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Pentecost Sunday

11 a.m., Sunday May 19, 2024

In Our Church Undercroft



*The sevenfold gifts of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage,
knowledge, piety, and awe before the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2-3)*

Warm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church on this, the high festival of Pentecost. Today we celebrate the swooping down of the Holy Spirit on earth, and with that divine outpouring, the creation of the Church. Pentecost speaks of a holy ambition: a yearning, inspired by the Holy Spirit, for good and holy lives. Today's "Prayer of the Day" is lovely and fitting: "...open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love..."

We have a beautiful church! But some plaster and wood fell in our chancel a few 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 for now. 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,



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

☞ 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 163 *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, with all your
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, now cause the
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the



grac - es now out-poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
Word of life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
will your work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;



your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright-ness
and call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light in ho - ly faith your church u - nite; from ev - 'ry
keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be, that we in
pare each heart and to our weak-ness strength im - part, that brave-ly



land and ev - 'ry tongue, this to your praise, O Lord, our
liv - ing faith a - bide, in him, our Lord, with all our
here we may con - tend, through life and death to you, our



God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite
Music: KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT, *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524

ACCLAMATION FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

☐ Christ is risen! Alleluia!

☑ **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☐ You that sleep, awake, rise from the dead. Alleluia!

☑ **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☐ Christ has gone up on high. Alleluia!

☑ **He has ascended to the heights of heaven. Alleluia!**

☐ The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole universe. Alleluia!

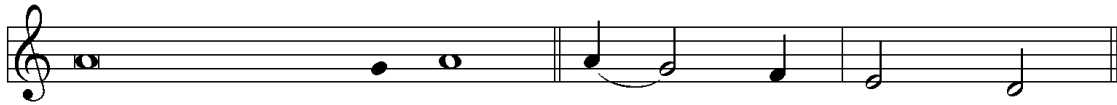
☑ **The Spirit of the Lord brings mighty things to pass. Alleluia!**

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



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.



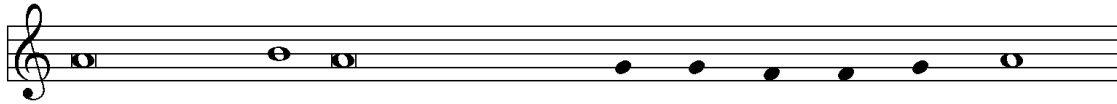
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen**

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON Acts 2:1-21, NRSV

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people are amazed and astonished as Jesus’s promise comes true.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes,

Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

A The word of the Lord.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

C Thanks be to God.



- Cantor ²⁵O LORD, how manifold | are your works!*
- In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.
- All** ²⁶**Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too man- | y to number,***
- creatures both | small and great.**
- Cantor ²⁷There move the ships, and there is | that Leviathan,*
- which you have made for the | sport of it.
- All** ²⁸**All of them | look to you***
- to give them their food | in due season.**
- Cantor ²⁹You give it to them; they | gather it;*
- you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
- All** ³⁰**You hide your face, and | they are terrified;***
- you take away their breath, and they die and return | to their dust.**
- Cantor ³¹You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;*
- and so you renew the face | of the earth.
- All** ³²**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;***
- may the LORD rejoice in | all his works.**
- Cantor ³³He looks at the earth | and it trembles;*
- he touches the mountains | and they smoke.
- All** ³⁴**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;***
- I will praise my God while I | have my being.**
- Cantor ³⁵May these words | of mine please him;*
- I will rejoice | in the LORD.
- All** ³⁷**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.***
- | Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:22-27, NRSV

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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

HOLY GOSPELJohn 15:26-27; 16:4b-15, RSV

Before the Gospel:

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th and 16th Chapters.

[Jesus said:] ²⁶But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; ²⁷and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning...

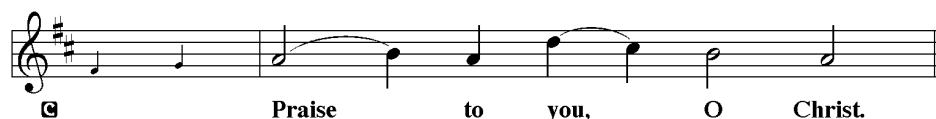
^{16:4}I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if

I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹²I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

After the Gospel:

P The Gospel of the Lord!



Continue to stand for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN LBW 388

*O Spirit of the Living God
To the familiar tune "Old Hundredth"*

- 1 O Spirit of the living God,
in all the fullness of your grace,
wherever human feet have trod,
descend on our apostate race.
- 2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love
to preach the reconciling Word;
give pow'r and unction from above,
where'er this blessed sound is heard.
- 3 Be darkness, at your coming, light;
confusion, order in your path;
souls without strength inspire with might;
let mercy triumph over wrath.

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- 4 O Spirit of the Lord, prepare
a sinful world its God to meet;
and breathe abroad like morning air,
till hearts of stone begin to beat.
- 5 Proclaim the gospel far and wide;
the triumphs of the cross record;
the name of Christ be glorified;
let ev'ry people call him Lord!

SERMON (*Sit, after the invocation.*)

Following the sermon, silence for reflection. Then stand.

NICENE CREED *In the Second Article of the Creed, in awe and gratitude for the Holy Incarnation, you might want briefly to bow your head, as was customary in the time of the Reformers. The place is indicated in the text with italics.*

☩ 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

GREETING OF PEACE

☞ 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.

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:*



Or you can donate via this link: [Donate](#)

Here are some other options for giving: [Ways to Give](#)

Offertory

O Gladsome Light

Anthony St. Pierre (b. 1956)

O gladsome light, O grace
of God the Father's face,
the eternal splendor
wearing;
celestial, holy, blest,
our Savior Jesus Christ,
joyful in Thine appearing.

Now, as day fadeth quite,
we see the evening light,
our wonted hymn
outpouring;
Father of might unknown,
Thee, His incarnate Son,
and Holy Spirit adoring.

To Thee of right belong
all praise of holy songs,
O Son of God, Life-giver;
Thee, therefore, O Most
High,
the world doth glorify
and shall exalt forever.

The gifts are presented.

Offertory Prayer

☞ 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

♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface for Pentecost Sunday

♩ 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; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, on this day, as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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.

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.

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.

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, 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 475

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

WAREHAM

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove



1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and
2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us
4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian
know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in
from his pas - tures stray; lead us to ho - li -
joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -



and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.
ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

Text: Simon Browne, 1680–1732, alt.

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for reflection.

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

HYMN LBW 392

O Lord, Send Forth Your Spirit

To the familiar tune AURELIA (The Church's One Foundation)

- 1 O Lord, send forth your Spirit
to seize our wayward mind;
for still, in this world's fashion,
we hunger for a sign.
For you, O Lord, have made us
that, not by signs or bread,
but only by your gospel
can human souls be fed.

- 2 Though secrets of the atom
and worlds of distant light
and nature's wondrous patterns
proclaim your mind and might,
we praise you most for witness,
from each to each passed on,
that sings creation's meaning:
the gospel of your Son.

- 3 So take us, lead and use us
to sing your praise, O God;
that voices, gifts, and service
may speed your Word abroad,
that all in ev'ry nation
may hear what we have heard,
and that the minds of millions
be nurtured by your Word.

Text: Charles J. Jeffries, 1925-1971, adapt.

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude

Alexander Scriabin (1872-1915)

Parish Announcements

- ✦ About today's PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS. Today's dazzling white paraments shout the news – He is Risen!
- ✦ VOTERS' ASSEMBLY TODAY. Let's aim for 1 p.m. right here in the undercroft.
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Service Notes

Choirmaster and Organist.....	Zac Schurman
Cantors.....	Olivia Ericsson, Tony Beck
Greeters/Ushers.....	Luz Ortiz and Jazo Ichikawa
Crucifer.....	Matthias Bhasin
Altar Guild.....	Thomas Wicks
Lector.....	Deidre Grant
Preacher.....	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
Assisting Minister.....	Rev. Lara Bhasin
Presiding Minister.....	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Jennifer Loughrey, Davida Goldman, Dr. Kathleen Mays (friend of Pastors Gregory and Carol Fryer), The Rev. Ray F. Kibler III (friend of Pastors Gregory and Carol Fryer and regular participant from California in our Sunday evening Compline service), Pastor Gregory Fryer (recovering from cochlear implant surgery), Jessica Minfang Cheng, George Wong (friend of Jazo Ichikawa and family), 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, 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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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 SECRETARY.....	Karen Katz-Shea
SEXTON.....	Gerry Britton
PARISH BOOKKEEPER.....	Charles Derderian
ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER.....	Zac Schurman
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PASTORAL ASSOCIATE.....	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
PASTOR.....	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

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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: 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:

