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or later for a recording.

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

11 a.m. Sunday, November 19, 2023

Warm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

We are delighted that you are here and hope that you will return. If you do not already have a church home in our city, please consider joining this congregation. We would rejoice to have you. Just send me an email (gpfryer@gmail.com) or speak with Pastor Carol Fryer (caefryer@gmail.com) or with Pastor Lara Bhasin (lara.bhasin@tsm.edu).

In Christ,

Gregory Fryer

Pastor Gregory Fryer

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One

PRELUDE

Fugue

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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.

Kneel/Stand. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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 of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 249

God Himself Is Present

WUNDERBARER KÖNIG

God Himself Is Present



1 God him-self is pres - ent; let us now a - dore him and with awe ap -
2 God him-self is pres - ent; hear the harps re - sound-ing; see the hosts the
3 Light of light e - ter - nal, all things pen - e - trat - ing, for your rays our
4 Come, ce - les - tial Be - ing, make our hearts your dwell-ing, ev - 'ry car - nal



pear be - fore him! God is in his tem - ple; all with - in keep si - lence,
throne sur-round-ing! "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend-ing,
soul is wait - ing. As the ten - der flow - ers, will - ing - ly un - fold - ing,
thought dis - pel - ling. By your Ho - ly Spir - it sanc - ti - fy us tru - ly,



pros - trate lie with deep - est rev - 'rence. Him a - lone God we own,
songs of saints and an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:
to the sun their fac - es hold - ing: e - ven so would we do,
teach - ing us to love you on - ly. Where we go here be - low,



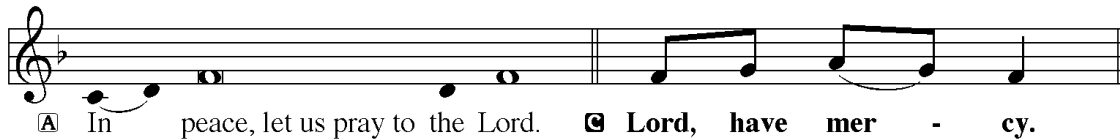
him, our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er!
hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.
light from you ob - tain - ing, strength to serve you gain - ing.
let us bow be - fore you and in truth a - dore you.

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769; tr. composite
Music: WUNDERBARER KÖNIG, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

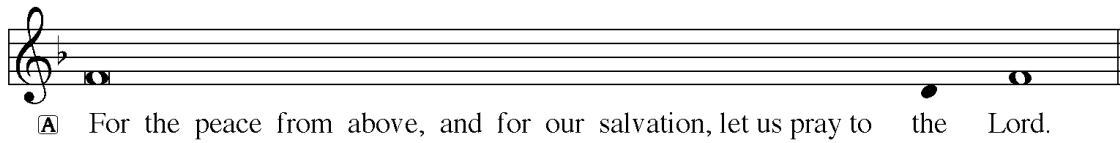
APOSTOLIC GREETING

- ☐ 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.

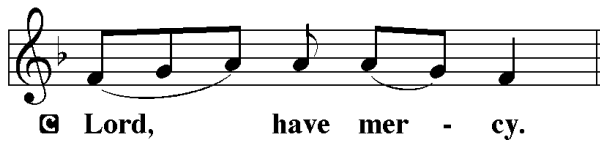
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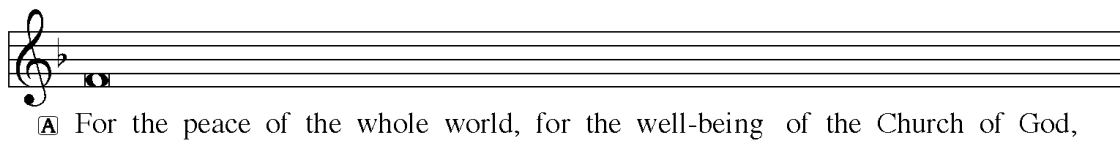
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



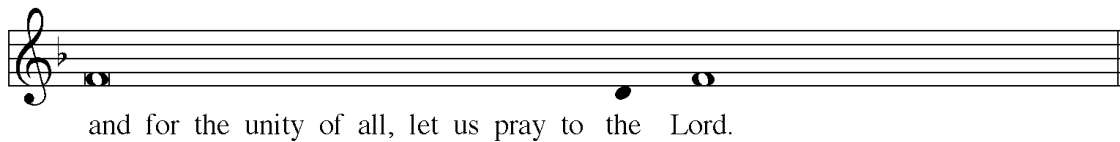
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



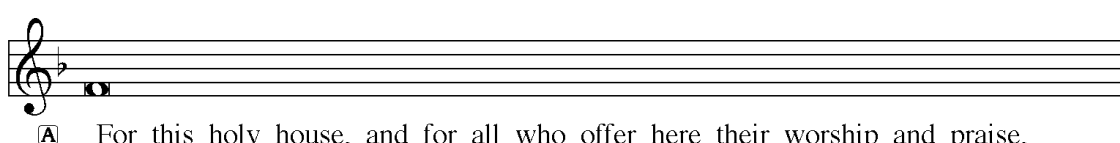
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



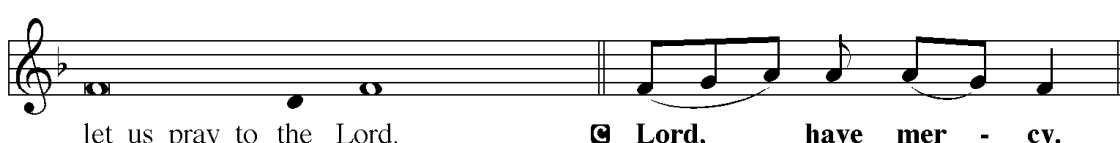
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



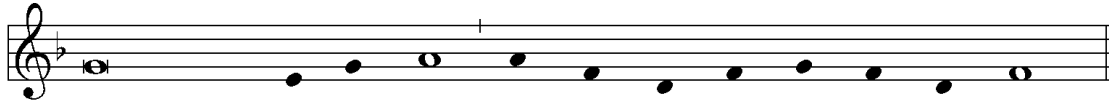
let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria



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.....Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, RSV

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men who are thickening upon their lees,
those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.”

¹³Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the mighty man cries aloud there.

¹⁵A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

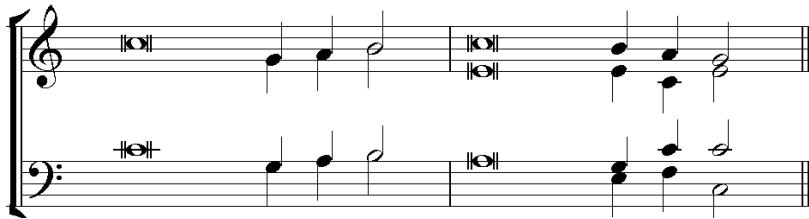
¹⁷I will bring distress on men,
so that they shall walk like the blind,
because they have sinned against the LORD;
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them
on the day of the wrath of the LORD.
In the fire of his jealous wrath,
all the earth shall be consumed;
for a full, yea, sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-12, LBW



Cantors ¹Lord, you have | been our refuge*
from one generation | to another.

All ²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth
were born,***
from age to age | you are God.

Cantors ³You turn us back to the | dust and say,*
“Go back, O | child of earth.”

All ⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past*
and like a watch | in the night.**

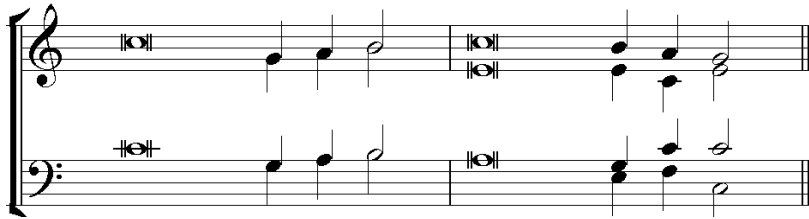
Cantors ⁵You sweep us away | like a dream;*
we fade away suddenly | like the grass.

All ⁶**In the morning it is | green and flourishes;*
in the evening it is dried | up and withered**

Cantors ⁷For we consume away in | your displeasure;*
we are afraid because of your wrathful | indignation.

All ⁸**Our iniquities you have | set before you,*
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.**

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Cantors ⁹When you are angry, all our | days are gone;*
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

All ¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;*
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.

Cantors ¹¹Who regards the power | of your wrath?*

Who rightly fears your | indignation?

All ¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days,*
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

SECOND LESSON..... 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, NRSV

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as

others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand for Alleluia Verse and for the reading of 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 Matthew 25:14-30, RSV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter.

Before the Gospel:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more." ²¹His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into

the joy of your master." ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more." ²³His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent

from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not,

even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.”

After the Gospel:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord!



HYMN LBW 424

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us
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HYFRYDOL

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our
 4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f'rings which on
 5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your



life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine
 hum - blest char - i - ty in your own mys -
 ev - 'ry hand we view chan - nels are for
 life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing



for the lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 of your good - ness melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 te - rious sen - tence, "You have done it all to me."
 gifts and of - f'rings due by sol - emn right to you;
 for the lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



and with that have free - ly giv - en bless - ings
 till our cold and self - ish na - tures, warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, that you
 right of which we may not rob you, debt we
 Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, hope, to



count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, say - ing by your
 may not choose but pay, lest that face of
 stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"
 love and pit - y turn from us an - oth - er day.
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-1889, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Please sit after the minister's opening invocation of the Holy Trinity.

SERMON

Following the sermon, silence for reflection.

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."

Sit

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

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

Dahero trotz der Höllen-Heer!,
 Trotz auch des Todes Rachen!
 Trotz aller Welt! mich kann nicht mehr
 ihr Pochen traurig machen.
 Gott ist mein Freund, mein Schutz und
 Rat,
 wohl dem, der Gott zum Freunde hat!

*For this reason I defy the host of hell!
 I defy also the jaws of death!
 I defy the whole world! I can no longer
 Be made sad by their blows.
 God is my friend, my protection and
 adviser
 Happy the man who has God for friend*

Offertory Prayer

A Merciful Father,

C 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.

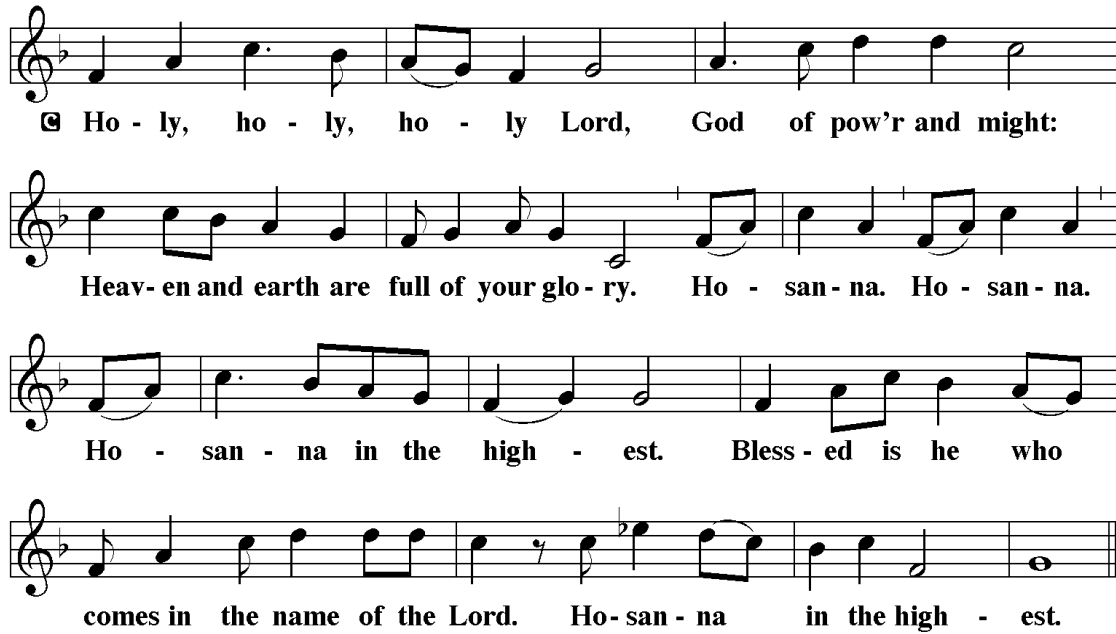
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface for Sundays after Pentecost

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



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

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

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

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

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.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

✦ If you are home, 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.

HYMN LBW 405

Lord of Light
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ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord of Light



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain



Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860–1953, alt.

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for reflection.

The Sending

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

HYMN LBW 454

If God Himself Be for Me

IST GOTT FÜR MICH

If God Himself Be for Me



1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
2 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
3 Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, my sun, my light, a - lone;
4 For joy my heart is ring - ing; all sor - row dis - ap - pears;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found-ed, fly.
a - lone are my sal - va - tion, the true, e - ter - nal good.
were he not my de - fend - er be - fore God's awe - some throne,
and full of mirth and sing - ing, it wipes a - way all tears.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
With - out him all that pleas - es will vain and emp - ty prove.
I nev - er should find fa - vor and mer - cy in his sight,
The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my king;



what foe or what di - sas - ter can drive me from his love?
The gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone are worth my love.
but be de - stroyed for - ev - er as dark - ness by the light.
the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, adapt.
Music: IST GOTT FÜR MICH, Augsburg, 1609

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Parish Announcements

- + BAZAAR: It will help if you would bring Bazaar things to the church on Sundays, all year round. That would save a rush as the Bazaar draws near. Please, no adult clothing. Set up for our Christmas Bazaar is 2-8 p.m. Friday, December 1. The Bazaar itself is set for 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, December 2.
- + SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: Sunday December 10. This the meeting at which we consider the budget proposal for 2024.
- + Today's ALTAR FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Migdalia Marie Ramos, from Ester and Eric Neubacher.
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Service Notes

Organist and Choirmaster Zac Schurman
Cantors.....Kerrigan Bigelow, Teresa Castillo, and Olivia Ericsson
Greeters/Ushers.....Luz Ortiz, Jazo Ichikawa
Altar Guild.....Susan Gottridge
CruciferMatthias Bhasin
Lector Jeff Rudat
Preacher and Assisting Minister.....Rev. Carol E.A. Fryer
Presiding Minister Rev. Lara Bhasin

Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Lyasia Beltre and her mother, Carol Dittbrenner, Pastor Gregory Fryer, Ann Wareham, Carlos Opio, Sally Gaudons, Jean and Stephen Fischer

RECENTLY DIED Marilyn Schreiber (Richard's mother)
BereavedRichard, Maggie, and Katarina Schreiber

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.
- + 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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LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION.....	11 a.m. Sundays
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION.....	6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
SUNDAY SCHOOL	10 a.m. Sundays
BIBLE STUDY	6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Martin Luther Room and Zoom
PARISH SECRETARY	Karen Katz-Shea
SEXTON	Gerry Britton
PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Charles Derderian
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PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
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. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them:

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- ✦ 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:

