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# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11 a.m. Sunday, December 24, 2023

**W**arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. It is an important Sunday, with its story of Mary and her consent to the words of the angel Gabriel about the Christ Child. Martin Luther was very fond of Mary, the mother of our Lord, and held her in high honor, as we can see in his beautiful treatise "The Magnificat." This morning's sermon hymn fits with Luther's high regard for Mary, especially in the second verse:

O higher than the cherubim  
More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises; "Alleluia!"  
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord  
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"  
Alleluia! Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! (LBW 175)

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](mailto:gpfryer@gmail.com)) or speak with Pastor Carol Fryer ([ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com)) or with Pastor Lara Bhasin ([lara.bhasin@tsm.edu](mailto:lara.bhasin@tsm.edu)).

In Christ,  
  
Pastor Gregory Fryer

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## Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three

PRELUDE *Fugue on Magnificat* 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.*

☐ 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 28

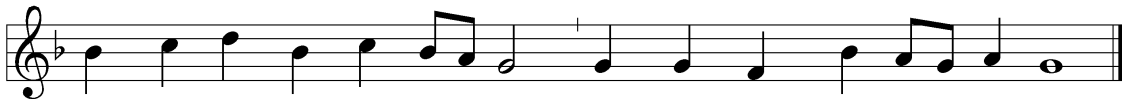
*Savior of the Nations, Come*

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

### Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; show the glo - ry of the Son!  
2 Not of hu - man seed or worth, but from God's own mys - tic breath,  
3 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the vir - gin un - de - filed!  
4 God the Fa - ther is his source, back to God he runs his course;



Ev - 'ry peo - ple, stand in awe; praise the per - fect Son of God.  
fruit in Mar - y's womb be - gun when God breathed the Word, his Son.  
Might-y God and man in one, ea - ger now his race to run!  
down to death and hell de - scends, God's high throne he re - as - cends.

5 He leaves heaven to return;  
trav'ling where dull hellfires burn;  
riding out, returning home  
as the Savior who has come.

6 God the Father's precious Son  
girds himself in flesh to run  
for the trophies of our souls,  
longer than this round earth rolls.

7 Shining stable in the night,  
breathing vict'ry with your light;  
darkness cannot hide your flame,  
shining bright as Jesus' name.

Text: attr. St. Ambrose, 340–397; tr. composite

Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

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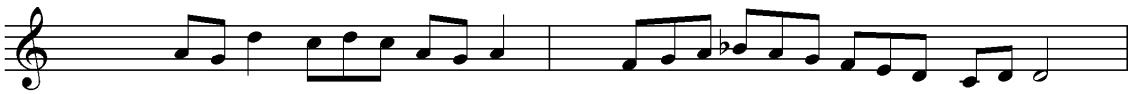
## APOSTOLIC GREETING

- ☐ 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. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

## ADVENT CANDLE *(The fourth candle is lit by Ephraim Bhasin.)*

- ☐ We praise you, O God, with this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh. 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 ..... 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, RSV

*Instead of David building a house (temple) for the LORD, the LORD promises to establish David's house (dynasty) forever. Centuries later, after the Babylonian exile, no king sat on the throne. Even then, however, the people of Israel remembered this promise and continued to hope for a king, the messiah, the LORD's anointed.*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king dwelt in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies round about, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart; for the LORD is with you."

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' <sup>8</sup>Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house...<sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.'"

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:47-55 — MAGNIFICAT (LBW, Evening Prayer)



☐ My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir- it re-joic- es in



God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa- vor on his low- ly ser- vant.



From this day all gen- er - a - tions will call me bless- ed.



The Al- migh- y has done great things for me, and ho- ly is his name.



He has mer- cy on those who fear him in ev- 'ry gen- er - a - tion.



He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat- tered the



proud in their con- ceit. He has cast down the might- y from their thrones,



and has lift - ed up the low - ly. He has filled the



hun- gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a - way emp - ty.

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He has come to the help of his ser- vant Is - ra - el,  
 for he has re- mem-bered his prom- ise of mer- cy, the prom- ise he  
 made to our fa - thers, to A - bra - ham and his chil- dren for - ev - er.  
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

SECOND LESSON .....Romans 16:25-27, RSV  
*Saint Paul closes his letter to the Romans by praising God because in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, God has revealed the promised, divine plan of salvation for all humanity. Paul proclaims this gospel of Christ in order to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations.*

<sup>25</sup>Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but is now disclosed and through the prophetic writings is made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith -- <sup>27</sup>to the only wise God be glory for evermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

**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

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.

All: **Alleluia.**

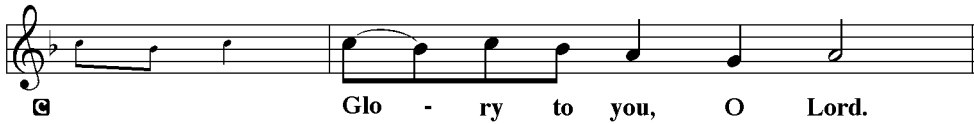
Cantors Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

All: **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL ..... St. Luke 1:26-38, RSV

*Before the Gospel:*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the First Chapter:



In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

<sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever;

and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" <sup>35</sup>And the angel said to her,

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

<sup>36</sup>And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For with God nothing will be impossible." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

*After the Gospel:*

☐ The Gospel of the Lord!





## Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:  
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:  
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!  
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:  
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:  
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:  
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945

Music: LAST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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*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.

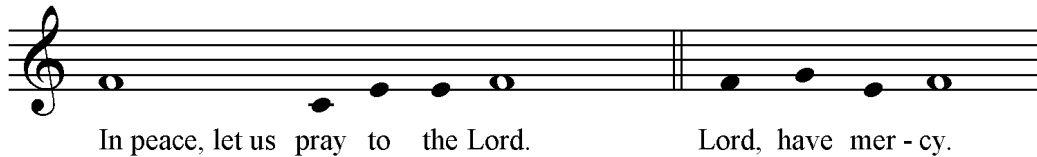
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the 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.

LITANY. *The response overlaps each petition.*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, singing, "Lord, have mercy."

*Begin:*



*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.*

HYMN LBW 26

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

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## Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.  
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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*



☐ 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.

## PREFACE FOR ADVENT

☐ 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 (Next page)*

**☩** 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.

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

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

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

☑ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

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

*The Lord's Prayer*

☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION. *The host is broken.*

*Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. 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 375

*Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal*  
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ISTE CONFESSOR



## Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal



1 On - ly - be - got - ten, Word of God e - ter - nal, Lord of cre -  
2 Ho - ly this tem - ple where our Lord is dwell - ing; this is none  
3 This is your pal - ace; here your pres - ence cham - ber. Here may your  
4 Here for your chil - dren stands the ho - ly la - ver, foun - tain of



a - tion, mer - ci - ful and might - y: hear us, your ser - vants,  
oth - er than the gate of heav - en. Ev - er your chil - dren,  
ser - vants, at the mys - tic ban - quet dai - ly a - dor - ing,  
par - don for the guilt of na - ture; cleansed by whose wa - ter,



as our tune - ful voic - es rise in your pres - ence.  
year by year re - joic - ing, chant in your tem - ple.  
take your bod - y bro - ken, drink of your chal - ice.  
springs a race a - noint - ed, faith - ful to Je - sus.

5 Hear us, O Father, as we throng your temple.  
By your past blessings, by your present bounty,  
smile on your children, and in grace and mercy  
hear our petition.

6 God in three Persons, Father everlasting,  
Son co-eternal, ever-blessed Spirit:  
to you be praises, thanks, and adoration,  
glory forever.

Text: Bern, 9th cent.; tr. Maxwell J. Blacker, 1822–1888, alt.  
Music: ISTE CONFESSOR, *Antiphoner*, Poitiers, 1746

*Stand*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Silence for reflection.*

## The Sending

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
 2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788  
 Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Herr Christ, der einge Gottes-Sohn*, BWV 601 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

## Parish Announcements

✝ 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.
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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
Crucifer .....	Matthias Bhasin
Lector.....	Maria Barbera
Preacher .....	Rev. Lara Bhasin
Presiding Minister .....	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer
Assisting Minister .....	Rev. Carol E.A. Fryer

## Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Timna Rosenheimer (friend of David Kiehl), Melodee Kelly (friend of Thomas Wicks), Susan McIntosh (Richard McIntosh’s sister), Celia Cabrera, Minfang Cheng (friend of Louisa Laverde), Stephen and Jean Fischer, Davida Goldman, Sister Angela (friend of Pastor Carol, David Kiehl, and Maria Barbera), LyAsia Beltre and her mother, Ann Wareham, and Sally Graudons.

## 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.

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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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.....	In recess
PARISH SECRETARY .....	Karen Katz-Shea
SEXTON.....	Gerry Britton
PARISH BOOKKEEPER.....	Charles Derderian
ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER.....	Zac Schurman
CANTOR.....	Olivia Ericsson <a href="mailto:oliviaer@umich.edu">oliviaer@umich.edu</a>
SEMINARY INTERN.....	Vicar Lara Bhasin
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE.....	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
PASTOR.....	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

### *Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:*

CHOIR.....	Organist and Choirmaster Zac Schurman <a href="mailto:zac.schurman@juilliard.edu">zac.schurman@juilliard.edu</a>
MEALS ON HEELS.....	Barbara Chomko ( <a href="mailto:bchomko@nyc.rr.com">bchomko@nyc.rr.com</a> )

e extend to you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Carol Fryer. If you are interested in membership here at Immanuel, please contact the church office for an appointment with Pastor Carol. Or you can email her at [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).

- ✦ HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church's faith, who confess it with us (as in the Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.
- ✦ HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated and MARRIAGES solemnized only after consultation with the pastor well in advance. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise in need of the ministry of the Church, let us know. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: [gp Fryer@gmail.com](mailto:gp Fryer@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:

