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The First Sunday in Lent

11 a.m., Sunday, February 18, 2024

Warm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. God be with you in this holy season of Lent now upon us.

Men of the congregation: Let us get ready to sing the Trisagion, early in this liturgy. The first verse is ours! Then the women sing the second verse, and we all join together for the great third verse.

We are honored and 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 (gpfrayer@gmail.com) or speak with Pastor Carol Fryer (ceafryer@gmail.com) or with Pastor Lara Bhasin (lara.bhasin@tsm.edu).

In Christ,
Pastor Gregory Fryer

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One

PRELUDE

Prelude

Alexander Scriabin (1872-1915)

THE 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.

C Amen

The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 341

Jesus, Still Lead On

SEELENBRÄUTIGAM

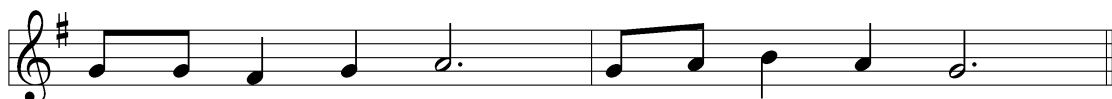
Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to our Fa - ther's land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in our Fa - ther's land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P 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.

TRISAGION

From *Mass in Honor of Saint Luke*
(Men of the congregation sing the first verse)
(Next page)

Pedro d' Aquino

Men

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might - y, Ho - ly Im -

Women

mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and

might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

All

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One,

have mer - cy up - on us, have mer - cy up - on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Lord God, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word and, when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON..... Genesis 9:8-17, RSV
Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, the LORD destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I set my bow in the

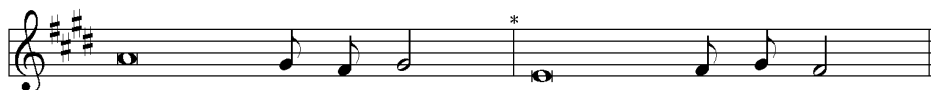
cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will look upon it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth."

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9, LBW

Charles W. Schramm, Jr.



Cantors ¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

All ²Let none who look to you be | put to shame;*
let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.

Cantors ³Show me your | ways, O LORD,*
and teach | me your paths.

All ⁴Lead me in your | truth and teach me,*
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day
long.

Cantors ⁵Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,*
for they are from | everlasting.

All ⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;*
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your good- |
ness, O LORD.

Cantors ⁷Gracious and upright | is the LORD;*
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

All ⁸He guides the humble in | doing right*
and teaches his way | to the lowly.

⁹All the paths of the LORD are | love and faithfulness*
to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

SECOND LESSON1 Peter 3:18-22, RSV

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to himself, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit; ¹⁹in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the singing of the Lenten Verse and for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
 3 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
 6 stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15, RSV

Before the Gospel:

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

G Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens

opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; ¹¹and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."

After the Gospel:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord!



HYMN LBW 309

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

SOUTHWELL

Lord Jesus, Think on Me



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.
Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalms of David*, 1579, alt.

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

SERMON

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

APOSTLES' CREED

☒ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

THE PEACE

☒ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☒ And also with you.

Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "Peace be with you."

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.

OFFERING

Anthem

Aus dem 51. Psalm

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz, und gib mir einen neuen, gewissen Geist.

| *Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.*

The gifts are presented.

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 Dialog



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.

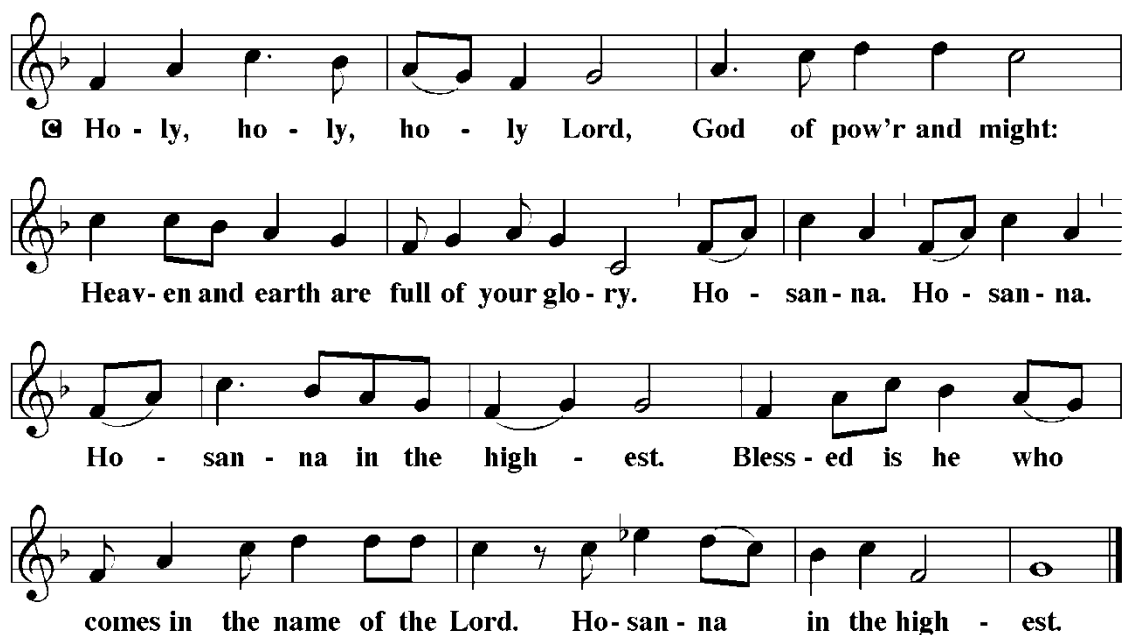


C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface for Lent

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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. 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. 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.

☐ 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

☑ **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**

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:

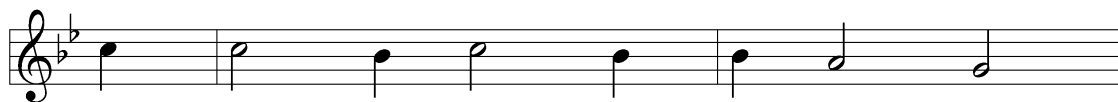
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

HYMN LBW 88

Oh, Love, How Deep
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DEO GRACIAS

Oh, Love, How Deep



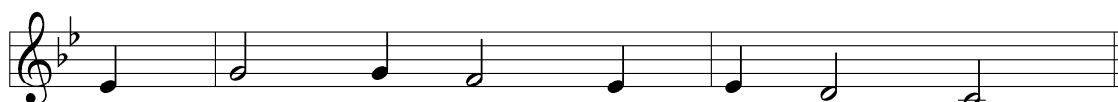
1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught;



be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
of high - er or of low - er place,
his ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
for us his dai - ly works he wrought,



that God, the Son of God, should take
but wore the robe of hu - man frame,
for us temp - ta - tion sharp he knew;
by words and signs and ac - tions thus



our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
and to this world him - self he came.
for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

Text: attr. Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1820–1885, alt.
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English, 15th cent.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for reflection.

The Sending

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

HYMN LBW 99

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

CAITHNESS

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and all our earth - ly days,



in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
so teach us to de - ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
that when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930
Music: CAITHNESS, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1635

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude

Alexander Scriabin (1872-1915)

Parish Announcements

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Service Notes

Organist and Choirmaster..... Zac Schurman
Cantors Olivia Ericsson, Kerrigan Bigelow, Tony Beck
Greeters/Ushers Luz Ortiz, Jazo Ichikawa
Crucifer Matthias Bhasin
Altar Guild..... Irene Juhasz
Lector..... Jean Grenning
Presiding Minister Rev. Gregory P. Fryer
Assisting Minister Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
Preacher Rev. Lara Bhasin

Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Carole Smith, Diane Kinley, Davida Goldman, Clifford Rose, Susan McIntosh (Richard McIntosh’s sister), Stephen and Jean Fischer, Sally Gaudons.

RECENTLY DIED Fr. Larry Bailey
Bereaved..... Davida Goldman, Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer

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
THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY	6:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room and Zoom
PARISH SECRETARY	Karen Katz-Shea
SEXTON	Gerry Britton
PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Charles Derderian
ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER.....	Zac Schurman
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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 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.
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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:

