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## Reformation Sunday

11 a.m., Sunday, October 31, 2021

**W**arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Today is the 504<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the *Ninety-five Theses on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences*, October 31, 1517. That date is considered the official public beginning of the Reformation. By God's grace, our Lutheran tradition is now half-a-millennium old plus four!

Today'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.

Most Sundays, we live stream our morning liturgy. We plan to do so this morning too. 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](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com)).

In Christ,



Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

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### ***Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One***

PRELUDE

*Vater Unser*

Georg Boehm (1661-1733)

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.

**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*

- ☞ 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.**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

- ☞ 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 229

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN FESTE BURG

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,



God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot over pow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978

#### 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.

**C** And also with you.

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.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1100; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890-1950, alt.

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

ALLEIN GOT IN DER HÖH

- 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, lifegiving breath;  
our lives are in your keeping. Amen

Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485-c. 1550; tr. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

# The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON .....Jeremiah 31:31-34, RSV

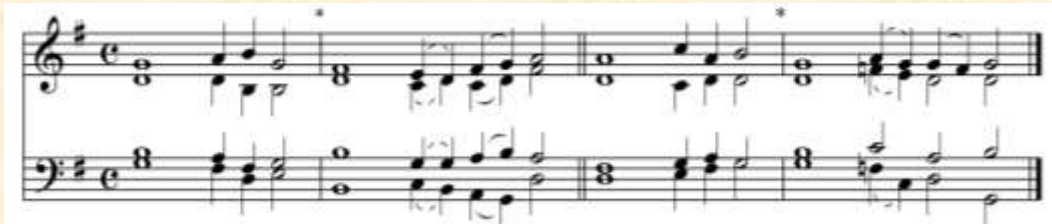
*In this reading, the LORD speaks of a new thing — a divine covenant in which the LORD's holy law will be written upon the hearts of the people. Then the LORD will be their God and they shall be his people.*

<sup>31</sup>"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46, LBW



Choir <sup>1</sup>God is our ref- / uge and strength,\*  
a very present / help in trouble.  
<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth be moved,\*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths / of the  
sea;

All <sup>3</sup>**though its waters / rage and foam,\***  
**and though the mountains tremble / at its tumult.**  
<sup>4</sup>**The LORD of / hosts is with us;\***  
**the God of Jacob / is our stronghold.**

Choir <sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,\*  
the holy habitation of / the Most High.



<sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be / overthrown;\*  
 God shall help her at the / break of day.

**All**     <sup>7</sup>**The nations make much ado, and the king- / doms are shaken;\***  
             **God has spoken, and the earth shall / melt away.**

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD of / hosts is with us;\***  
             **the God of Jacob / is our stronghold.**

**Choir**   <sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works / of the LORD,\*  
             what awesome things he has / done on earth.

<sup>10</sup>It is he who makes war to cease in / all the world;\*  
             he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
             and burns the / shields with fire.

**All**     <sup>11</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that / I am God;\***  
             **I will be exalted among the nations;**  
             **I will be exalted / in the earth.”**

<sup>12</sup>**The LORD of / hosts is with us;\***  
             **the God of Jacob / is our stronghold.**

SECOND LESSON .....Romans 3:19-28, NRSV  
*Saint Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other  
 Reformation leaders. Though we are called to holiness of life, we do not make ourselves right with  
 God through works of the law. We are reconciled with God through the divine work centered in  
 Christ’s death and resurrection.*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.



<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the singing of the Sequence Hymn and for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

Sequence Hymn LBW 239 *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

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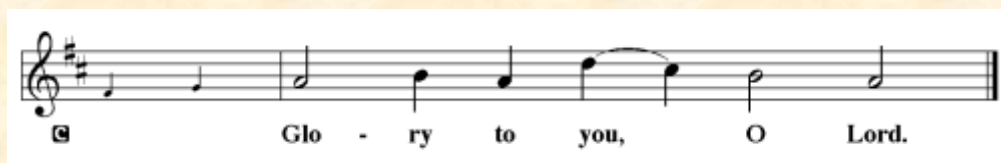
God's word is our great heritage  
and shall be ours forever;  
to spread its light from age to age  
shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way;  
in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant while time shall last  
your church may hold it fast  
throughout all generations.

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861-1925, alt.

HOLY GOSPEL ..... John 8:31-36, RSV

*Before the Gospel:*

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



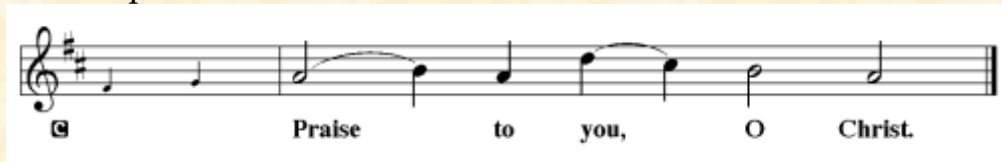
<sup>31</sup>Jesus then said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham, and have never been in bondage to any one. How is it that you say, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, every one who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not continue in the house for

ever; the son continues for ever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

*After the Gospel:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord!



HYMN LBW 230    *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*    ERHALT UNS, HERR

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
and bring to naught all he has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
for you are Lord of lords alone;  
defend your holy church, that we  
may sing your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

## SERMON

*Following the sermon, silence for reflection, then stand if you are able for the singing of the Creed, with a tune that goes back to 1300 and a text by Martin Luther.*

Hymn LBW 374            *We All Believe in One True God*            WIR GLAUBEN ALL

- 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

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book*, 1912, alt.

## INTERCESSIONS

# The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

## THE PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

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



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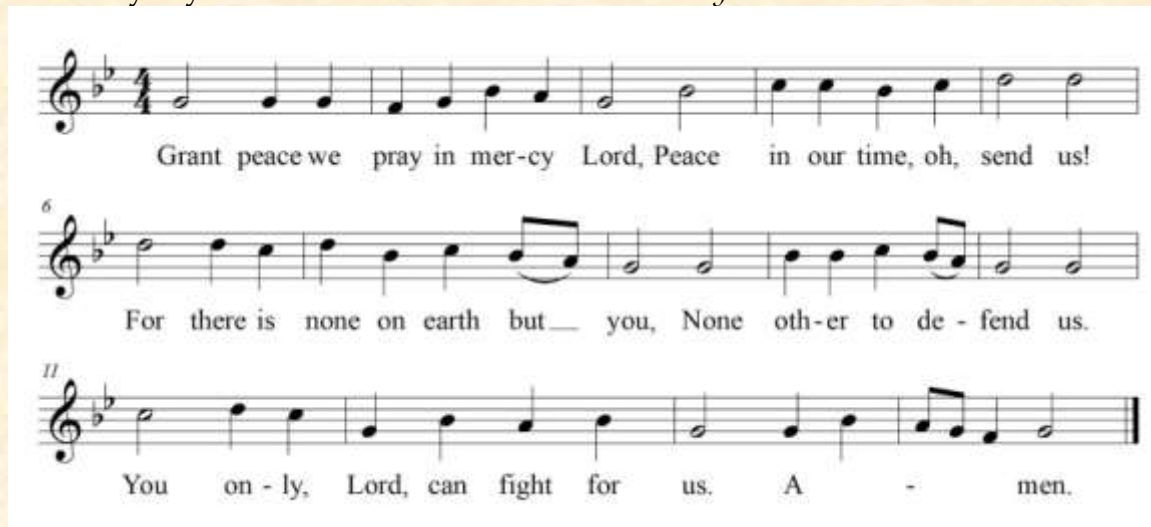
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The Eucharistic Bread and Wine are moved from the credence table to the altar. The congregation remains in the pews until the Distribution of the Sacrament.

Offertory Anthem *Verleih un Frieden* Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)  
(Martin Luther's translation of the ancient chant *Da pacem, Domine*)

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich, Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten. es ist doch ja kein ander nicht, der für uns könnte streiten, denn du, unser Gott, alleine.	In these our days so perilous, Lord, peace in mercy send us; No God but thee can fight for us, No God but thee defend us; Thou our only God and Saviour.
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Offertory Hymn *Grant Peace We Pray*



The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Grant Peace We Pray'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '6'. The third staff begins with a measure rest marked '11'. The lyrics are: 'Grant peace we pray in mer-cy Lord, Peace in our time, oh, send us! For there is none on earth but you, None oth-er to de-fend us. You on-ly, Lord, can fight for us. A-men.'

Text: Martin Luther

Tune: Erhalt Uns Herr, adapted

**A** Let us pray.

**C** 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

### *Eucharistic Dialogue*

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you." The second staff contains: "P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains: "P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff contains: "C It is right to give him thanks and praise." The music consists of simple, flowing lines with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, and rests.

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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*

JESAIA, DEM PROPHETEN

Text: Martin Luther

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## Isaiah, Mighty Seer, in Days of Old

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics describe the prophet Isaiah's vision of God's throne and the seraphim.

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.



## EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

- Ⓟ 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.



- Ⓢ 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.)*

**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 *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 *Das Benedicite vor dem Essem*  
Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

Aller Augen warten auf dich, Herre,  
und du gibest ihnen ihre Speise zu seiner  
Zeit.

Du thust deine milde Hand auf und sättigest  
alles,  
was da lebet, mit Wohlgefallen.

Vater unser, der du bist im Himmel,  
geheiligt werde dein Nam.  
Zukomm dein Reich, dein Wille gescheh,  
wie im Himmel, also auch auf Erden.  
Unser täglich Brot gib uns, Herr, heute,  
und vergieb uns unser Schulde,  
wie wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern.  
Und führ uns nicht in Versuchung,  
sondern erlöse uns vom Übel.  
Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft  
und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.  
Amen.

Herre Gott, himmlischer Vater,  
segne uns und diese deine Gaben,  
die wir von deiner milden Güte zu uns  
nehmen,  
durch Jesum Christum, deinen lieben Sohn,  
unsern Herren.  
Amen.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, Lord  
and thou givest them their meat in due  
season.

Thou openest thine hand and and satisfieth  
the desire  
of every living thing.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord God, heavenly Father,  
Bless us, and these Thy gifts,  
which we are about to receive from Thy  
bounty.  
Through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our  
Lord.  
Amen.

Organ meditation *Partita on Vater Unser* Georg Boehm (1661-1733)

Post-Communion Hymn, LBW 215 *O Lord We Praise You*

GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET

- 1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,  
in thanksgiving bow before you.  
Here with your body and your blood you nourish  
our weak souls that they may flourish.  
O Lord, have mercy!  
May your body, Lord, born of Mary,  
that our sins and sorrows did carry,  
and your blood for us plead

in all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!

- 2 Your holy body into death was given,  
life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to you could bind us;  
may this feast of that remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, your kindness so much did move you  
that your blood now moves us to love you.  
All our debt you have paid;  
peace with God once more is made.  
O Lord, have mercy!

- 3 May God bestow on us his grace and favor  
to please him with our behavior  
and live together here in love and union,  
nor repent this blest communion.  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not your good Spirit forsake us,  
but that heav'nly-minded he make us;  
give your church, Lord, to see  
days of peace and unity.  
O Lord, have mercy!

Text: German folk hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483-1546, sts. 2-3; tr. composite

*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*)

- 1 Salvation unto us has come  
by God's free grace and favor;  
good works cannot avert our doom,  
they help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
who did for all the world atone;  
he is our mediator.
- 2 Theirs was a false, misleading dream  
who thought God's law was given  
that sinners might themselves redeem  
and by their works gain heaven.  
The law is but a mirror bright  
to bring the inbred sin to light  
that lurks within our nature.
- 3 And yet the law fulfilled must be,  
or we were lost forever;  
therefore God sent his Son that he  
might us from death deliver.  
He all the law for us fulfilled,  
and thus his Father's anger stilled  
which over us impended.
- 4 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
and rests in him unceasing;  
and by its fruits true faith is known,  
with love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
works serve our neighbor and supply  
the proof that faith is living.
- 5 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
to Father, Son, and Spirit,  
the God who saved us by his grace;  
all glory to his merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above,  
you have revealed your saving love;  
your blessed name we hallow.

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484-1551; tr. *Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book*, 1912, alt.



## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*Vater Unser a 5*

Georg Boehm (1661-1733)

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## Parish Announcements

- ✦ LUTHERANISM 101 TODAY. Attendance at our class has been so lovely that we need more room. So, let's have today's class in the undercroft, during Coffee Hour. (You can see our Martin Luther banner there). Today's session is on the Apostles' Creed. All are welcome, whether or not you are a prospective member of our church.
- ✦ 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 Lara Bhasin. To get to the undercroft for Coffee Hour, bear to the left in the narthex.
- ✦ TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. Dr. Erich H. Kiehl, and for the Pastors, Teachers, and Church Workers who have kept the Church in the Faith expressed by Dr. Martin Luther and The Reformation, by David Kiehl.
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- ✦ FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: a *second* Kathy Jolowicz (cousin to our Kathy), Charles Schramm (retired Music Director of this congregation), Steven Golden (friend of Kathy Jolowicz), Naomi Kinley (friend of Jeff Rudat), Diane Kinley (mother of Jeff's friend Naomi), Tina Christiansen, (daughter of our member Borge Christiansen, of blessed memory), Ellen, Mrs. P (sister-in-law to Michael Pamulo).
- ✦ MARRIED YESTERDAY ... Ellen Dorothy Kiehl + Sean Alexander Storer  
Ellen is David Kiehl's niece
- ✦ RECENTLY DIED .....Joan Walter (8/7/1932 – 10/28/2021)  
Bereaved..... Diane Walter (daughter), Robert Walter (son)

## Service Notes

Music Director .....Dr. Gwendolyn Toth  
Greeters/Ushers .....Toshitake “Jazo” Ichikawa, Ed Indellicati, Luz Ortiz  
Lector..... Jeff Rudat  
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 a.m. Sundays  
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION ..... 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays  
SUNDAY SCHOOL ..... Sundays at 10 a.m. in the undercroft  
MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY .. 6:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room  
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  
MEALS ON HEELS..... Barbara Chomko, [bchomko@nyc.rr.com](mailto:bchomko@nyc.rr.com)

**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 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:

