



## Immanuel Lutheran Church

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or later for a recording.

## The Transfiguration of Our Lord

11 a.m. Sunday, February 11, 2024



*Transfiguration, Raphael, 1520, detail, Vatican Museum*

**W**arm welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church. God's blessings to you on this final Sunday of the Epiphany Season. Here at Immanuel, we tend to have a soft spot in our heart for this particular Sunday, Transfiguration Sunday, because it is an anniversary Sunday for our church. The beginning liturgy for our church was back in Civil War days, on Transfiguration Sunday 1863. At 10 a.m. that day, a group of our Immanuel ancestors gathered for worship in the courthouse, led by The Rev. C. Julius Renz, and afterwards met and voted to establish our Lutheran congregation. So today is our 161<sup>st</sup> anniversary. Our church's Transfiguration painting above our altarpiece is a tribute to that founding liturgy.

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](mailto:gpfrayer@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,  
*Gregory Fryer*  
Pastor Gregory Fryer

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### *Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three*

PRELUDE

*Prelude*

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

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**

☐ 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 315

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy  
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; let us all in  
all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re -  
spot - less let us be; let us see thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
thee in - her - it; let us find thy prom - ised rest.  
turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un -  
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in



bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

# 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



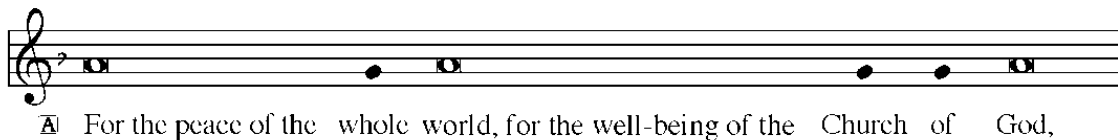
☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☑ Lord, have mer - cy.



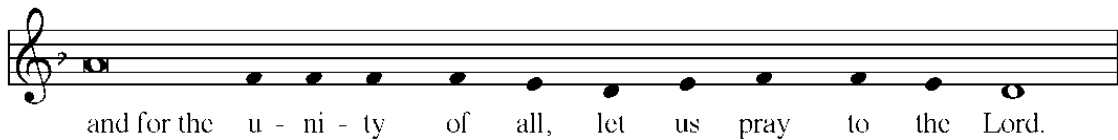
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☑ Lord, have mer - cy.



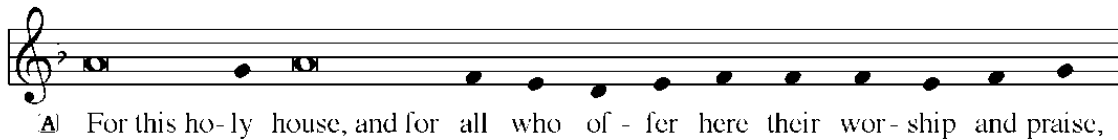
☐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



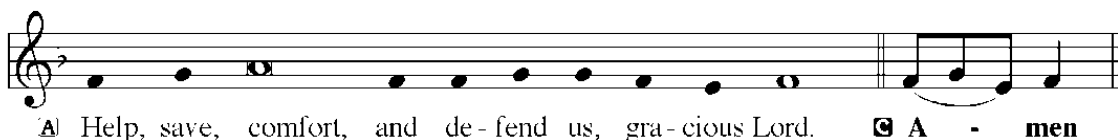
☑ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



☐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ☑ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God*



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



Ⓑ Lord God, heav'n-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther: We wor - ship



you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,



Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone



are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also with you.**

☞ Let us pray. Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the Transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his glory; 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..... 2 Kings 2:1-12, RSV

*Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Eli'jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli'jah and Eli'sha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>And Eli'jah said to Eli'sha, "Tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Eli'sha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Eli'sha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; hold your peace."

<sup>4</sup>Eli'jah said to him, "Eli'sha, tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Eli'sha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; hold your peace."

<sup>6</sup>Then Eli'jah said to him, "Tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Eli'jah took his mantle, and rolled it up, and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Eli'jah said to Eli'sha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Eli'sha said, "I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if you do not see me, it shall not be so."

<sup>11</sup>And as they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Eli'jah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>And Eli'sha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and rent them in two pieces.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:1-6, LBW



Cantors <sup>1</sup>The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken;  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All <sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  
God reveals himself in glory.**

Cantors <sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will not keep silence;  
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

All <sup>4</sup>**He calls the heavens and the earth from above  
to witness the judgment of his people.**

Cantors <sup>5</sup>"Gather before me my loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

All <sup>6</sup>**Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;  
for God himself is judge.**

SECOND LESSON ..... 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, RSV

*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, he makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

<sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the likeness of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"



who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

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

ALLELUIA: Traditional Gregorian Chant



All: **Alleluia.**

Cantor: This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! (Luke 9:35)

All: **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL ..... Mark 9:2-9, RSV

*Before the Gospel:*

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



<sup>2</sup>And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus. <sup>5</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid. <sup>7</sup>And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." <sup>8</sup>And suddenly looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead.

*After the Gospel:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord!



HYMN LBW 314

*Who Is This Host Arrayed in White?*  
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DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK

## Who Is This Host Arrayed in White



1 Who is this host ar - rayed in white like thou - sand snow - clad  
 2 On earth their work was not thought wise, but see them now in  
 3 O bless - ed saints, now take your rest; a thou - sand times shall



moun - tains bright, that stands with palms and sings its psalms be -  
 heav - en's eyes; be - fore God's throne of pre - cious stone they  
 you be blest for keep - ing faith firm un - to death and



fore the throne of light? These are the saints who  
 shout their vic - t'ry cries. On earth they wept through  
 scorn - ing world - ly trust. For now you live at



kept God's word; they are the hon - ored of the Lord. He  
 bit - ter years; now God has wiped a - way their tears, trans -  
 home with God and har - vest seeds once cast a - broad in



is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, re -  
 formed their strife to heav'n - ly life, and freed them from their  
 tears and sighs. See with new eyes the pat - tern in the



stored. They now serve God both day and night; they  
 fears. For now they have the best at last; they  
 seed. The myr - iad an - gels raise their song. O



sing their songs in end - less light. Their an - thems ring when  
 keep their sweet e - ter - nal feast. At God's right hand our  
 saints, sing with that hap - py throng; lift up one voice; let



they all sing with an - gels shin - ing bright.  
 Lord com - mands; he is both host and guest.  
 heav'n re - joice in our Re - deem - er's song!

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943  
 Music: DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK, Norwegian folk tune, 17th cent.

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

## SERMON

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

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

☒ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; *by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

## 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**

<i>Offertory Anthem</i>	<i>Chorale from Cantata BWV 159</i>	J.S. Bach (1686-1750)
<i>Jesu, deine Passion</i>	<i>Jesus, your passion</i>	
<i>Ist mir lauter Freude,</i>	<i>is for me pure joy,</i>	
<i>Deine Wunden, Kron und Hohn</i>	<i>your wounds, crown and shame</i>	
<i>Meines Herzens Weide;</i>	<i>are my heart's pasture;</i>	
<i>Meine Seel auf Rosen geht,</i>	<i>My soul walks on roses</i>	
<i>Wenn ich dran gedenke,</i>	<i>if I think on this,</i>	
<i>In dem Himmel eine Stätt</i>	<i>in heaven a place</i>	
<i>Uns deswegen schenke.</i>	<i>for this reason grant to us.</i>	

*The gifts are presented.*

## Installation of Congregational Leaders

*This installation of Congregational Leaders is located within the Offering because the service of our leaders is an important offering to God of their time, treasure, and talents.*

☐ The following persons, having been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership, are asked to come forward as their offices and names are read.

### Officers

(One-year terms)

President, David Kiehl	Secretary, Maggie Schreiber	Financial Secretary, Ester Neubacher (with Eric Neubacher as her backup)
Vice President, Carol Dittbrenner	Treasurer, Andrew Dunn	

### Trustees

TRUSTEE	LAST YEAR	TRUSTEE	LAST YEAR
Judith Baldwin	2026	Richard Schreiber	2024
Joel Bussert	2026	Eric Neubacher	2025
Jennifer Loughrey	2024	John Imhof	2025

## Deacons

DEACON	LAST YEAR	DEACON	LAST YEAR
Karen Bazik	2026	Louise Hansen de Laverde	2025
Jean Fischer	2026	Louisa Laverde-Araujo	2025
Maria Van Der Merwe	2026	Kathy Jolowicz	2024
Thomas Wicks	2026	Irene Juhasz	2026
Barbara Chomko	2024		

## Endowment Committee

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS	LAST YEAR OF TERM
Susan Gottridge	2026
Eric Neubacher	2024
John Imhof	2025

☐ In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his Church. Through Word and Sacrament, you have been nurtured in faith. Now you are presenting yourselves to be leaders of this congregation. We thank you for your ministry and we pray for you.

### PASTORAL ADDRESS

☐ St. Paul writes: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect him in whose name we gather.

You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world.

You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

[Leaders, together] **Yes, by the help of God.**

#### PLEDGE OF SUPPORT

**P** People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all the baptized?

**C** **Yes, by the help of God.**

#### DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

**P** I now declare you installed as officers and leaders of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

*They may return to their pews.*

#### 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.



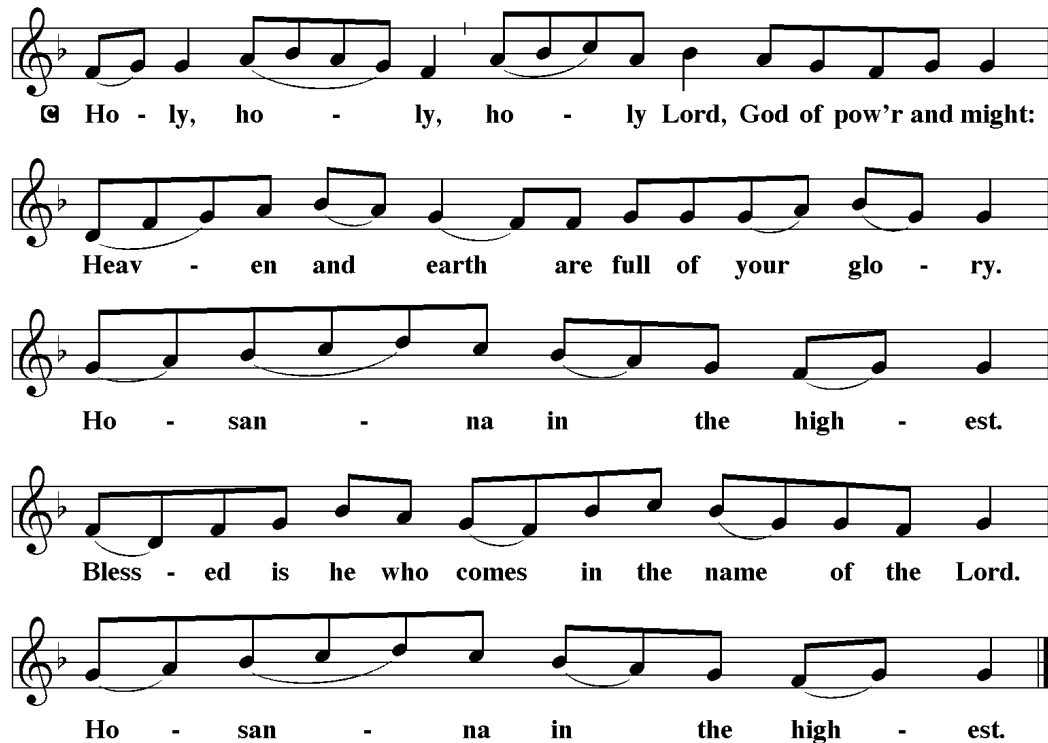
**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### PREFACE FOR EPIPHANY

**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. Sharing our

life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. 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 II*

☐ You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

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

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

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

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

**P** Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

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

*The Lord's Prayer*

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

*The Fraction.*



*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, worshiping online with us, here is a possible “Prayer for Spiritual Communion” lifted up in *Forum Letter* (May 2020). *Forum Letter* is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

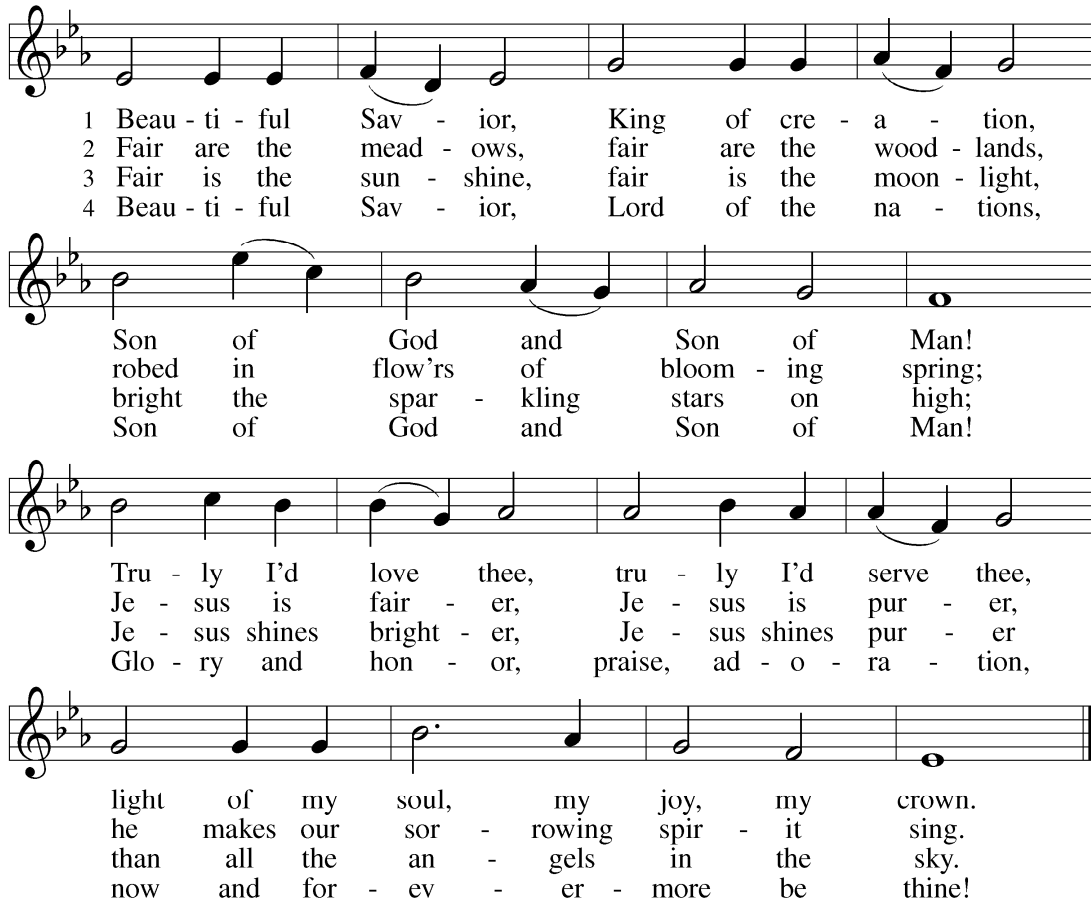
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly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

HYMN LBW 518

*Beautiful Savior*  
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SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

# Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 1842

*Stand*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Silence for reflection.*

## The Sending

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

## How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.  
 Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

## DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Fugue

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

## Parish Announcements

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# Service Notes

Organist and Choirmaster.....	Zac Schurman
Cantors.....	Olivia Ericsson, Tony Beck
Greeters/Ushers.....	Luz Ortiz, Jazo Ichikawa
Crucifer.....	Eric Voss
Altar Guild.....	Ester and Eric Neubacher
Lector.....	Maria Barbera
Presiding Minister.....	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
Preacher.....	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

## Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Pastor Lara Bhasin, Davida Goldman, Clifford Rose, Susan McIntosh (Richard McIntosh's sister), Stephen and Jean Fischer, Sally Gaudons.

## 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  
THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY ..... 6:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room and Zoom  
PARISH SECRETARY .....Karen Katz-Shea  
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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](mailto:zac.schurman@juilliard.edu)  
MEALS ON HEELS ..... Barbara Chomko ([bchomko@nyc.rr.com](mailto:bchomko@nyc.rr.com))

**W**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: [gpfryer@gmail.com](mailto:gpfryer@gmail.com) or [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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:

