

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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# The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

11 a.m., Sunday, August 22, 2021

Warm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church.
Our summertime liturgies are what we call "Piano Sundays." They are nice because the Cantor is near us. We are grateful to Music Director Gwendolyn Toth and Cantor Michael Celentano for leading our music this morning.

Most Sundays, we live stream our morning liturgy. We plan to do so this morning too, but also we are video recording and posting it. If for some reason, the live stream does not work this morning, you should be able to watch the recorded service later in the day. Actually you can always do that, whether you watch at 11 a.m. or not.

Our Task Force on Re-Opening says that *if we are vaccinated* then masks are optional. But if we are not vaccinated, then we should wear masks. Also the Task Force says that we can sing again!

Carol and I are fully vaccinated, but at least for a while, we mean to wear our masks when we are close to the people, as in the Distribution of Holy Communion.

We hope you will find strength for your souls in this liturgy. Thank you for joining in the prayers of thanksgiving by way of the Lord's Supper.

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).

In Christ,

Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

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## Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One

PRELUDE Sonata in E minor: Presto Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

#### THE BELLS

Please stand when the minister approaches the center aisle.

#### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C 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.
- @ 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 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 503

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
- 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
  I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
  My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.
- 3 Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.

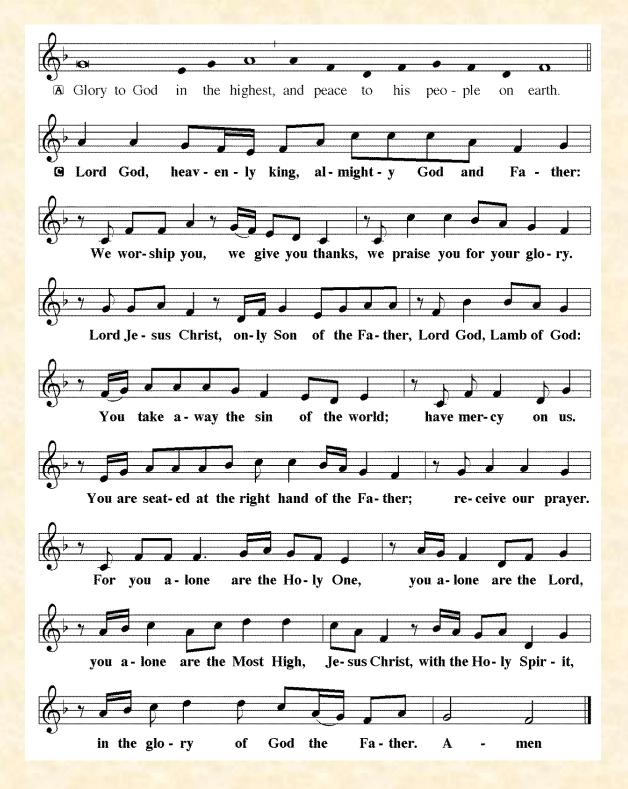
  Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

### 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.
- And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE Glory to God in the Highest (Next page)



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

P God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen

Sit

# The Liturgy of the Word of God

<sup>24</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Your fathers lived of old beyond the Euphra'tes, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods…

<sup>14</sup>"Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And if you be unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land; therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

**A** The word of the Lord.

**©** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:15-22, LBW (to be read responsively)

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

<sup>20</sup>He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

<sup>21</sup>Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup>besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and

also for me, that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains; that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

A The word of the Lord.

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.

Before the Gospel:

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

[Jesus said] <sup>56</sup>He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever." <sup>59</sup>This he said in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>Many of his disciples, when they heard it, said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at it, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you that do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who those were that did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

After the Gospel:

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

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

### Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*
- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
  I in my Savior am happy and blest,
  watching and waiting, looking above,
  filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

#### **SERMON**

Following the sermon, silence for reflection. Then stand for the Creed.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

**G** 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."

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

Or you can donate via this link: <u>Donate</u> Here are some other options for giving: <u>Ways to</u> <u>Give</u>

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 O salutaris hostia Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

O salutaris hostia

Q saving victim
quae caeli pandis ostium,
bella premunt hostilia:
da robur, fer auxilium.

O saving victim
who opens the gate of heaven,
hostile forces press on us:
give strength, bring aid.

- 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.
- **a** 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.
- 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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, 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.

### Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P 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.
- **G** 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.

#### 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.

Communion Meditation Sonata in E minor: Adagio Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

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 345 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

ST. PETER

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away all fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the heart's unrest; 'tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.

- 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place; my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.
- 4 By thee my prayers acceptance gain although with sin defiled.

  The devil charges me in vain, and I am owned a child.
- 5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my prophet, priest, and king, my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.
- 6 How weak the effort of my heart, how cold my warmest thought; but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 7 Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath; and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death!

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

#### DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Sonata in E minor: Molto vivace

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

# Parish Announcements

- + COFFEE HOUR IN THE UNDERCROFT. You are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship following the Liturgy. Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by Kathy Jolowicz. To get to the undercroft for Coffee Hour, bear to the left in the narthex.
- + 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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- + FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Jamel Devine (friend of Tamares Perez), Kenny Ramos Jr. (son of Ester Neubacher), Donald Kerr, Patricia Sanders, Thomas Hannon (on the Sexton's staff here at Immanuel), Matt O'Donnell (son-in-law of our member Jim O'Donnell, of blessed memory), Dieter Reinboth (friend of Kathy Jolowicz), Anne Swinka (maternal aunt of Thomas Wicks)
- + FAITHFUL DEPARTED ...... Blaise Pasztory (died August 10, 2021)

  Bereaved ...... Aniko Pasztory
- + IN CONTINUING NEED OF PRAYER: Marc Petitto (nephew of Michael Pamulo), 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), Georgia Pascual (cousin) of Michael Pamulo, Jürgen Ramcke (uncle of Thomas Wicks), Sieglinda O'Donnell (wife of our Jim O'Donnell, of blessed memory), 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

P <mark>ianist</mark>	Dr. Gwendol <mark>yn</mark> Toth
Cantor	Michael Celentano
Greeters/UshersToshitake "Jazo"	' <mark>Ichikawa, Ed Indellicati, Luz Ortiz</mark>
Lector	Davida Goldman
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	In summer recess
MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY	In summer recess
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:

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 either 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: