



## Immanuel Lutheran Church

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## The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

11 a.m., Sunday, September 26, 2021

Warm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. The older I get, the more conscious I become of my inability to preach on everything that strikes my heart in our Sunday Bible Lessons. This morning, for example, I am drawn to the teaching of St. James about the elders of the church praying for the sick and anointing them with oil. But I do not speak of that at all in this morning's sermon. There just did not seem to be enough time. And so I would like to try a question-and-answer session after this morning's service, to try to answer questions or comments you might have about the sermon or about any of the Bible Lessons. I have asked Seminarian Lara Bhasin to help me with this, to help me hear the questions and to answer them. Let's do this right after the postlude. It cannot be a long session because I have to teach Catechism to my young students up in the Martin Luther Room.

Our summertime liturgies are what we call "Piano Sundays." They are nice because the Cantor is near us. We are grateful to Music Director Gwendolyn Toth and Cantor Michael Celentano for leading our music this morning.

Most Sundays, we live stream our morning liturgy. We plan to do so this morning too. If for some reason, the live stream does not work this

morning, you should be able to watch the recorded service later in the day. Actually you can always do that, whether you watch at 11 a.m. or not.

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 close to the people, as in the Distribution of Holy Communion.

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 ([ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com)).

In Christ,



Pastor Gregory P. Fryer  
[gp Fryer@gmail.com](mailto:gp Fryer@gmail.com)

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

PRELUDE *Sonata in C major-Allegro* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

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.

☞ **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.

*Stand/kneel*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **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 the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 388

*O Spirit of the Living God*

MELCOMBE

- 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.

- 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!

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

#### 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.**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

*Glory to God in the Highest*  
(Next page)



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



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



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



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



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



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



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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

☐ God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON .....Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 23-29, NRSV

*The LORD provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? The LORD bestows the spirit on seventy elders, who immediately begin to prophesy. It is the same with Eldad and Medad: When the spirit comes upon them, then begin to speak the very Word of God.*

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you....<sup>23</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Is the LORD’s power limited? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the

tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19:7-14, LBW (*to be read responsively*)

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;**

**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,**

**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>Who can tell how often he offends?**

**Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart**

**be acceptable in your sight,**

**O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND LESSON .....James 5:13-20, NRSV  
*Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.*

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand for the Verse and the Holy Gospel*

**G** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL .....Mark 9:38-50, RSV  
*Before the Gospel:*

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

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>For he that is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup>"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung round his neck and



he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>44</sup> <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>46</sup> <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. <sup>49</sup>For every one will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

*After the Gospel:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord!

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN LBW 429    *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

WALTON

- 1    Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
      where sound the cries of race and clan,  
      above the noise of selfish strife,  
      we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
- 2    In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
      on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
      from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
      we catch the vision of your tears.
- 3    From tender childhood's helplessness,  
      from human grief and burdened toil,  
      from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
      your heart has never known recoil.
- 4    The cup of water giv'n for you  
      still holds the freshness of your grace;  
      yet long these multitudes to view  
      the strong compassion in your face.
- 5    O Master, from the mountainside  
      make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
      among these restless throngs abide;  
      oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heav'n above  
shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.

## SERMON

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

## APOSTLES' CREED

**☩ 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

**☩** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**☩ And also with you.**

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

**THE OFFERING** *You can give your tithes and offerings via our Q code. Just point the camera on your smart phone to this code on your screen:*



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*The Eucharistic Bread and Wine are moved from the credence table to the altar. The congregation remains in the pews until the Distribution of the Sacrament.*

Offertory Anthem          *Psalm 142 from Holy Songs*          Ned Rorem (b. 1923)

I cried unto the Lord with my voice;  
with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.  
I poured out my complaint before him;  
I shewed before him my trouble.  
When my spirit was overwhelmed within me,  
then Thou knewest my path.  
In the way where in I walked  
have they privily laid a snare for me.  
I looked on my right hand, and beheld,  
but there was no man that would know me:  
refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.  
I cried unto Thee, O Lord:  
I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion  
In the land of the living.  
Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low:  
deliver me from my persecutors;  
for they are stronger than I.  
Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy name:  
the righteous shall compass me about;  
for Thou shall deal bountifully with me.  
I cried unto the Lord;  
unto the Lord did I make my supplication.  
Attend unto my cry.

**A** Let us pray.

**C** **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.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### *Preface for Sundays after Pentecost*

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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*

**C** **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.

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

☩ 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.

**☩ 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.

**☩ 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 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 Dei*

**☩ 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, 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.*

Communion Meditation

*Sonata in C major - Andante*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

*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.

☞ **Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### The Sending

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

HYMN LBW 259    *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*    SICILIAN MARINERS

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.

- 3 Savior, when your love shall call us  
from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us,  
glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
reign with you in endless day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

#### DISMISSAL

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

#### POSTLUDE

*Sonata in C major - Rondo: Allegretto*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

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## Parish Announcements

- ✦ COFFEE HOUR IN THE UNDERCROFT. You are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship following the Liturgy. Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by Barbara Chomko. To get to the undercroft for Coffee Hour, bear to the left in the narthex.
- ✦ TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Ann Chomko, by Barbara Chomko. Also, TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ariel Ortiz on his 90th Birthday, by the Ortiz Family.
- ✦ 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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- ✦ FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: John Romano (brother-in-law to Richard and Maggie Schreiber), Tina Christiansen, (daughter of our member Borge Christiansen, of blessed memory), Ellen, Mrs. P (sister-in-law to Michael Pamulo), Jamel Devine (friend of Tamares Perez), Donald Kerr, Patricia Sanders, Dieter Reinboth (friend of Kathy Jolowicz), Anne Swinka (maternal aunt of Thomas Wicks)

## Service Notes

Pianist.....Music Director Gwendolyn Toth  
 Cantor ..... Michael Celentano  
 Greeters/Ushers .....Toshitake “Jazo” Ichikawa, Ed Indellicati, Luz Ortiz  
 Lector..... Jean Grenning  
 Assisting Minister and Preacher ..... Rev. Gregory P. Fryer  
 Presiding Minister ..... Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer

## 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 ..... 11 a.m. Sundays  
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION ..... 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays  
SUNDAY SCHOOL ..... Sundays at 10 a.m. in the undercroft  
MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY ..... In summer recess  
INTERIM OFFICE MANAGER ..... Melissa Phillips  
SEXTON..... Gerry Britton  
PARISH BOOKKEEPER..... Charles Derderian  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC ..... Dr. Gwendolyn Toth  
PASTOR..... Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer  
SENIOR PASTOR..... Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

## *Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:*

CHOIR ..... Director of Music Dr. Gwendolyn Toth (212) 289-8128  
MEALS ON HEELS..... Barbara Chomko, [bchomko@nyc.rr.com](mailto:bchomko@nyc.rr.com)

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

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

