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The First Sunday of Advent

11 a.m. Sunday, December 3, 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 (ceafryer@gmail.com) or with Pastor Lara Bhasin (lara.bhasin@tsm.edu).

In Christ,

Gregory Fryer

Pastor Gregory Fryer

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three

PRELUDE

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.

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

☞ Most merciful God,

☞ **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

☞ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Entrance Rite

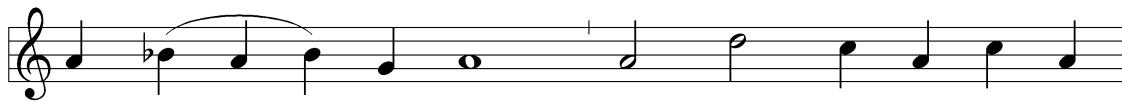
HYMN LBW 37 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!*

FREUEN WIR UNS ALL IN EIN

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near,"
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, let the earth -
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par -
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion to the Fa -



we hear the cry. "Cast a - way the works of
bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all sloth dis -
don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of
is wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his
ther and the Son with the ev - er - liv - ing



dark - ness, all you chil - dren of the day!"
pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;
mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
Spir - it while e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt.
Music: FREUEN WIR UNS ALL IN EIN, Michael Weisse, c. 1480–1534

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



Choir: Ky - ri - e _____ All: E - - - - - le - i - son.



Choir: Chri - ste _____ All: E - - - - - le - i - son.



Choir: Ky - ri - e _____ All: E - - - - - le - i - son.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

ADVENT CANDLE *(The first candle is lit by Jazo and Kumi Ichikawa and sons Keitaro and Kojiro.)*

☞ We praise you, O God, with this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 64:1-9, RSV

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls the LORD to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

¹O that thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at thy presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make thy name known to thy adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at thy presence!
³When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for,
thou camest down, the mountains quaked at thy presence.
⁴From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides thee,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵Thou meetest him that joyfully works righteousness,
those that remember thee in thy ways.
Behold, thou wast angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one that calls upon thy name,
that bestirs himself to take hold of thee;
for thou hast hid thy face from us,
and hast delivered us into the hand of our iniquities.
⁸Yet, O LORD, thou art our Father;
we are the clay, and thou art our potter;
we are all the work of thy hand.
⁹Be not exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity for ever.
Behold, consider, we are all thy people.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18, LBW



Cantors ¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;*
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

All ²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,***
stir up your strength and | come to help us.

Cantors ³Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

All ⁴**O Lord | God of hosts,***
how long will you be angered despite the prayers | of your people?

Cantors ⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;*
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

All ⁶**You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,***
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.

Cantors ⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

All ¹⁶**Let your hand be upon the man of | your right hand,***
the son of man you have made so strong | for yourself.

Cantors ¹⁷And so will we never turn a- | way from you;*
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

All ¹⁸**Restore us, O Lord | God of hosts;***
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, NRSV

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Saint Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the

revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A The word of the Lord.

C **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.**

Cantors Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

All: **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37, NRSV

Before the Gospel:

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



[Jesus said:] But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see

these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for

you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn,³⁶ or

else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

After the Gospel:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord!



HYMN LBW 27

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending
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HELMSLEY

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

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. *After each petition except the last, the People respond:*



The last petition:

Ⓐ For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.



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.

OFFERTORY: Chorale from Cantata No. 62 J.S. Bach

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, Der Jungfrauen Kind erkannt! Dass sich wundre alle Welt, Gott solch' Geburt ihm bestellt.	<i>Now come, Saviour of the gentiles, recognised as the child of the Virgin, so that all the world is amazed God ordained such a birth for him.</i>
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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 ADVENT

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, almighty and ever-living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in

righteousness. 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 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.

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. A - men

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 296

Just As I Am
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WOODWORTH

Just As I Am, without One Plea



- 1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
- 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,



and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
yea, all I need in thee to find,

- 5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871
Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for reflection.

The Sending

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

HYMN LBW 33

The King Shall Come
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CONSOLATION

The King Shall Come



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fugue

Johannes Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Parish Announcements

- ✦ SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: Sunday December 10. This the meeting at which we consider the budget proposal for 2024.
- ✦ ABOUT TODAY'S PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS. The blue paraments and vestments used during Advent are symbolic of hope. We hope for the Christ child to be born in us, and we wait in hope for his return.
- ✦ The ADVENT BANNER. Two trumpets are shown – one descending to announce the coming Christ and one ascending in praise for grace and thanksgiving for the coming Kingdom.
- ✦ THANK YOU, everyone, who helped with yesterday's Christmas Bazaar. Look at this great list of people who worked at the Bazaar: Maria Barbera, Karen Bazik, Lara Bhasin, Mathias Bhasin, Ephraim Bhasin, Dawn Chapin, Barbara Chomko, Carol Fryer, Susan Gottridge, Jean Grenning, Jazo Ichikawa, Keitaro Ichikawa, Kojiro

Ichikawa, Kumi Ichikawa, Kathy Jolowicz, Irene Juhasz, Evelyn Junge, Hans Kibler, Louisa Laverde-Araujo, Jennifer Loughrey, Louise Hansen de Laverde, Ester Neubacher, Priscilla O'Carroll, Jeff Rudat, Lore Schlager, Richard Schreiber, Maggie Schreiber, Elly Spangenberg, Maria Van Der Merwe, Eric Voss, Thomas Wicks, William

- ✦ TOY COLLECTION: The Sisters of the Fraternité Notre Dame will again be hosting a Christmas party for needy children. They are asking for donations of new toys. If you can give a toy, please wrap it and mark it as to the age of the child and whether it is for a boy or girl. (Please no guns or violent toys.) You may leave your gifts in the narthex on Sunday mornings, or bring them to the church office during the week. Let's aim for Sunday December 10 as the last Sunday for bringing gifts.
- ✦ CHRISTMAS MITTEN TREE. The Sunday School will have a mitten tree once again this year. Please give the mittens (or gloves) you bring to one of our Sunday School teachers. The mittens will be given to the Fraternité Notre Dame who will distribute them to needy children. The mitten tree will be put up during the Hanging of the Greens on December 16th.
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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..... Thomas Wicks
Crucifer Matthias Bhasin
Lector..... Mariam Tuba
Preacher Rev. Gregory P. Fryer
Presiding Minister Rev. Carol E.A. Fryer
Assisting Minister Rev. Lara Bhasin

Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Celia Cabrera, Minfang Cheng (friend of Louisa Laverde), Stephen Fischer, Davida Goldman, Sister Angela (friend of Pastor Carol, David Kiehl, and Maria Barbera), LyAsia Beltre and her mother, Carol Dittbrenner, Pastor Gregory Fryer, Ann Wareham, Carlos Opio, Sally Gaudons, Jean Fischer

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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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

Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:

CHOIR.....	Organist and Choirmaster Zac Schurman zac.schurman@juilliard.edu
MEALS ON HEELS.....	Barbara Chomko (bchomko@nyc.rr.com)

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: gpfryer@gmail.com or ceafryer@gmail.com.
- ✦ 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:

