the Gospel:*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Third Chapter:



Choir:

**N**ow there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh,

and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into

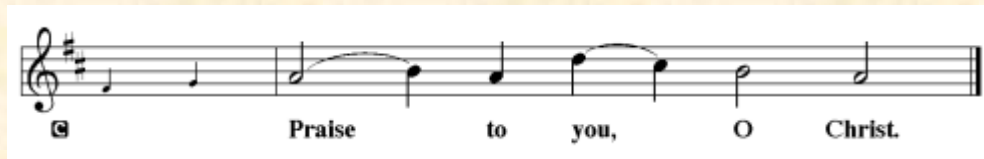


heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

*After the Gospel:*

☐ The Gospel of the Lord!



Choir:

HYMN LBW 169

*Father Most Holy*  
The Immanuel Choir

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

*(In this time of COVID-19, we ask that you refrain from singing the hymn out of concern for the safety of all. Instead, let us meditate on the words.)*

- 1 Father most holy, merciful, and tender;  
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;  
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender,  
light never waning.
- 2 Trinity blessed, unity unshaken;  
goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,  
light of the angels, joy of those forsaken,  
hope of all living.
- 3 Maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee;  
all for thy worship were and are created;  
now, as we also worship thee devoutly,  
hear thou our voices.
- 4 Lord God Almighty, unto thee be glory,  
one in three persons, over all exalted!  
Glory we offer, praise thee and adore thee,  
now and forever.

SERMON

*Following the sermon, silence for reflection. Then stand for Martin Luther's sung Creed.*

*Martin Luther's sung Creed, to be sung by the Choir*

- 1 We all believe in one true God,  
who created earth and heaven,  
the Father, who to us in love  
has the right of children given.  
He in soul and body feeds us;  
all we need his hand provides us;  
through all snares and perils leads us.  
Watching that no harm betide us,  
he cares for us by day and night.  
All things are governed by his might.
- 2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
his own Son, our Lord, possessing  
an equal Godhead, throne, and might,  
source of ev'ry grace and blessing;  
born of Mary, virgin mother,  
by the power of the Spirit,  
Word made flesh, our elder brother;  
that the lost might life inherit,  
was put to death upon the cross,  
and raised by God victorious.
- 3 We all confess the Holy Ghost  
who, in highest heaven dwelling  
with God the Father and the Son,  
comforts us beyond all telling;  
who the church, his own creation,  
keeps in unity of spirit.  
Here forgiveness and salvation  
daily come through Jesus' merit.  
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be  
in bliss with God eternally. Amen

## INTERCESSIONS

# The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

## THE PEACE

☩ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☩ **And also with you.**

*Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "Peace be with you."*

THE OFFERING *You can give your tithes and offerings via our Q code. Just point the camera on your smart phone to the code:*



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*The Eucharistic Bread and Wine are moved from the credence table to the altar. The congregation remains in the pews until the Distribution of the Sacrament.*

Offertory Anthem

*Cherubic Hymn*

*Dmitri Bortniansky (1751-1825)*

The Immanuel Choir

We who all together answer to the Cherubim  
And join with them in singing the Trisagion  
To the life giving Trinity,  
Let us now lay aside all the cares of this earthly life: Amen.  
For we now receive the Monarch,  
Invisibly escorted by all the ranks of angels. Alleluia.

☩ Let us pray.

☩ **Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The image shows a musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

## *Preface for Holy Trinity*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. You have revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus*

JESAIA, DEM PROPHETEN

The Immanuel Choir

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## Isaiah, Mighty Seer, in Days of Old

I - sa-iah, might-y seer, in days of old the Lord of all in spir-it did be-hold  
high on a loft - y throne, in splen-dor bright, with flow-ing train that filled the  
tem-ple quite. A - bove the throne were state-ly ser - a-phim; six wings had they,  
these mes-sen-gers of him. With twain they veiled their fac-es, as was meet,  
with twain in rev-'rent awe they hid their feet, and with the oth - er twain  
a - loft they soared, one to the oth - er called and praised the Lord:  
"Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of  
Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Be - hold,  
his glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!" The beams and lin - tels trem-bled  
at the cry, and clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite  
Music: JESAIA, DEM PROPHETEN, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

## *Eucharistic Prayer II*

**P** You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P** Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P** Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



Through him, with him, in him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho-ly Spir-it, all  
hon-or and glo-ry is yours, al-might-y Fa-ther, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

☑ 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 Fraction (*The Bread is broken*)

*Agnus Dei*, LBW 103, Choir

### O Christ, Thou Lamb of God

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,  
have mer-cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak-  
est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us!  
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,  
grant us thy peace! A-men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr: unknown  
Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

Sit

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ If you are home during this pandemic, worshiping online with us, here is a possible “Prayer for Spiritual Communion” lifted up in a recent *Forum Letter* (May 2020). *Forum Letter* is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

### Communion Anthem

*Ave Christe* Josquin des Prez (c.1450/1455 - 1521)  
The Immanuel Choir

Ave Christe, immolate in crucis ara,  
redemptionis hostia: morte tua nos amara  
fac redemptos luce clara tecum frui gloria.

Hail, O Christ, sacrificed on the altar of the Cross,  
an offering of redemption: by thy bitter death,  
make us rejoice with thee, redeemed in the clear  
light of glory.

Ave verbum, incarnatum de Maria Virgine,  
panis vivus Angelorum,  
salus et spes infirmorum,  
medicina peccatorum.

Hail, Word incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
living bread of the angels,  
healing and hope of the sick,  
cure of sinners.

Salve corpus Jesu Christi,  
quod de coelo descendisti et populum redemisti,  
qui in cruce pependisti.

Hail, body of Jesus Christ,  
who came down from heaven and redeemed the  
people,  
who hung upon the cross.

Jesu bone, fons pietatis,  
laus Angelorum, gloria Sanctorum,  
spes peccatorum, miserere nobis.

O good Jesus, source of kindness,  
praise of the angels, glory of the saints,  
hope of sinners, have mercy upon us.

Salve lux mundi, verbum Patris, hostia vera,  
viva caro, Deitas integra, verus homo.

Hail, light of the world, word of the Father, true  
sacrifice,  
living flesh, entire Deity, true man.

Ave principium nostrae creationis,  
ave pretium nostrae redemptionis,  
ave viaticum nostrae peregrinationis,  
ave solatium nostrae expectationis,  
ave salus nostrae salvationis.

Hail, beginning of our creation;  
Hail, price of our redemption;  
Hail, food for our journey;  
Hail, consolation in our waiting;  
Hail, remedy given for our salvation.

Qui hic immolaris pro nobis et sanctificaris,  
juva dies nostros in pace disponi,  
et nos electorum tuorum grege numerari.

Thou who art here sacrificed and hallowed for us,  
help our days to be ordered in peace,  
and help us be numbered among the flock of thy  
chosen.

*When all have received the Blessed Sacrament, the people stand for the Post-Communion Blessing:*

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
☑ **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

## The Sending

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

HYMN LBW 535

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*  
The Immanuel Choir

GROSSER GOTT

*(In this time of COVID-19, we ask that you refrain from singing the hymn out of concern for the safety of all. Instead, let us meditate on the words.)*

- 1 Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim,  
all in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
everlasting is your reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
- 3 Lo, the apostolic train  
join your sacred name to hallow;  
prophets swell the glad refrain,  
and the white-robed martyrs follow;  
and from morn to set of sun  
through the church the song goes on.
- 4 Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name you,  
though in essence only one;



undivided God we claim you  
and, adoring, bend the knee  
while we own the mystery.

DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE      *Chorale prelude on O lux beata Trinitas*   Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

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## Parish Announcements

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- ✦ FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Rev. Dr. Richard J. Shuta (uncle of Jeff Rudat), Elise Chard (niece of Jean Grenning), Raymond Chin (cousin of Priscilla O’Carroll), Agnes Schumacher (mother of one of our VBS children), Jürgen Ramcke (uncle of Thomas Wicks), Sieglinda O’Donnell (wife of our Jim O’Donnell, of blessed memory), Emma Kaefer.
- ✦ IN CONTINUING NEED OF PRAYER: Edna Szmodis, Marion Nitsch (mother of David Kiehl’s friend Carolina Nitsch), Marion Molno, Britney Berhaman (friend of Diana Montesdeoca), Melissa Alke (friend of Kathy Jolowicz), John Romano (brother-in-law to Richard and Maggie Schreiber), Robert Mallery (son-in-law of David Kiehl’s sister), Wolfgang Hahn, Yoleidy Perez (Tamares’s brother), Obdulia Mundo (friend of Maggie Schreiber), Mary Ann Grant (Deirdre’s mother)

## Service Notes

Organist and Director of Music.....Dr. Gwendolyn Toth  
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Crucifer ..... David Kiehl  
Lector..... Jean Grenning  
Assisting Minister and Preacher ..... Rev. Gregory P. Fryer  
Presiding Minister ..... Rev. Carol E.A. Fryer

## Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

- ✦ You might be interested to hear about our reredos — the wooden altarpiece at the front of our church. It was hand carved by artists in Germany's Black Forest. The left statue is Moses, with the Ten Commandments in his left arm and the two horn-like rays of light shining forth from his face after his encounter with the Lord on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 34:29-30). The right-hand statue is St. John the Evangelist, with a quill pen in his hand and an eagle at his feet. And the center statue is Jesus Christ, the personal unity and the most perfect meaning of the Law (Moses) and the Gospel (St. John).
- ✦ Our painting of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, above the reredos, pays tribute to the founding liturgy of our congregation, Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 1863. Our painting shows Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the ground, so that at first glance you might think that it is a painting of the Ascension. But the saintly company with Jesus — Moses and Elijah on either side, with Peter, James, and John fallen down in awe at the sight — point to the Transfiguration. Heaven knows and gives credit to the anonymous painter of our painting, but we note that it is in the style of Raphael's painting of *The Transfiguration* (1517-1520). Raphael also placed Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the disciples.
- ✦ Our church windows were installed in 1973 and constitute a visual meditation on an ancient hymn of the Church, the *Te Deum*. Pamphlets are available in the rear of the church explaining the windows one by one.
- ✦ Our church bells, named *Glaube*, *Hoffnung*, and *Liebe* for Faith, Hope, and Love, were a gift from German Empress Augusta Viktoria.
- ✦ A hint about acoustics: you will be able to hear the choir and organ better if you sit toward the front half of the church. The overhanging choir balcony obscures some of the beauty of the music for those sitting under it.
- ✦ Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me," and we view the presence of children in worship, even when they are wiggly and noisy, as a gift to the Church and an encouragement that our congregation is growing! Parents at their own preference are also welcome to take advantage of free childcare which we offer in the Undercroft every Sunday for children age 3-6. Our childcare worker will bring these children up to the Communion rail to receive a Blessing. We encourage older children to attend the entire service, either sitting with their parents or up in the balcony where the teens tend to congregate.
- ✦ Our worship book is the green hymnal, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* ("LBW"). This book contains both liturgies and hymns, with liturgies in the first half and hymns in the second. Sometimes we include hymns from *With One Voice* ("WOV") or from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* ("ELW").
- ✦ If you have a cell phone, please silence it for the liturgy. And please finish coffee or other drinks out in the narthex rather than in the main nave.
- ✦ This congregation is a member of the NALC – the "North American Lutheran Church." The national bishop of the NALC is Rev. Daniel W. Selbo.



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HOLY COMMUNION .....	11 AM Sundays
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION .....	6:30 PM Wednesdays
SUNDAY SCHOOL .....	Via Zoom these days
MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY .....	6:30 PM Mondays, via Zoom these days
INTERIM OFFICE MANAGER .....	Melissa Phillips
SEXTON .....	Gerry Britton
PARISH BOOKKEEPER.....	Charles Derderian
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC .....	Dr. Gwendolyn Toth
PASTOR.....	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
SENIOR PASTOR.....	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

### *Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:*

CHOIR.....Director of Music Dr. Gwendolyn Toth (212) 289-8128

**W**e extend to you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Carol Fryer. If you are interested in membership here at Immanuel, please contact the church office for an appointment with Pastor Carol. Or you can email her at [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).

- ✦ HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church's faith, who confess it with us (as in the Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.
- ✦ HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated and MARRIAGES solemnized only after consultation with the pastor well in advance. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise in need of the ministry of the Church, let us know. Call the church office during the week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ✦ We mean for PRIVATE CONFESSION to be available as often as you need. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: [gpfryer@gmail.com](mailto:gpfryer@gmail.com) or [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).
- ✦ LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR THE SICK is available. Again, simply contact Pastor Fryer.
- ✦ FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: There is a long line of Christians, both rich and poor, who have disciplined themselves to budget a portion of their income, put it into an offering envelope first thing, and give it to the church. Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer live by that tradition and commend it to you. Online giving is also available through our website, or by following this QR code with your phone camera:

