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Ordination into the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament

how beautiful are
the feet of them
that preach the gospel of
peace

**And Installation at
Immanuel Lutheran Church, New York, NY**

For
Lara Kathryn Simone Bhasin

The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 18, 2023

Warm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Especially we welcome Bishop Daniel Selbo, Bishop of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). Bishop Selbo will preside over Lara's ordination. We are honored by his presence and by the presence of each of you.

Lara has touched my heart by asking me to preach for her ordination. She tells me that she resolved on that years ago. So, I mean to preach, with God's help.

It is a moving thing to witness an ordination. It is an event that gives us hope for Christ's church on earth. Clergy throughout this congregation are invited to join Bishop Selbo in laying their hands on Lara's head. In this way, we welcome Lara into the long tradition of clergy and we pray for God's blessing on Lara and on all the souls she will touch over the course of her ministry.

Lara was born in Kansas and has lived in Germany, Austria, and Russia, where her father was stationed by the Army. Since 1998 she has called New York home. She lives in Westchester County with her husband Aakash and her two sons, Matthias and Ephraim. She has been a middle and high school English teacher for most of her adult life. In 2018, she began attending the North American Lutheran Seminary. She has been a great help to us as Vicar here at Immanuel, and she is overjoyed to be ordained now and to serve as a part-time Pastor among us. Her chief joy in life is to talk about Jesus and His love. Her primary hobby is reading, especially philosophy, history, theology, and great literature, and she also likes to spend as much time in nature as possible.

In this liturgy, we are following the LBW ordination rite enriched by the work of our former vicar Caleb Douglas for his own ordination here at Immanuel. Caleb included these notes with us about the rite:

The heart of the Rite of Ordination is the laying on of hands. In his letters to his disciple Timothy, the Apostle Paul twice reminds Timothy of the grace that was bestowed upon him through the laying on of hands (1Tim 4:14, 2 Tim 1:6). So, from the time of the Apostles, the Church has called some to be pastors through the laying on of hands. The church catholic trusts that the Spirit of God uses the human action of laying on of hands for His own setting apart. The Rite of Ordination here used takes elements from ancient as well as modern Roman Catholic and Anglican ordination rites.

After this liturgy, please join us in the undercroft for a reception. To get there, bear to the left in the narthex as you are leaving the church and head down the stairs. Restrooms are down there too.

God bless you all.

In Christ,
Gregory Fryer

Pastor Gregory Fryer

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three

PRELUDE

Finale from Sonata No. 6 in D minor, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Organist Aletheia Johanna Teague

THE BELLS

WELCOME, Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

Please stand.

The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 233

Thy Strong Word
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EBENEZER



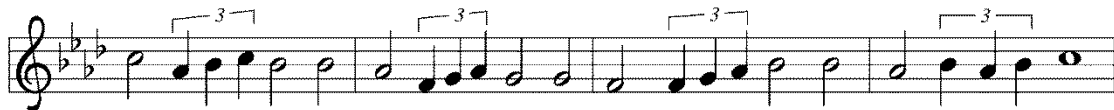
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

B 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

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

A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

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

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

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God*



A Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav'n-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, O 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

PRAYERS OF THE DAY

B The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

B Let us pray. God, our Maker and Redeemer, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

B Almighty and merciful God, you built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and you instituted the office of the holy ministry so that the apostolic and prophetic Word might be heard throughout the ages. Grant that Lara, now to be ordained, may exercise her ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSONIsaiah 52:7-10, RSV

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good tidings,
who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

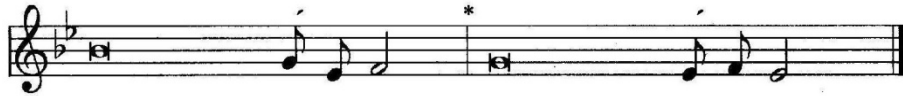
⁸Hark, your watchmen lift up their voice,
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Choir ¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O / LORD of hosts!*
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the / living God.

All ²**The sparrow has found her a house
 and the swallow a nest where she may / lay her young,*
 by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King / and my
 God.**

Choir ³Happy are they who dwell / in your house!*

They will always be / praising you.

All ⁴**Happy are the people whose strength / is in you,*
 whose hearts are set on the / pilgrims' way.**

Choir ⁹For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in / my own
 room,*

and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
 than to dwell in the tents / of the wicked.

All ¹⁰**For the LORD God is both / sun and shield;*
 he will give / grace and glory;**

Choir ¹¹no good thing will the / LORD withhold*
 from those who walk / with integrity.

All ¹²**O / LORD of hosts,*
 happy are they who put their / trust in you!**

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 4:1-16, RSV

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord,
 beg you to lead a life worthy of the
 calling to which you have been called,
²with all lowliness and meekness, with
 patience, forbearing one another in
 love, ³eager to maintain the unity of
 the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There
 is one body and one Spirit, just as you
 were called to the one hope that
 belongs to your call, ⁵one Lord, one
 faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and
 Father of us all, who is above all and

through all and in all. ⁷But grace was
 given to each of us according to the
 measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is
 said,

"When he ascended on high he
 led a host of captives,
 and he gave gifts to men."

⁹(In saying, "He ascended," what
 does it mean but that he had also
 descended into the lower parts of the

earth? ¹⁰He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; ¹⁴so that we may no longer be

children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love.

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.

ALLELUIA: Traditional Gregorian Chant



All: **Alleluia.**

Verse (Choir): Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.
(Mt. 9:38)

All: **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 10:1-15, RSV

Before the Gospel:

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



[Jesus says] ¹Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a

robber; ²but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep

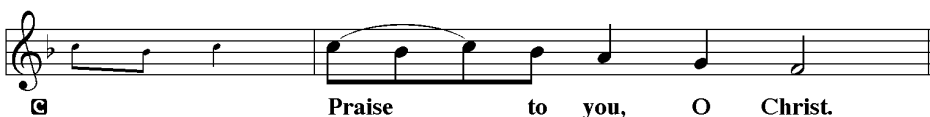
by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. ⁹I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

After the Gospel:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN 188

I Bind unto Myself Today

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

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1 I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong name

of the Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion

of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, by pow'r of
 3 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . the vir - tues
 4 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . the pow'r of
 5 I bind un - to my - self the name, . the strong name

faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - tism in the
 of the star - lit heav - en, the glo - rious sun's life -
 God to hold and lead, . . . his eye to watch, his
 of the Trin - i - ty . . . by in - vo - ca - tion

Jor - dan Riv - er, his cross of death for my sal - va - tion, his
 giv - ing ray, . . the white - ness of the moon at e - ven, the
 might to stay, . . his ear to hear - ken to my need, . the
 of the same, . the Three in One and One in Three, . of

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burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his rid - ing
 flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing
 wis - dom of my God to teach, his hand to
 whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal



up the heav'n - ly way, his com - ing at the
 wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the
 guide, his shield to ward, the word of God to
 Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise to the Lord of



day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.
 give me speech, his heav'n - ly host to be my guard.
 my sal - va - tion; sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. St. Patrick, c. 372–466; para. Cecil F. Alexander, 1823–1895
 Music: ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE, Irish

SERMON

Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

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

NICENE CREED (*In olden days, it was customary for people to bow at the confession of the Holy Incarnation: "... and was made man."* If you would like to do so, the place is marked with italics in this text:)

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.

The Rite of Ordination

To the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament

The ordinand is presented to the Bishop and to the congregation:

Pastor Gregory Fryer: I present for ordination to the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament Lara Kathryn Simone Bhasin, who has been prepared, examined, and certified for this ministry and who has been called by the Church to the office of Pastor.

☞ Thanks be to God.

The congregation is seated.

The presenter steps aside. Bishop Dan Selbo addresses Lara:

☒ According to apostolic usage you are now to be set apart to the office of Word and Sacrament in the one holy catholic Church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

And again: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

St. Paul writes: "I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in

remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

The Examination

- B** As you shall give account before the Lord Jesus Christ in the great day of His appearing and so that the Congregation may know your mind and will in these things, I call upon you now to make answer before Almighty God who will be your judge: Will you assume this office, believing that the Church's call is God's call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament?
- R** I will, and I ask God to help me.
- B** The Church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the Holy Scriptures are the Word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the Holy Scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and these creeds and confessions?
- R** I will, and I ask God to help me.
- B** Will you be diligent in your use of the means of grace, and in your study of the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same?
- R** I will, and I ask God to help me.
- B** Will you administer the Sacraments rightly as instituted by our Lord, faithfully and frequently, so as to provide grace and nourishment to those whom God has committed to your cure and charge?
- R** I will, and I ask God to help me.
- B** Will you instruct God's people in the Scriptures, the Catechism and the articles of faith, pray for them, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?
- R** I will, and I ask God to help me.
- B** Will you admonish your hearers to a true repentance, convicting them of sin and comforting them with the Gospel, that they may be led to a holy life of love toward God and neighbor? Will you strive to live according to the Word of God, so as to serve the Lord in truth as a right shepherd of the flock

entrusted to you? Will you lead a life worthy of a minister of God's Word, so as to never willfully dishonor God or your holy office?

R I will, and I ask God to help me.

B Will you give due respect to your bishop and those set over you in the Lord, gladly and willingly following their godly and lawful leadership and pastoral direction?

R I will, and I ask God to help me.

B Will you see that church discipline be exercised conscientiously, speaking the truth in love and bearing one another's burdens? Will you see that the rites accepted in the church are observed and that no frivolous or offensive departure from the usages of the church be permitted?

R I will, and I ask God to help me.

B Will you be diligent to frame and fashion your own life, and that of your family, according to the teachings of Christ, and to make both yourself and them – as much as lies within you – wholesome examples to the flock of Christ?

R I will, and I ask God to help me.

B Will you shun and abhor doctrine contrary to that revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and witnessed to by the Creeds and the Confessions, and also – as much as lies within you – contend against the same and rather shed your blood than consent to false teaching?

R I will, and I ask God to help me.

B Will you give faithful witness in the world to the saving power of Jesus Christ alone, to the forgiveness of sins, to the comfort of the Good News, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

R I will, and I ask God to help me.

B Will you promise me here, as before the all-knowing God, in full dependence upon the grace which the Triune God Himself shall bestow, to faithfully perform all these vows with integrity?

R I will, and I ask God to help me.

B Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C Amen

The Prayers

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A For the holy catholic Church, that it may be filled with truth and love and by your grace be found without fault at the last day: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For all members of the Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in true and godly lives: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For Daniel, our bishop, for Gregory and Carol, our pastors, and for all those responsible for the care and nurture of your people: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For Lara, chosen to be a pastor in the Church, that she may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, serve your people, build up your Church, and glorify your name: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, she may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For her family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For the peace of the Church, that our divisions may be overcome and that we may serve the world as one people in one Lord Jesus Christ: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and understanding may grow among nations and peoples: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected: Lord, in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

A For Mary, Mother of our Lord, for John the Forerunner, for the apostles and martyrs, for the glorious company of all the saints, those who have died in faith and those who live in certain hope, we praise you. That their witness may give us courage until the day of Jesus Christ: Lord, in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

B Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ Amen

The congregation stands and the ordinand prostrates herself.

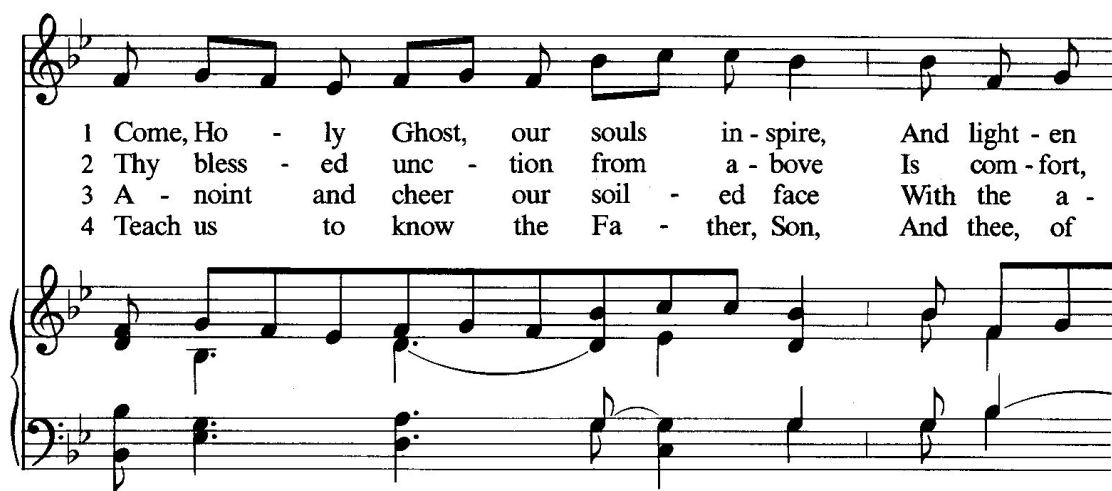
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Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS

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Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, And light - en
 2 Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove Is com - fort,
 3 A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face With the a -
 4 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And thee, of



with ce - les - tial fire; Thou the a - noint - ing
 life, and fire of love. En - a - ble with per -
 bun - dance of thy grace. Keep far our foes; give
 both, to be but one; That through the a - ges



Spir - it art, Who dost thy sev'n - fold gifts im - part.
 pet - ual light The dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.
 peace at home; Where thou art guide, no ill can come.
 all a - long Thy praise may be our end - less song!

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5 Praise to thine e - ter - nal mer - it, Fa - ther,

Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men

The ordinand will kneel.

B The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

B Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

B Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, we bless you for your infinite love in Christ our Lord, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace. We thank you that by his death your Son has overcome death and, having been raised by your mighty power, has ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. We praise you that Christ has poured out his gifts abundantly on the Church, making some apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers, to equip your people for their work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.

The Laying on of Hands

All clergy are invited to come forward and to join in the laying on of hands as a sign of welcome to Lara into the order of Ministry of Word and Sacrament and as a sign of the unity of the church catholic.

The Bishop lays both hands on the head of Lara. Other clergy may impose their hands.

- ⓑ Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Lara and fill her with the gifts of grace for the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Following the laying on of hands Lara remains kneeling.

- ⓑ Bless her proclamation of your Word and administration of your Sacraments, O Lord, so that your Church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service. Make her a faithful pastor, patient teacher, wise counselor. Grant that in all things she may serve without reproach, that your people may be renewed and your name be glorified in the Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

ⓓ **Amen**

Sit

The Clothing in the Vestments of the Church

The newly ordained remains kneeling. Bishop Selbo places a stole on Lara's shoulders and says:

- ⓑ Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and walk in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

A chasuble is placed upon Lara by her husband, Aakash, as Bishop Selbo says:

- ⓑ Receive this chasuble, which is the vestment of priesthood and signifies love; for God is able to advance you in love and in perfection, remembering "above all things put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." (Colossians 3:14)

The Bishop anoints the palms of the newly ordained and says:

- ⓑ The Father anointed our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. May Jesus preserve you to sanctify the Christian people and to offer

sacrifice to God. May these hands be consecrated and sanctified, so that whatever they bless may be blessed, and whatever they sanctify may be sanctified.

The newly ordained stands; Bishop Selbo addresses her:

B “Strive for righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith.” (1 Timothy 6:11-12)

Clergy join the Bishop in solemn charges:

P “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the Word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching.” (2 Timothy 4:2)

P “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the Church of the Lord which he obtained with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)

P “Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.” (1 Peter 5:2-4)

P “This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.” (1 Cor. 4:1-2)

B Care for God’s people, bear their burdens and do not betray their confidence. So discipline yourself in life and teaching that you preserve the truth, giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope. Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people. Give and receive comfort as you serve within the Church. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

B The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever.

C Amen

Stand

The Bishop and newly ordained turn to face the congregation.

B Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole Church, receive Lara as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve God’s people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ?

C We will.

B Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work’s sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C We will.

B Let it be acclaimed that Lara is ordained a minister in the Church of Christ. She has Christ’s authority to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments, serving God’s people.

C Amen. Thanks be to God.

The congregation may offer acclamation with applause.

The Installation

Bishop Selbo addresses the congregation:

B I now ask for Lara Bhasin’s certification of call as Assistant Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

A representative of the church council comes forward and addresses Bishop Selbo:

David Kiehl, President of this congregation: We, of Immanuel Lutheran Church, after prayerful deliberation, have elected Lara Bhasin to be Assistant Pastor. I present her and this letter certifying the call.

Bishop Selbo addresses the pastor being installed:

B Pastor Lara, in the presence of this congregation, do you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

R I do, and I ask God to help me.

B The office of Assistant Pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

HYMN LBW 230, “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word,” during the movement to font, pulpit, and altar, one verse at a time (next page):

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

First verse of “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

The presiding minister escorts the newly installed pastor to the font, where a representative of the congregation says:

Barbara Chomko, Chair of the Board of Deacons You have been called to be
 among us to baptize, to teach,
 and to forgive sins.

Second verse of “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

They proceed to the pulpit, where a representative of the congregation says:

Richard Schreiber, Member of the Board of Trustees You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

Third verse of “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

They proceed to the altar, where a representative of the congregation says:

Pastor Carol Fryer You have been called to be among us to lead worship and preside at the Holy Communion.

And so it is that Pastor Lara presides at her first celebration of the Blessed Sacrament:

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.”

Sit

OFFERING (*Lara is a graduate of the North American Lutheran Seminary in Ambridge, PA. This afternoon’s offering will be directed to the NALC “Theological Education Fund” to support the training of workers in the church.*)

OFFERTORY *Courante from Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major, BWV 1007*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Cellist Daniel Yen

PRAYER

☩ 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




♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.



♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE OF THE APOSTLES

♩ 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 the great shepherd of your flock, Christ, our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the age. And so, with patriarchs and prophets, with the apostles and with all the company 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 in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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.

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

C 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

C 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. A - men

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.

HYMN LBW 199

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

ADORO TE DEVOTE

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1 Thee we a - dore, O hid - den Sav - ior, thee,
2 O blest me - mo - rial of our dy - ing Lord,
3 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God:
4 O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see:



who in thy sac - ra - ment art pleased to be;
who liv - ing bread to us shall here af - ford:
cleanse us, un - clean, with thy most cleans - ing blood;
may what we thirst for soon our por - tion be,



both flesh and spir - it in thy pres - ence fail,
oh, may our souls for - ev - er feed on thee,
in - crease our faith and love, that we may know
to gaze on thee un - veiled, and see thy face,



yet here thy pres - ence we de - vout - ly hail.
and thou, O Christ, for - ev - er pre - cious be.
the hope and peace which from thy pres - ence flow.
the vi - sion of thy glo - ry, and thy grace. A - men

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1227–1274; tr. James R. Woodford, 1820–1885
Music: ADORO TE DEVOTE, mode V; *Processionale*, Paris, 1697

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way; as the Light of light, de - scend - ing
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,



for with bless - ing in his hand Christ our God to earth de -
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the
 from the realms of end - less day, comes, the pow'rs of hell to
 as with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



scend - ing comes our hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.
 Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

G Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A We thank you, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly food, the Body and Blood of your Son, uniting us through Him in the fellowship of your Spirit. As you have again raised up among us a faithful servant for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, grant that we, with Lara, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Silence for reflection.

The Sending

THE SOLEMN BLESSING

B May God, who founded His Church upon the Apostles, bless you through the prayers of all His saints.

C Amen

B May God inspire you to follow the example of the Apostles and give witness to the truth before all people.

C Amen

B The teaching of the Apostles has strengthened your faith. May their prayers lead you to your true and eternal home.

C Amen

B May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son † and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

HYMN LBW 229

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

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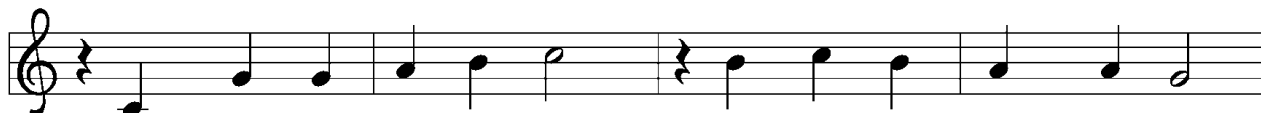
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Parish Announcements

- ✦ The FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given to the glory of the Triune God by the congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church, asking for His manifold blessings on Lara as she is ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament among us.
- ✦ Please join us for A RECEPTION in the church undercroft.
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 Lector..... Domingo Quilems
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 Presiding Minister for the Holy Communion.....Rev. Lara Bhasin
 Assisting Minister Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
 Preacher Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

Notes on the Liturgy

From former Vicar Caleb Douglas

On the use of incense: Throughout Holy Scripture, incense has been used in the worship of God. In Israel’s worship, the LORD gave instructions for an altar to be set apart within the temple for the constant offering of incense (Exodus 30:1).

The use of incense did not cease with the advent of the New Covenant, as in the book of Revelation the twenty-four elders surrounding the throne of the Lamb are each holding a bowl of incense, “which are the prayers of the saints” (Revelation 5:8). More important than either of these, however, is the gift of incense presented to the Word made flesh by one of the magi, frankincense. Incense symbolizes the ceaseless prayers and petitions of the people of God rising up to heaven, and also has come to symbolize the great cloud of witnesses that the gathered assembly of the Church participates in whenever she is gathered for worship.

On prostration: Throughout the Old and New Testaments, the postures of worship have been held as centrally important. When David prayed to the Lord that the life of his son might be spared, he “lay all night upon the ground” (2 Samuel 12:16). Jesus knelt when he prayed in the garden of Gethsemane. The prostration of the ordinand is an act of humility before the Lord, and above all of utter dependence upon the gifts and the filling of the Holy Spirit for the work of the ministry and likewise the dependence of the ordinand upon the prayers of the Church united with the ceaseless petitions of our Great High Priest.

Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

- ✦ Our congregation is one of the historic Lutheran churches in town, going back to the middle of the Civil War, 1863. We are a member of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The national bishop of the NALC is Rev. Daniel Selbo.
- ✦ 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!
- + 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.

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MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
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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. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: gp Fryer@gmail.com or ceafryer@gmail.com.
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- ✦ 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:

