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## The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

11 a.m., Sunday, November 14, 2021

**W**arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. We have arrived at the pinnacle of our rather quiet Stewardship Campaign. We call it "Consecration Sunday." This morning's Hymn of the Day – *Take My Life that I May Be* – helps express the good yearning of many a heart: that we should be more wholly consecrated to Jesus. Offering our "estimates of giving" for the year of our Lord 2022 is part of a consecrated life. During the offering, we mean to bring forward that bucket with the estimate forms in them. We are offering those estimates to our *Maker*. Quite a thought! Those estimates will help our Trustees finalize their writing of our church budget proposal for 2022. If you would like to turn in an estimate of your giving to Immanuel in 2022, please email it to Pastor Carol: [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com). That way it should arrive in time to help our Trustees write our church budget proposal for 2022.

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      *Sonata K. 288 in D major*      Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)

THE BELLS

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

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen.**

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

☑ **Amen.**

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

*Stand/kneel*

- P** Most merciful God,  
**C** 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.*

- 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 418

*Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor*

RHUDDLAN

- 1 Judge eternal, throned in splendor,  
Lord of lords and King of kings,  
with your living fire of judgment  
purge this land of bitter things;  
solace all its wide dominion  
with the healing of your wings.
- 2 Still the weary folk are pining  
for the hour that brings release;  
and the city's crowded clangor  
cries aloud for sin to cease;  
and the homesteads and the woodlands  
plead in silence for their peace.
- 3 Crown, O God, your own endeavor;  
cleave our darkness with your sword;  
feed the faint and hungry peoples  
with the richness of your Word;

cleanse the body of this nation  
through the glory of the Lord.


Text: Henry S. Holland, 1847-1918

#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

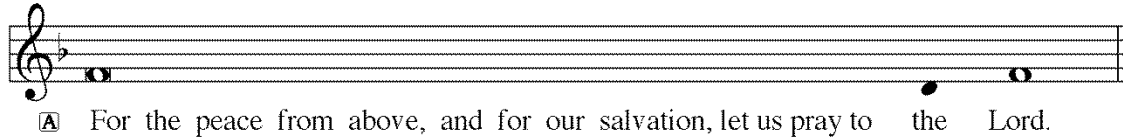
- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**



# KYRIE



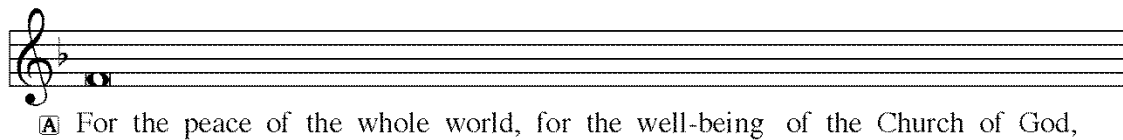
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



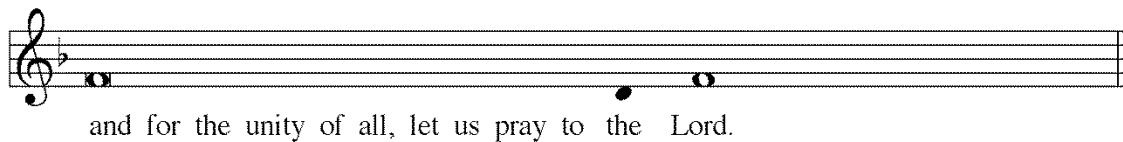
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



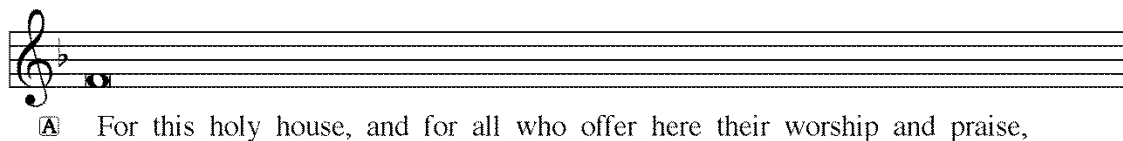
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



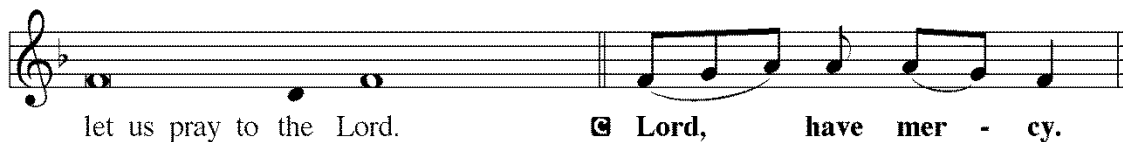
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



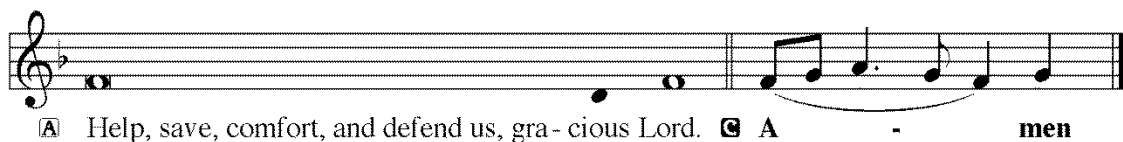
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**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

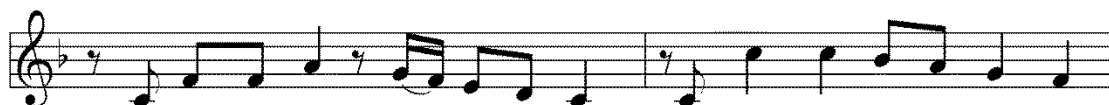
*Glory to God in the Highest*



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



**B** 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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

☐ Let us pray. Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON ..... Daniel 12:1-3, RSV

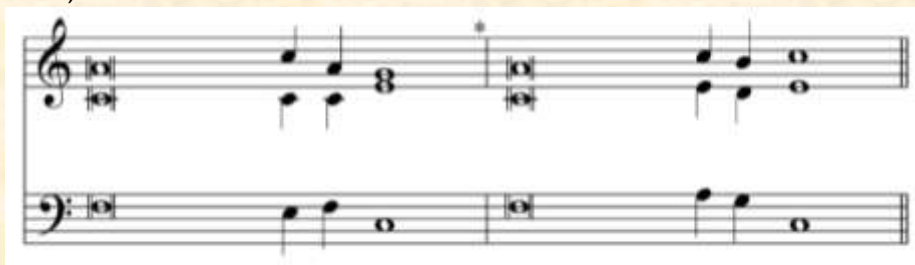
*The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Often arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when the LORD will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.*

<sup>1</sup>At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time; but at that time your people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16, LBW



Choir <sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;\*  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above  
all other."

All <sup>2</sup>**All my delight is upon the godly that are / in the land,\*  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

Choir <sup>3</sup>But those who run after / other gods\*  
shall have their troubles / multiplied.

All <sup>4</sup>**Their libations of blood I / will not offer,\*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

Choir <sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion / and my cup;\*  
it is you who uphold my lot.

All <sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a / pleasant land;\*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

Choir <sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who / gives me counsel;\*  
my heart teaches me night / after night.

All <sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD always before me;\*  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.**

Choir <sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;\*  
my body also shall rest in hope.

All <sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me / to the grave,\*  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>**You will show me the / path of life;\*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

TEMPLE TALK.....Our member Jennifer Loughrey

SECOND LESSON ..... Hebrews 10:11-25, NRSV  
*Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Jesus Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's*



*death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

<sup>11</sup>And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:  
I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,"

<sup>17</sup>he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand for the Alleluia Verse and the Holy Gospel*

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 GOSPEL ..... Mark 13:1-8, RSV

*Before the Gospel:*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, from the Thirteenth Chapter:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

And as he [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" <sup>2</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another, that will not be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign when these things are all to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup>And Jesus began to say to them, "Take heed that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places, there will be famines; this is but the beginning of the birth-pangs."

*After the Gospel:*

☐ The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ.

- 1 Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it thine,  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own,  
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

## SERMON

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

## APOSTLES' CREED

**☩ 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

**☩** 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: [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.*



Anthem *Ride On King Jesus* Traditional Spiritual, arr. Jens Klimek

Ride on, Jesus, ride.  
Ride on, Jesus, ride.  
Ride on, Jesus, conquering King,  
Ride, Jesus, ride.

King Jesus rides on a milk white horse,  
The river Jordan he did cross.  
Ride on, Jesus...

Jesus lifted his throne above,  
Let's see his mercy and his love.  
Ride on, Jesus...

Hosanna to the blessed one,  
Hosanna to the King of Peace.  
Ride on, Jesus...

**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*

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

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

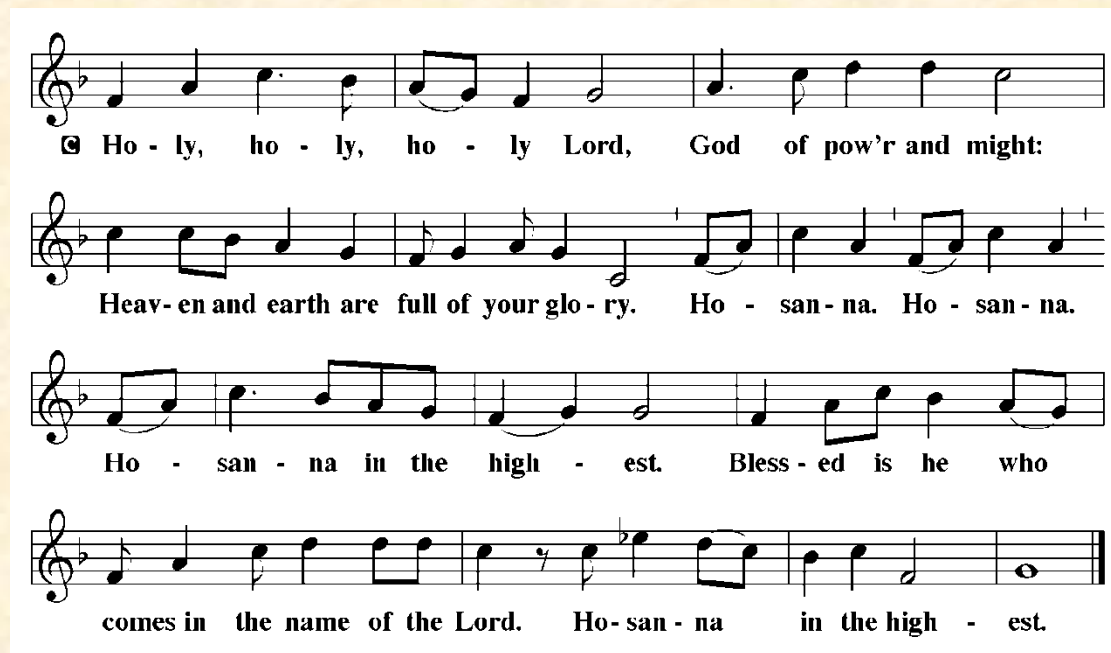
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Preface for Sundays after Pentecost*

☐ 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*



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Eucharistic Prayer I*

☐ 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.**

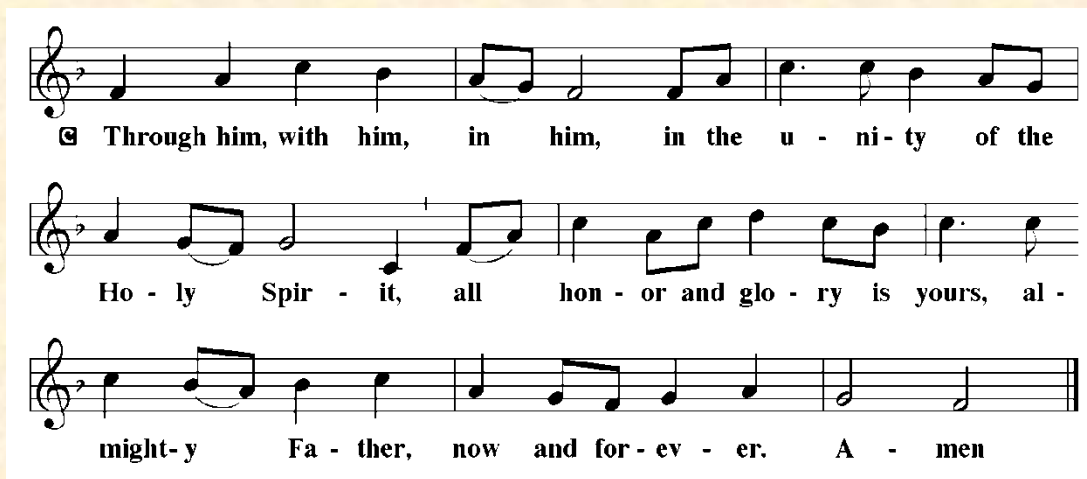
☐ Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**☩ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

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



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

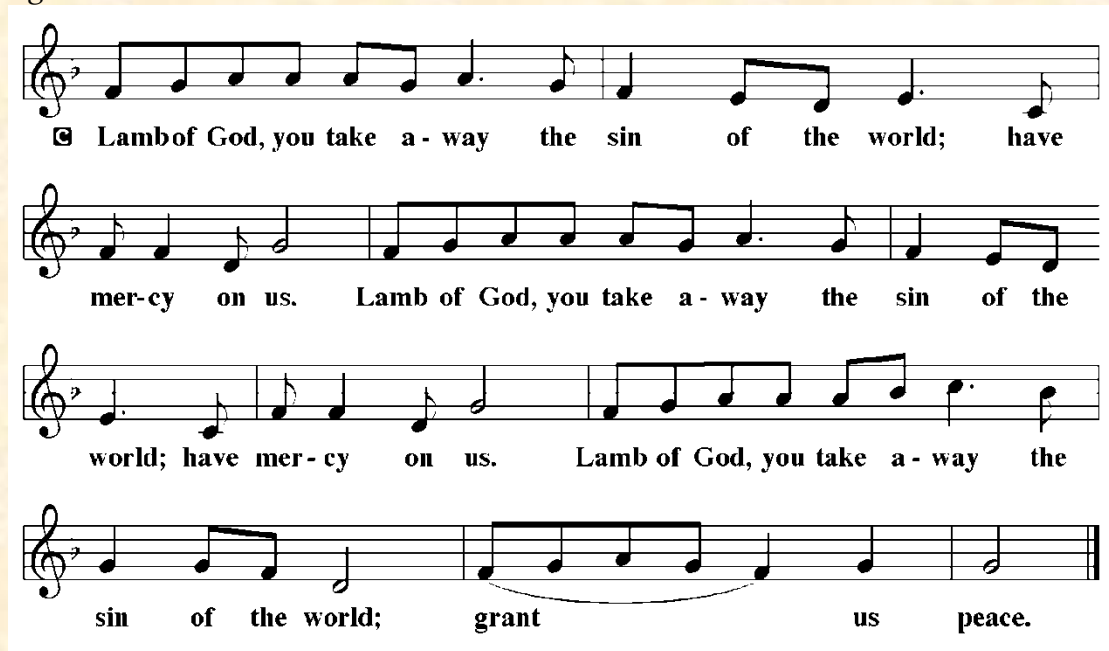
*The Lord's Prayer*

☩ 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 a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way 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.*



Communion Anthem *Tu solus qui facis mirabilia*

Josquin des Prez (c.1450-1522)

Tu solus qui facis mirabilia,  
Tu solus Creator, qui creasti nos,  
Tu solus Redemptor, qui redemisti nos  
sanguine tuo pretiosissimo.

You alone can do wonders,  
You alone are the Creator, and created us;  
You alone are the Redeemer, and redeemed us  
With your most precious blood.

Ad te solum confugimus,  
in te solum confidimus  
nec alium adoramus,  
Jesu Christe.

In you alone we find refuge,  
In you alone we trust,  
None other do we worship,  
Jesus Christ.

Ad te preces effundimus  
exaudi quod supplicamus,  
et concede quod petimus,  
Rex benigne.

To you we pour out our prayers,  
Hear our supplication,  
and grant us our request,  
O King of kindness!

Organ meditation Adagio from Vivaldi's *Concerto in A minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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:*

☞ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☛ Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

## The Sending

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

HYMN LBW 355 *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow*

EBENEZER

- 1 Through the night of doubt and sorrow,  
onward goes the pilgrim band,  
singing songs of expectation,  
marching to the promised land.  
Clear before us through the darkness  
gleams and burns the guiding light;  
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim  
stepping fearless through the night.
- 2 One the light of God's own presence  
on the ransomed people shed,  
chasing far the gloom and terror,  
bright'ning all the path we tread.  
One the object of our journey,  
one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward,  
one the hope our God inspires.
- 3 One the strain that lips of thousands  
lift as from the heart of one;  
one the conflict, one the peril,  
one the march in God begun.  
One the gladness of rejoicing  
on the far eternal shore,  
where the one almighty Father  
reigns in love forevermore.
- 4 Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;  
onward, with the cross our aid.  
Bear its shame, and fight its battle  
till we rest beneath its shade.

Soon shall come the great awak'ning;  
soon the rending of the tomb!  
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,  
and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789-1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924, alt.

#### DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE      *Rondo in G major*      Giuseppe Gherardeschi (1759-1815)

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## Parish Announcements

- ✦ COFFEE HOUR IN THE UNDERCROFT. Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by Pam Rao.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ LUTHERANISM 101 TODAY. After today's liturgy, let's meet in the undercroft, in the Large Sunday School Room. Let's enjoy some of Pam Rao's Coffee Hour and then gather for our class in that room. This time we will look at Part 3 of Luther's *Small Catechism*. It is the section on the Lord's Prayer. I've prepared booklets of Luther's *A Simple Way to Pray* — a devotional treatise Luther prepared for his barber, Peter Beskendorf. This is a class for people interested in joining our congregation. There are many new faces at Immanuel these days. We hope you will attend these classes — as many as you can. We plan to work our way through. Six or seven classes.
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- ✦ FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Eric Wigram (son of Virginia), 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 and Diane Kinley (friends of Jeff Rudat)

## Service Notes

Music Director ..... Dr. Gwendolyn Toth  
Greeters/Ushers ..... Toshitake "Jazo" Ichikawa, Ed Indellicati, Luz Ortiz  
Lector ..... Maria Barbera  
Assisting Minister and Preacher ..... Rev. Gregory P. Fryer  
Presiding Minister ..... Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer

## Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

- ✦ You might be interested to hear about our reredos — the wooden altarpiece at the front of our church. It was hand carved by artists in Germany's Black Forest. The left statue is Moses, with the Ten Commandments in his left arm and the two horn-like rays of light shining forth from his face after his encounter with the Lord on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 34:29-30). The right-hand statue is St. John the Evangelist, with a quill pen in his hand and an eagle at his feet. And the center statue is Jesus Christ, the personal unity and the most perfect meaning of the Law (Moses) and the Gospel (St. John).
- ✦ Our painting of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, above the reredos, pays tribute to the founding liturgy of our congregation, Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 1863. Our painting shows Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the ground, so that at first glance you might think that it is a painting of the Ascension. But the saintly company with Jesus — Moses and Elijah on either side, with Peter, James, and John fallen down in awe at the sight — point to the Transfiguration. Heaven knows and gives credit to the anonymous painter of our painting, but we note that it is in the style of Raphael's



painting of *The Transfiguration* (1517-1520). Raphael also placed Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the disciples.

- ✦ Our church windows were installed in 1973 and constitute a visual meditation on an ancient hymn of the Church, the *Te Deum*. Pamphlets are available in the rear of the church explaining the windows one by one.
- ✦ Our church bells, named *Glaube, Hoffnung, and Liebe* for Faith, Hope, and Love, were a gift from German Empress Augusta Viktoria.
- ✦ A hint about acoustics: you will be able to hear the choir and organ better if you sit toward the front half of the church. The overhanging choir balcony obscures some of the beauty of the music for those sitting under it.
- ✦ 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.

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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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  
PARISH SECRETARY..... Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer  
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](mailto:gpfryer@gmail.com) or [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).
- ✦ LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR THE SICK is available. Again, simply contact 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:

