

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

11 a.m., Sunday, July 4, 2021

WX arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

VV Our summertime liturgies are what we call "Piano Sundays." Today we start these summertime liturgies again. They are nice because the Cantor is near us. We are grateful to Music Director Gwendolyn Toth and Cantor Peter Becker for leading our music this morning.

Most Sundays, we live stream our morning liturgy. Today we have just video recorded it and posted it. The video camera sits up there in the choir loft and catches what it can, with no focusing. We hope to return to live stream next Sunday.

Good news: Our Task Force on Re-Opening says that *if we are vaccinated* then masks are optional. But if we are not vaccinated, then we should wear masks. Also the Task Force says that we can sing again!

Carol and I are fully vaccinated, but at least for a while, we mean to wear our masks when we are in the midst of the people, as in the Gospel Procession.

We hope you will find strength for your souls in this liturgy. Thank you for joining in the prayers of thanksgiving by way of the Lord's Supper.

If you do not already have a church home, please consider joining us here at Immanuel. Just speak with Pastor Carol or send her a note (<u>ceafryer@gmail.com</u>).

In Christ, Gregory Fryer

Pastor Gregory P. Fryer gpfryer@gmail.com

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One

| PRELUDE | Andante & Variations | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) |
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| | (from Trio in G Major, K.564) | |

THE BELLS

Please stand when 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.

G 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.

G 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.

Stand/kneel

- P Most merciful God,
- G 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.
- 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 the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 434

The Son of God, Our Christ

SURSUM CORDA

- 1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way, shared human life and toiled throughout the day; from common folk he called the twelve to be coworkers in his sacred ministry.
- 2 In ev'ry test, in trials manifold, these servants witnessed, by their faith made bold; and with the gifts and talents which they brought the church was founded and God's message taught.
- 3 Today, as then, Christ summons us to dare to follow boldly and his work to share, to help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame, declaring to the world his holy name.
- 4 In city street, in town, or on the soil, may each serve Christ in faithful daily toil, and in each thought and kindly word and deed, obey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.
- 5 Where'er we find our witness should be made, whate'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid, that we may gladly give for thee our best and find each task divinely sent and blest.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest

Cantor Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
 We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- Let us pray. God of glory and love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

¹And he said to me, "Son of man, stand upon your feet, and I will speak with you." ²And when he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me upon my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels, who have rebelled against me; they and their fathers have

A The word of the Lord.

transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The people also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them; and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that there has been a prophet among them."

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123, LBW (to be read responsively)

¹To you I lift up my eyes,

to you enthroned in the heavens.

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

³so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he show us his mercy.

⁴Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁵too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

¹I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- ⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think

A The word of the Lord.

more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. 8Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand for the Verse and the Holy Gospel

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL......Mark 6:1-13, NRSV

Before the Gospel:

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." 5And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6And he was amazed at their

After the Gospel:

P The Gospel of the Lord!

G Praise to you, O Christ.

unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

HYMN WOV 712

Listen, God is Calling

NENO LAKE MUNGU

[A leader sings the words in parentheses]

Refrain

(Listen,)listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.(Listen,)listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

- (Jesus gave his mandate:) share the good news (that he came to save us) and set us free. *Refrain*
- 2 (Let none be forgotten) throughout the world.
 (In the triune name of God) go and baptize. *Refrain*
- 3 (Help us to be faithful,) standing steadfast,
 (walking in your precepts,) led by your Word. *Refrain*

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922 Text © 1968 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira, Tanzania, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

SERMON

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

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

INTERCESSIONS

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G And also with you.

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

THE OFFERING You can give your tithes and offerings via our Q code. Just point the camera on

your smart phone to the code:



Or you can donate via this link: <u>Donate</u> Here are some other options for giving: <u>Ways to Give</u>

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.

Offertory Anthem

Ich Liege un Schlafe

Heinrich Schultz (1585-1672)

Ich liege und schlafe, und erwache, denn der Herr hält mich. Ich fürchte mich nicht für viel Hunderttausenden, die sich umher wider mich legen. Auf Herr, und hilf mir, mein Gott; denn du schlägest alle meine Feinde auf den Backen, und zerschmetterst der Gottlosen Zähne. Bei dem Herren findet man Hülfe, und deinen Segen über dein Volk, Sela.

I lie down and sleep, and awake, for the Lord sustains me. I am not afraid of the many hundred thousands who encamp against me all around. Up, Lord, and help me, my God, for you strike all my enemies on the cheek

and shatter the teeth of the godless. With the Lord one finds help and your blessing upon your people. Selah. (Psalm 3:6-9)

- A Let us pray.
- 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 (spoken)

Eucharistic Dialogue

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** 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 Sundays after Pentecost

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 on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

☑ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer I

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

G Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

G 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.
- **G** Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

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 <mark>Dei</mark>

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

+ If you are home during this pandemic, 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.

COMMUNION MEDITATION Largo Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) (Arranged from Quintet in A Major, K.581)

When all have received the Blessed Sacrament, the people stand for the Post-Communion Blessing:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

G Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The Sending

BENEDICTION (Spoken)

HYMN WOV 756

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
And the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose
With renewed integrity:

Refrain

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
Life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us
Closer in community: *Refrain*

- 3 Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty: *Refrain*
- Lord, you show us love's true measure:
 "Father, what they do, forgive."
 Yet we hoard as private treasure
 All that you so freely give.
 May your care and mercy lead us
 To a just society: *Refrain*
- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
 "I am with you to the end."
 Faith and hope and love restoring,
 May we serve as you intend
 And, amid the cares that claim us,
 Hold in mind eternity: *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Menuetto AllegroWolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)(Arranged from Symphony No. 36, K.425)

Parish Announcements

- + TODAY'S PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS: The many Sundays after Pentecost mark a calm period of growth and maturing. The focus is on day-by-day inner faithfulness, in contrast to the festivals and observances that characterize the first half of the church year. The green paraments used during the 26 weeks following Pentecost Sunday bid us onwards toward spiritual growth.
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- + ALTAR FLOWERS given to the glory of God and in celebration of our daughter Kathryn's college graduation on June 4 from her parents Thomas and Stephanie Wicks.
- FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Bobby Harwell (godbrother of Denise Du'Maine), Marc Petitto (nephew) and Georgia Pascual (cousin) of Michael Pamulo, Rev. Dr.
 Richard J. Shuta (uncle of Jeff Rudat), Elise Chard (niece of Jean Grenning), Raymond Chin (cousin of Priscilla O'Carroll), Agnes Schumacher (mother of one of our VBS children), Jürgen Ramcke (uncle of Thomas Wicks).
- + IN CONTINUING NEED OF PRAYER: Sieglinda O'Donnell (wife of our Jim O'Donnell, of blessed memory), Edna Szmodis, Marion Nitsch (mother of David Kiehl's friend Carolina Nitsch), Marion Molno, Britney Berhaman (friend of Diana Montesdeoca), Melissa Alke (friend of Kathy Jolowicz), John Romano (brother-inlaw to Richard and Maggie Schreiber), Robert Mallery (son-in-law of David Kiehl's sister), Wolfgang Hahn, Yoleidy Perez (Tamares's brother), Obdulia Mundo (friend of Maggie Schreiber), Mary Ann Grant (Deirdre's mother)

Service Notes

| Organist and Director of Music | Dr. Gwendolyn Toth |
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| Cantor | Peter Becker |
| Greeters/Ushers | Toshitake "Jazo" Ichikawa, Ed Indellicati, Luz Ortiz |
| Crucifer | |
| Lector | |
| Assisting Minister and Preacher | |
| Presiding Minister | |

Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

- 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.
- Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me," and we view the presence of children in worship, even when they are wiggly and noisy, as a gift to the Church and an encouragement that our congregation is growing! Parents at their own preference are also welcome to take advantage of free childcare which we offer in the Undercroft every Sunday for children age 3-6. Our childcare worker will bring these children up to the Communion rail to receive a Blessing. We encourage older children to attend the entire service, either sitting with their parents or up in the balcony where the teens tend to congregate.
- + 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.
- This congregation is a member of the NALC – the "North American Lutheran Church." The national bishop of the NALC is Rev. Daniel W. Selbo.

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| HOLY COMMUNION | |
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| MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION | |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL | Via Zoom these days |
| MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY | 6:30 PM Mondays, via Zoom these days |
| INTERIM OFFICE MANAGER | |
| SEXTON | Gerry Britton |
| PARISH BOOKKEEPER | Charles Derderian |
| DIRECTOR OF MUSIC | Dr. Gwendolyn Toth |
| PASTOR | |
| SENIOR PASTOR | Rev. Gregory P. Fryer |

Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:

CHOIR Director of Music Dr. Gwendolyn Toth (212) 289-8128

We extend to you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Carol Fryer. If you are interested in membership here at Immanuel, please contact the church office for an appointment with Pastor Carol. Or you can email her at ceafryer@gmail.com.

- + HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church's faith, who confess it with us (as in the Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.
- + HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated and MARRIAGES solemnized only after consultation with the pastor well in advance. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise in need of the ministry of the Church, let us know. Call the church office during the week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- + 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 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:

