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# The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

11 a.m., Sunday, June 20, 2021

Warm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. This is a spoken liturgy during these pandemic days. We are grateful to Music Director Gwendolyn Toth and to Cantor Michael Celentano for leading this morning's music. Let's wait a while before our congregation sings the liturgy, to be safe. So, things are not yet back to normal. Still, we hope you will find strength for your souls in this spoken liturgy. Thank you for joining in the prayers of thanksgiving by way of the Lord's Supper.

I have prepared a Father's Day sermon for us today.

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 (<u>ceafryer@gmail.com</u>).

In Christ,

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Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

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### Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two

PRELUDE

Nun Bitten Wir

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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.
- P 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.
- C Amen.
- P 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

- P 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.
- P 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 333

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way; direct, protect, and feed me from day to day. Without your grace and favor I go astray; so take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
  I need not fear;
  for you, the Rock of Ages,
  are always near.
  Close by your side abiding,
  I fear no foe,
  for when your hand is guiding,
  in peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,
  I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home,
  then nothing can impede me,
  O blessed Friend!
  So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sit

### The Liturgy of the Word of God

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, the LORD finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8"Or who shut in the sea with doors, when it burst forth from the womb;

<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32, LBW (to be read responsively)
<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
and his mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

<sup>3</sup>He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>23</sup>Some went down to the sea in ships and plied their trade in deep waters;

<sup>24</sup>they beheld the works of the LORD and his wonders in the deep.

<sup>25</sup>Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.

<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; their hearts melted because of their peril.

<sup>27</sup>They reeled and staggered like drunkards and were at their wits' end.

<sup>28</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

<sup>29</sup>He stilled the storm to a whisper and quieted the waves of the sea.

<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad because of the calm, and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

<sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped

you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be

found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as

A The word of the Lord.

impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>Our mouth is open to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide. <sup>12</sup>You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. <sup>13</sup>In return -- I speak as to children -- widen your hearts also.

Thanks be to God.

Stand for the Verse and the Holy Gospel

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL ...... Mark 4:35-41, RSV

Before the Gospel:

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, from the Fourth Chapter:
- Glory to you, O Lord.

he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and

they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" <sup>39</sup>And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with awe, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

After the Gospel:

- P The Gospel of the Lord!
- Praise to you, O Christ.

- 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 the Creed.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

**1** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

### **INTERCESSIONS**

### The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

#### THE PEACE

- P 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."

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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

If With All Your Hearts Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) (from Elijah)

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me."
Thus saith our God.
Oh! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence!

- **A** 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 (spoken)

Eucharistic Dialogue

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **@** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **Q** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### Preface for Sundays after Pentecost

P 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, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Sanctus

G Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### Eucharistic Prayer I

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

- **G** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
- **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 unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 host is broken.)

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 *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.

- 1 O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest! The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest. Oh, wondrous food of blessing, oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift possessing, with praises overflows!
- 2 My Lord, you here have led me within your holiest place, and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace; for you have freely given what earth could never buy, the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
  And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
  My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown, and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then,
  thus strengthened with heav'nly food,
  while here my course on earth is lengthened,
  to serve with holy fear.
  And when you call my spirit
  to leave this world below,
  I enter, through your merit,
  where joys unmingled flow.

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

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

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### The Sending

BENEDICTION (Spoken)

HYMN LBW 467

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

**MELITA** 

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude, and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace: oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go; thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

### DISMISSAL

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

**POSTLUDE** 

Vita Sanctorum (from Lüneburger Orgeltabulatur) Anonymous (17th c.)

### Parish Announcements

- + TODAY'S PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS: The many Sundays after Pentecost mark a calm period of growth and maturing. The focus is on day-by-day inner faithfulness, in contrast to the festivals and observances that characterize the first half of the church year. The green paraments used during the 26 weeks following Pentecost Sunday bid us onwards toward spiritual growth.
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- + ALTAR FLOWERS given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Migdalia Marie Ramos on her birthday by Ester Figueroa-Neubacher and Eric Neubacher.
- + 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).
- + IN CONTINUING NEED OF PRAYER: Sieglinda O'Donnell (wife of our Jim O'Donnell, of blessed memory), 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)
- + FAITHFUL DEPARTED ..... Emma Kaefer (+ 5/20/1930 6/7/2021 +)
  Bereaved ..... Richard Kaefer, son
  Carol Singletary, daughter
- + MEMORIAL SERVICE for Emma Kaefer: 12:30 p.m. next Sunday, June 27, after the morning liturgy here at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

## Service Notes

Organist and Director of Music	Dr. Gwendolyn Toth
Cantor	Michael Celentano
Greeters/Ushers	Toshitake "Jazo" Ichikawa, Ed Indellicati, Luz Ortiz
Crucifer	David Kiehl
Lector	Sr. Maria Barbera
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.
- He 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
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PASTOR	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
SENIOR PASTOR	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:

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We 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.

- + 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 or 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: