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# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

11 a.m., Sunday May 5, 2024 In Our Church Undercroft

arm 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 worshiping 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 (<a href="mailto:gpfryer@gmail.com">gpfryer@gmail.com</a>) or speak with Pastor Carol Fryer (<a href="mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com">ceafryer@gmail.com</a>) or with Pastor Lara Bhasin (<a href="mailto:lara.bhasin@tsm.edu">lara.bhasin@tsm.edu</a>).

In Christ, Gregory Tryer 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** 

Prelude

Jean-Philippe Rameau (1683-1764)

### THE BELLS

Please stand as 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.

### 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.

### **G** 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,
- 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. Amen

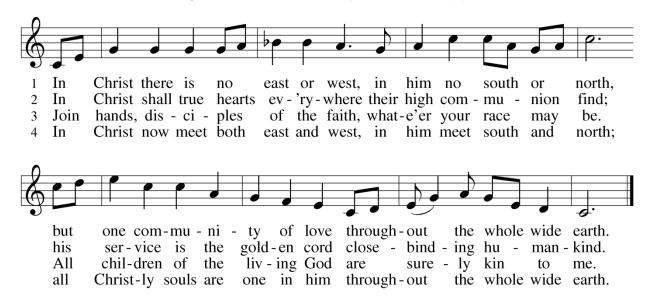
## The Entrance Rite

**HYMN LBW** 

In Christ There Is No East or West

**MCKEE** 

## In Christ There Is No East or West



Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

#### **EASTER GREETING**

P Christ is risen! Alleluia.

• 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.
- **G** And also with you.

### **KYRIE**



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



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- Let us pray. God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen

Sit

## The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON ...... Acts 10:44-48, RSV

While Saint Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying this, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they heard them speaking in tongues

and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>"Can any one forbid water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**☑** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98, LBW tone: DUKE STREET



Cantor <sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD | a new song,\* for he has done | marvelous things.

All <sup>2</sup>With his right hand and his | holy arm\* has he won for him- | self the victory.

Cantor <sup>3</sup>The LORD has made | known his victory;\* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations.

All <sup>4</sup>He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel,\* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

Cantor <sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;\* lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

All <sup>6</sup>Sing to the LORD | with the harp,\* with the harp and the | voice of song.

Cantor <sup>7</sup>With trumpets and the sound | of the horn\* shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

All 8Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it,\* the lands and those who | dwell therein.

Cantor <sup>9</sup>Let the rivers | clap their hands,\* and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to | judge the earth.

All <sup>10</sup>In righteousness shall he | judge the world\* and the peo- | ples with equity.

SECOND LESSON ...... 1 John 5:1-6, NRSV

We believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping his commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is

the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

**A** The word of the Lord.

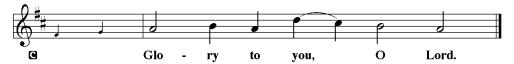
#### **©** Thanks be to God.

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



## Before the Gospel:

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



[Jesus said:] As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so

that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I

do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I

chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

### After the Gospel:

■ The Gospel of the Lord!



Continue to stand for the Hymn of the Day.

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

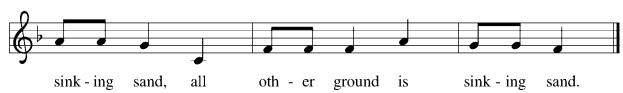


- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov e nant, his blood sus tain me in the rag ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name. in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil. when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay. clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re-deemed to stand be-fore the throne!





Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

### **SERMON**

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

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

At the end of the sermon, the minister repeats:

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

*Silence for reflection, and then stand.* 

#### APOSTLES' CREED

**1** 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.
- **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.

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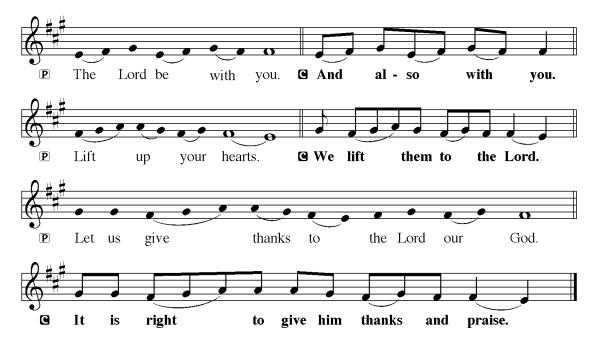
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### Offertory Prayer

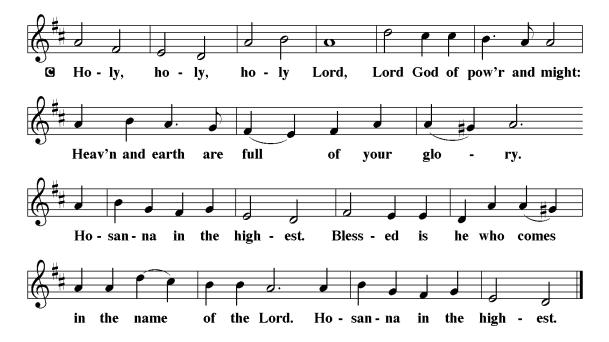
- **A** Merciful Father,
- we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



### Preface for Easter

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:



### 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.

## 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 on this day we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat

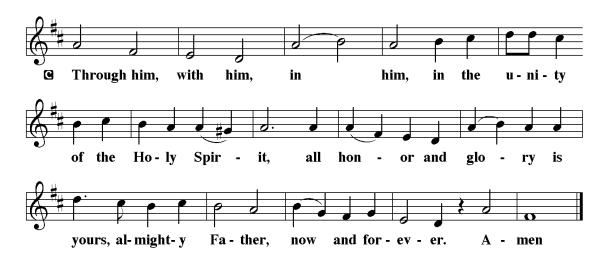
of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

### **A**men. 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.

### 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.

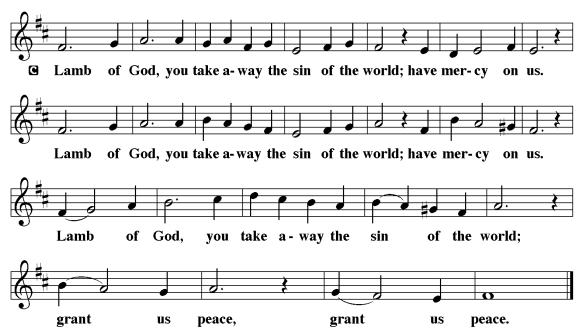


The Lord's Prayer

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



### 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 143

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LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

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### Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for reflection.

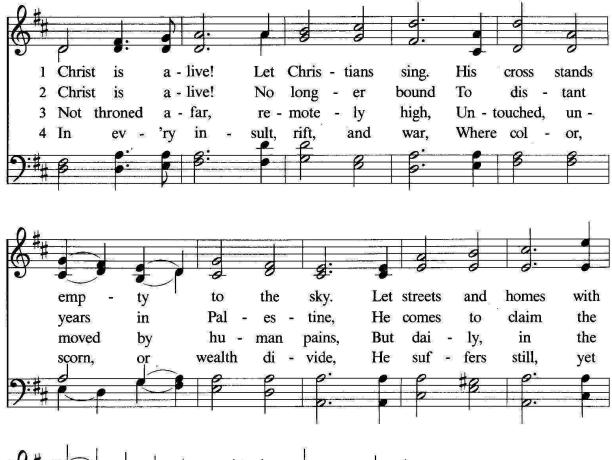
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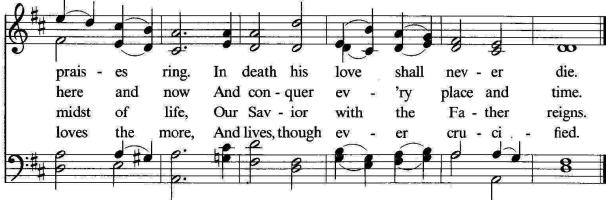
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# 363 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing





5 Christ is alive! Ascended Lord—
He rules the world his Father made,
Till, in the end, his love adored
Shall be to all on earth displayed.

### **DISMISSAL**

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

## Parish Announcements

- + About today's PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS. Today's dazzling white paraments shout the news He is Risen!
- → We mean to HONOR OWEN KAVANAUGH two Sundays from now. Owen has been Sexton Assistant under Sexton Gerry Britton. Owen always taken good care of our church. Let's give him a love offering of money on that day, Sunday, May 19. You can mail a gift to our church— either cash or a check made out to him, Owen Kavanaugh.
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## Service Notes

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

## Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Pastor Gregory Fryer, Jeff Rudat, 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

## 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 COMMUNIO	N6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
SUNDAY SCHOOL	10 a.m. Sundays
BIBLE STUDYT	hursdays, 6:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room and Zoom
PARISH SECRETARY	Karen Katz-Shea
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PASTOR	
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	zac.schurman@juilliard.edu
MEALS ON HEELS	Barbara Chomko (bchomko@nyc.rr.com)

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.

+ 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.
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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:

