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All Saints Sunday

11 a.m., Sunday, November 7, 2021

Warm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Especially it is nice to welcome Rev. John Hannah. Pastor Hannah leads worship today while Seminarian Lara Bhasin, Carol and I represent our congregation at Rev. Caleb Douglas's installation at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Export, PA, in western Pennsylvania. When Caleb was with us here at Immanuel, he was a regular guest, along with Carol and me, at the Bronx Winkel. The Bronx Winkel is the finest clergy group Carol and I have ever known, and it is all presided over by Pastor John Hannah. Pastor Hannah is a seasoned and honored Missouri Synod clergyman. Also, he was longtime Director of the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau (ALPB), which publishes the theology journal *Lutheran Forum*, along with theology books and a newsletter loved by many clergy called *Forum Letter*. I served with Pastor Hannah on the ALPB board for a good while. So, Pastor Hannah is a longtime colleague to Carol and me, and we are very grateful for him.

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).

In Christ,

Gregory Fryer

Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

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Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One

PRELUDE *Con Spirito* Thomas Arne (1710-1778)

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 174

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
you, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design.
Alleluia! Alleluia!


- 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

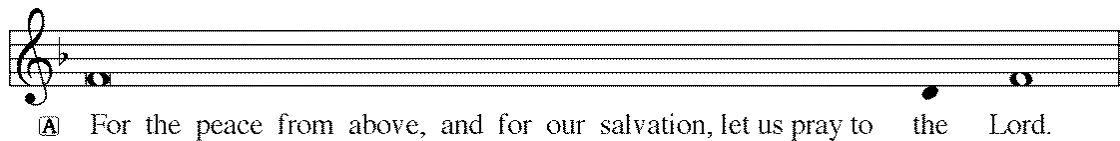
APOSTOLIC GREETING

- ☐ 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.**

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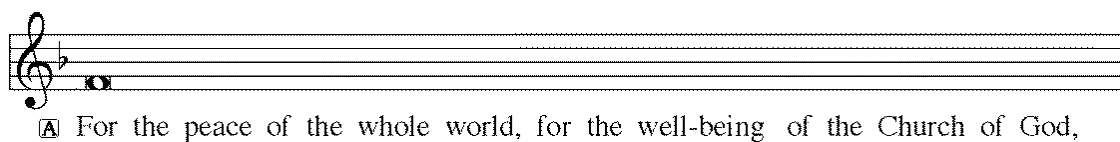
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



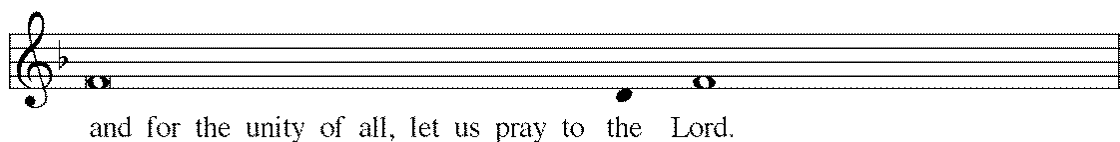
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



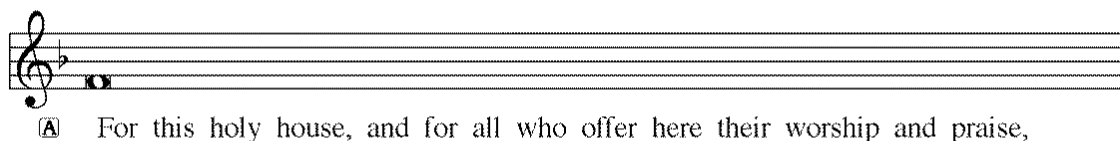
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



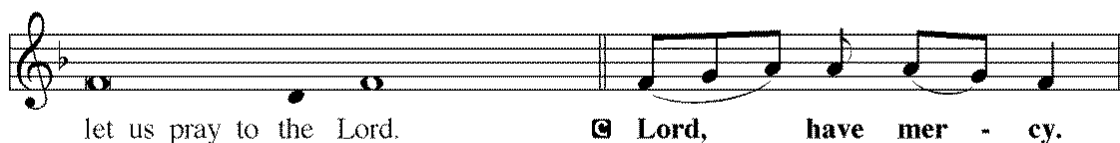
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



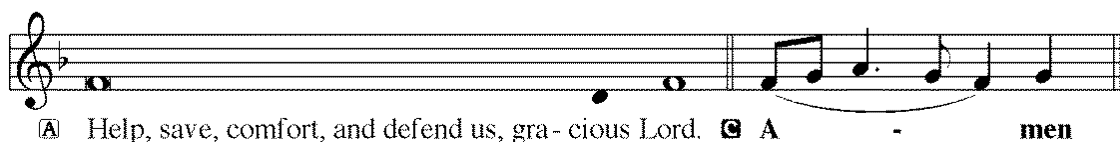
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



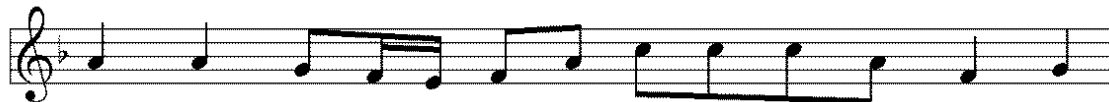
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest



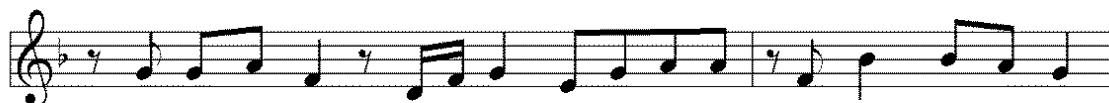
♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 25:6-9, NRSV

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when the LORD will gather all his people on his holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet the LORD will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save
us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 24, LBW



Choir ¹The earth is the LORD's and all / that is in it,*
the world and all who / dwell therein.

²For it is he who founded it up- / on the seas*
and made it firm upon the rivers / of the deep.

All ³**Who can ascend the hill / of the LORD***
and who can stand in his / holy place?"

⁴**Those who have clean hands and / a pure heart,***
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn
by what / is a fraud.

Choir ⁵They shall receive a blessing / from the LORD*
and a just reward from the God of / their salvation."

⁶Such is the generation of / those who seek him,*
of those who seek your face, O / God of Jacob.

All ⁷**Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever- / lasting**
doors;*

and the King of glory / shall come in.

⁸**Who is this / King of glory?"***

"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- / y in
battle."

⁹**Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever- / lasting**
doors;*

and the King of glory / shall come in.

¹⁰**Who is he, this / King of glory?"***

"The LORD of hosts, he is the / King of glory."

SECOND LESSON Revelation 21:1-6a, RSV

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with his people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; ³and I heard a loud voice from the throne

saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."

⁵And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life without payment.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

G Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPELJohn 11:32-44, RSV
Before the Gospel:

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, from the Eleventh Chapter:

G Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; ³⁴and he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. ⁴²I knew that thou hearest me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

After the Gospel:

P The Gospel of the Lord!



HYMN LBW 331

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

LAND OF REST

- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home,
when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?
- 2 O happy harbor of the saints,
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found,
no grief, no care, no toil.
- 3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks
continually are green;
there grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs
as nowhere else are seen.
- 4 There trees forevermore bear fruit
and evermore do spring;
there evermore the angels sit
and evermore do sing.

5 Jerusalem, my happy home,
would God I were in thee!
Would God my woes were at an end,
thy joys that I might see!

Text: F.B.P., 16th cent.

SERMON

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

NICENE CREED *In the Second Article of the Creed, in awe and gratitude for the Incarnation, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, you might want briefly to bow your head, as was customary in the time of the Reformers. The line is indicated by italics.*

☒ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit *he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

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."

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: [Donate](#) Here are some other options for giving: [Ways to Give](#)

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 Quam Gloriosum* Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)
The Immanuel Choir

*O quam gloriosum est regnum,
in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti!
Amicti stolis albis,
sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit.*

O how glorious is the kingdom
in which all the saints rejoice with Christ,
clad in robes of white
they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

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 (*spoken*)

Eucharistic Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **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 All Saints

- ☐ 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. In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. 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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

- ☐ 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.

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

☩ 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.

☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

☩ 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.

☩ 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.

☩ 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.

☩ 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, worshipping 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.

Anthem *Jesu dulcis memoria* Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548-1611)

<i>Jesu dulcis memoria</i> <i>Dans vera cordis gaudia:</i> <i>Sed super mel et omnia</i> <i>Ejus dulcis praesentia.</i>	<i>Jesu dulcis memoria</i> Jesus, sweet remembrance, Granting the heart its true joys, But above honey and all things Is His sweet presence.
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Communion Meditation *Siciliana* William Walond (1725-1770)

Communion Anthem *Cibavit Eos* William Byrd (1540-1623)

<i>Cibavit eos ex adipe frumenti, alleluia.</i> <i>Et de petra melle saturavit eos, alleluia.</i> <i>Exultate Deo adiutori nostro,</i> <i>Iubilate Deo Iacob.</i> <i>Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto</i> <i>sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper,</i> <i>et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.</i>	He fed them from the fullness of the wheat, alleluia. And sated them with honey from the rock, alleluia. Rejoice in God our helper, sing for joy to the God of Jacob. Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.
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HYMN 212, LBW *Let Us Break Bread Together* BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,

with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

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.

C Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The Sending

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

HYMN LBW 175 *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

- 1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs,
archangels, virtues, angel choirs:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises: "Alleluia!"
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,

all saints triumphant, raise the song:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in G

Henry Heron (1738-1795)

Parish Announcements

- ✦ TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by David Kiehl in honor of Rev. Caleb Douglas for his installation this afternoon as Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Export, PA. Our congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church here in New York, asks for God's richest blessings on Caleb, his family, and his congregation.
- ✦ NO LUTHERANISM 101 TODAY. Attendance at our class has been so lovely that we have moved from the Martin Luther Room down to the undercroft. But not today! No class today. We mean to pick up again next Sunday by discussing Luther's *Small Catechism* on The Lord's Prayer. All are welcome, whether or not you are a prospective member of our church.
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- ✦ FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Karen Miller (Carol Dittbrenner's aunt) 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)

† RECENTLY DIED Jürgen Ramcke
Bereaved Thomas Wicks (nephew)

Service Notes

Music Director Dr. Gwendolyn Toth
Greeters/Ushers Toshitake “Jazo” Ichikawa, Ed Indellicati, Luz Ortiz
Lector Richard Schreiber
Communion Assistant Richard Schreiber
Presiding Minister and Preacher Rev. John Hannah

Faithful Departed Since Last All Saints Sunday

Melvin Baker	Marion Ottes
Mary Alice Bono	John Panning
Lucille Bruno	Blaise Pasztory
Yvonne E. Cambridge	Eddy Quintanilla
Raymond Edward Chin	Jürgen Ramcke
Ann Chomko	Jesse Reno
Vera Harwell	John Romano
Bobby Harwell	Isaak Ross
Susan Hermann	Maxine Smith
Emma Kaefer	Camille Volpe Arena
William Kaufman	Fred Walter
Ramón Antonio Torres Martinez	Joan Walter

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 COMMUNION6:30 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 MANAGERMelissa 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

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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 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:

