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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

11 a.m., Sunday April 28, 2024

In Our Church Undercroft

Warm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church! Some plaster and wood fell in our chancel a couple weeks ago, and so, to be safe, we are worshipping in our church undercroft today. Engineers from two separate reputable engineering firms inspected the ceiling area in the Sanctuary over the chancel. Both engineers concluded that the damage appears to be mostly superficial plaster damage, and they believed it would be safe to worship in the undercroft this Sunday. So, welcome to our church undercroft!

We are honored and delighted that you are joining us by live stream and hope that join us quite often. 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 P. Fryer

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two

- ✠ *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).*
- ✠ *A hint about acoustics: you will be able to hear the cantors 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.*

PRELUDE

Improvisation

THE BELLS

Please stand as 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 189

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold, and our de -
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life, as liv - ing
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the Church of God. Bap - tized, we
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood. The u - ni -



spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. Hal - le - lu - jah!
mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ. Hal - le - lu - jah!
live with God the Three in One. Hal - le - lu - jah!
verse re - stored and whole will sing: Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932, alt.
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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EASTER GREETING

P Christ is risen! Alleluia.

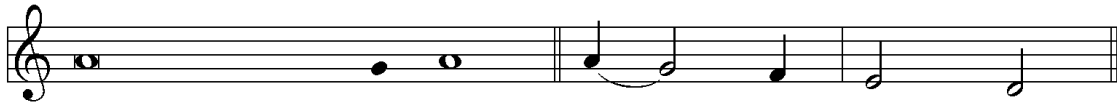
C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

KYRIE



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



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



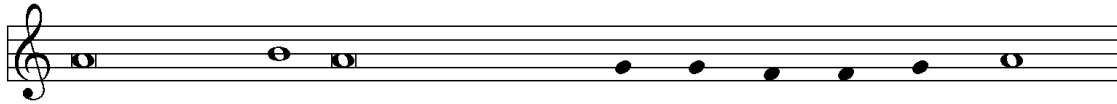
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



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

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also with you.**

☞ Let us pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; 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 Acts 8:26-40, RSV

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, the Ethiopian is baptized by Philip.

²⁶But an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert road. ²⁷And he rose and went. And behold, an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a minister of the Can'dace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of all her treasure, had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless some one guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture which he was reading was this:

"As a sheep led to the slaughter or a lamb before its shearer is dumb,

so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken up from the earth."

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, pray, does the prophet say this, about himself or about some one else?"

³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this scripture he told him the good news of Jesus. ³⁶And as they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What is to prevent my being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught up Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰But Philip was found at Azo'tus, and

passing on he preached the gospel to all | the towns till he came to Caesare'a.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:24-30, LBW

tone: DUKE STREET



Cantor ²⁴My praise is of him in the | great assembly;*
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who | worship him.

All ²⁵**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the | Lord shall praise him:***
“May your heart | live forever!”

Cantor ²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord,*
and all the families of the nations shall | bow before him.

All ²⁷**For kingship belongs | to the Lord;***
he rules o- | ver the nations.

Cantor ²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship;*
all who go down to the dust | fall before him.

All ²⁹**My soul shall live for him; my descend- | ants shall serve him;***
they shall be known as the | Lord’s forever.

³⁰**They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn***
the saving deeds that | he has done.

SECOND LESSON 1 John 4:7-21, NRSV

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love,

not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are

we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 15:1-8, RSV

Before the Gospel:

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the Fifteenth Chapter:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear

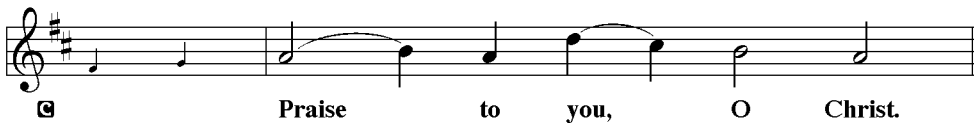
fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are

gathered, thrown into the fire and burned.
7If you abide in me, and my words abide
in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall

be done for you. 8By this my Father is
glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so
prove to be my disciples.

After the Gospel:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord!



Continue to stand for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN LBW 325

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
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HERZLICH LIEB

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich boun-ty gave my bod - y, soul, and all I have
 3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, to A-br'ham's bo - som bear me home,



with ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth has no plea - sure I would share,
 in this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place
 that I may die un - fear - ing; and in its nar - row cham - ber keep



yea, heav'n it - self were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.
 may glo - ri - fy thy lav - ish grace and serve and help my neigh - bor.
 my bod - y safe in peace - ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can noth-ing shake.
 Let no false doc-trine me be - guile, let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
 And then from death a - wak - en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my
 O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy word.
 Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.
 tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end!

Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
 Music: HERZLICH LIEB. B. Schmid, *Orgeltabulatur-Buch*, 1577

SERMON

At the start of the sermon, the minister says and the people answer:

- P** Christ is risen! Alleluia!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

At the end of the sermon, the minister repeats:

- P** Christ is risen! Alleluia!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Silence for reflection, and then stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

- C** 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

GREETING OF PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord: "Peace be with you."

Sit

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.

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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Offertory

Chorale from Cantata BWV 166

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Wer weiß, wie nahe mir mein Ende!
Hin geht die Zeit, her kommt der Tod.
Ach, wie geschwinde und behende
Kann kommen meine Todesnot!
Mein Gott, ich bitt' durch Christi Blut:
Mach's nur mit meinem Ende gut!

*Who knows how near to me is my end!
Time departs, death approaches.
Ah with what speed and agility
my death agony can come!
My God, I pray through Christ's blood,
make sure my end is good!*

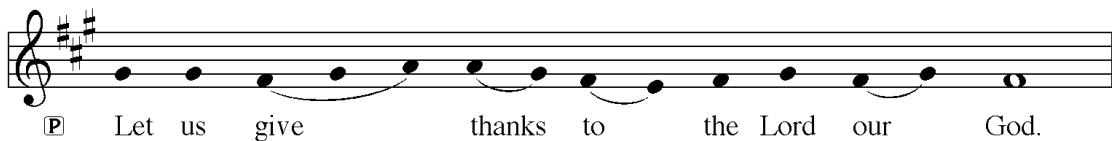
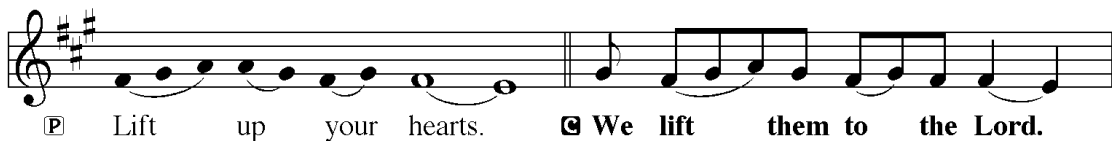
The gifts are presented.

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.

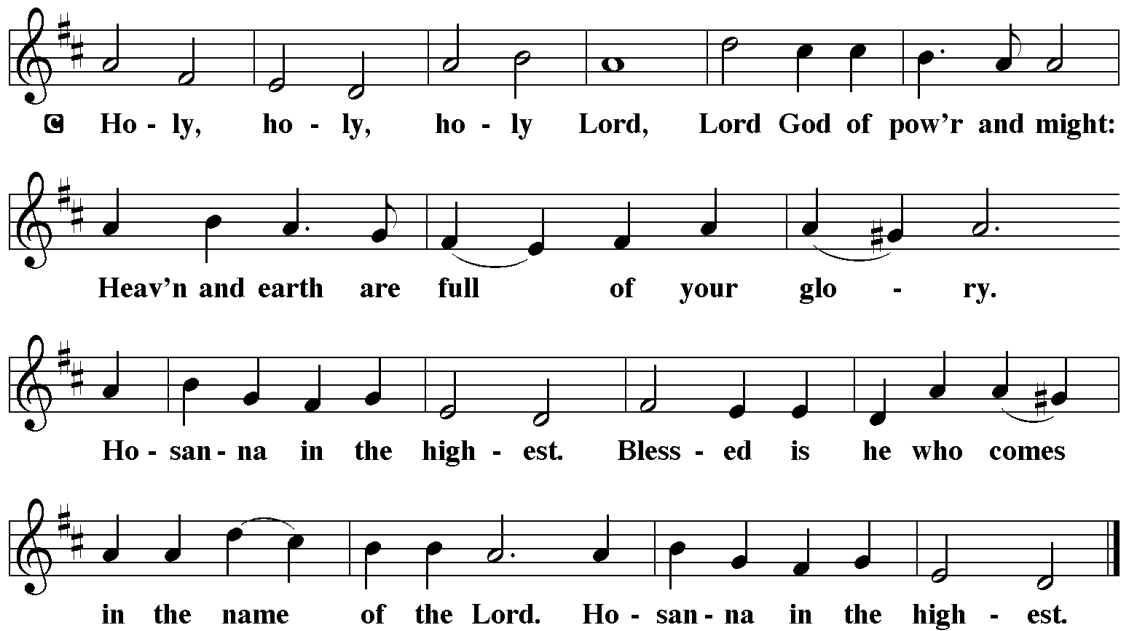
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Preface for Easter

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death

has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n 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

P 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.

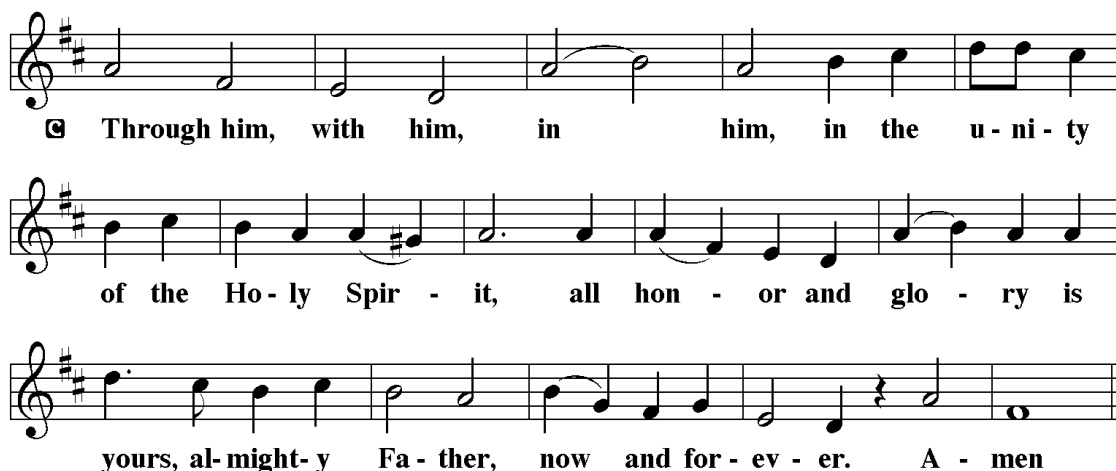
☐ Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb, 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.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ 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.

☑ **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



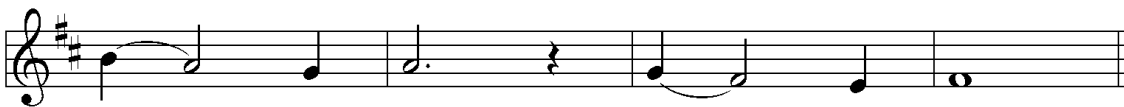
☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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, grant us peace.

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 126

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH

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Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842
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Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for reflection.

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

HYMN LBW 352

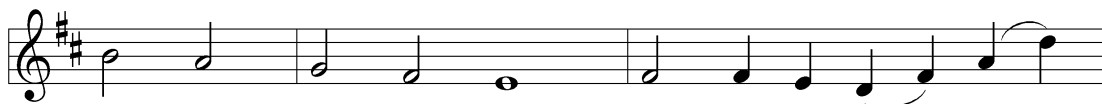
I Know that My Redeemer Lives!
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DUKE STREET

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Parish Announcements

- ✦ About today's PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS. Today's dazzling white paraments shout the news – He is Risen!
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Lector.....	Maria Barbera
Preacher	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer
Presiding Minister.....	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer

Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: George Wong (friend of Jazo Ichikawa and family), Jazo Ichikawa, Jonathan Jenkins and Judy McKee (friends of Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer), Dakota Chin (family to Priscilla O'Carroll), Wolfgang Hahn, Richard Ortiz, his wife, Maria, and their daughter, Damaris (Richard is Luz Ortiz's cousin), Edna Szmodis, Carole Smith, Davida Goldman, Clifford Rose, Stephen and Jean Fischer

RECENTLY DIED Margret Ramcke (née Wolters) 9/19/1935 - 4/15/2024

BEREAVED..... Thomas Wicks and family (Margret is Thomas's aunt)

RECENTLY DIED Dorothy Leung, 10/5/44 - 4/13/2024

BEREAVED..... Aunt to Priscilla O'Carroll, Great aunt to Kieran & Emma O'Carroll
Beloved mother to Tracy Leung Cooper (son-in-law Paul) and
Tara Leung Grealish (son-in-law David)

RECENTLY DIED Margrith Marino, February 17, 1937 – April 8, 2024
BEREAVED.....John Marino, son, and family

Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

- ✦ Our congregation is one of the historic Lutheran churches in town, going back to the middle of the Civil War, 1863. We are a member of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The national bishop of the NALC is Rev. Daniel Selbo.
- ✦ You might be interested to hear about our reredos — the wooden altarpiece at the front of our church. It was hand carved by artists in Germany’s Black Forest. The left statue is Moses, with the Ten Commandments in his left arm and the two horn-like rays of light shining forth from his face after his encounter with the Lord on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 34:29-30). The right-hand statue is St. John the Evangelist, with a quill pen in his hand and an eagle at his feet. And the center statue is Jesus Christ, the personal unity and the most perfect meaning of the Law (Moses) and the Gospel (St. John).
- ✦ Our painting of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, above the reredos, pays tribute to the founding liturgy of our congregation, Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 1863. Our painting shows Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the ground, so that at first glance you might think that it is a painting of the Ascension. But the saintly company with Jesus — Moses and Elijah on either side, with Peter, James, and John fallen down in awe at the sight — point to the Transfiguration. Heaven knows and gives credit to the anonymous painter of our painting, but we note that it is in the style of Raphael’s painting of *The Transfiguration* (1517-1520). Raphael also placed Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the disciples.
- ✦ Our church windows were installed in 1973 and constitute a visual meditation on an ancient hymn of the Church, the *Te Deum*. Pamphlets are available in the rear of the church explaining the windows one by one.
- ✦ Our church bells, named *Glaube*, *Hoffnung*, and *Liebe* for Faith, Hope, and Love, were a gift from German Empress Augusta Viktoria.
- ✦ A hint about acoustics: you will be able to hear the choir and organ better if you sit toward the front half of the church. The overhanging choir balcony obscures some of the beauty of the music for those sitting under it.
- ✦ Our worship book is the green hymnal, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (“LBW”). This book contains both liturgies and hymns, with liturgies in the first half and hymns in the second. Sometimes we include hymns from *With One Voice* (“WOV”) or from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (“ELW”).

✦ If you have a cell phone, please silence it for the liturgy. And please finish

coffee or other drinks out in the narthex rather than in the main nave.

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LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION.....11 a.m. Sundays
 MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION.....6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
 SUNDAY SCHOOL.....10 a.m. Sundays
 BIBLE STUDY..... Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room and Zoom
 PARISH SECRETARYKaren Katz-Shea
 SEXTONGerry Britton
 PARISH BOOKKEEPERCharles Derderian
 ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER.....Zac Schurman
 CANTOR..... Olivia Ericsson oliviaer@umich.edu
 SEMINARY INTERN Vicar Lara Bhasin
 PASTORAL ASSOCIATERev. Carol E. A. Fryer
 PASTORRev. 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.
- ✦ 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: gp Fryer@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:

