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The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

11 a.m., Sunday, October 3, 2021

W arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. This is a heartwarming day! This is the day when our Choir returns and we sing the liturgy again. Things are heading back toward normal, which is good, because I believe we have a beautiful liturgy.

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).

In Christ, Gregory Fryer

Pastor Gregory P. Fryer gpfryer@gmail.com

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One

PRELUDE Engelsche Fortuyn Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

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.

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 187 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER

- Dearest Jesus, we are here, gladly your command obeying.
 With this child we now draw near in response to your own saying that to you it shall be given as a child and heir of heaven.
- 2 Your command is clear and plain, and we would obey it duly: "You must all be born again, heart and life renewing truly, born of water and the Spirit, and my kingdom thus inherit."
- 3 This is why we come to you, in our arms this infant bearing; Lord, to us your glory show; let this child, your mercy sharing, in your arms be shielded ever, yours on earth and yours forever.
- 4 Gracious head, your member own; shepherd, take your lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here your throne; way of life, to heaven lead it; precious vine, let nothing sever from your side this branch forever.

5 Now into your heart we pour prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav'nward soar; may our fond desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given; write it in the book of heaven!

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.

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.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest (Next page)



PRAYER OF THE DAYP The Lord be with you.C And also with you.

Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord. Amen

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God

A The word of the Lord.

caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; ²²and the rib which the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8, LBW

tone: DUKE STREET



Choir	¹ O / LORD our Lord,*		
	how exalted is your name in / all the world!		
All	² Out of the mouths of in- / fants and children*		
	your majesty is praised a- / bove the heavens.		
Choir	³ You have set up a stronghold against your / adversaries,*		
	to quell the enemy and / the avenger.		
All	⁴ When I consider your heavens, the work / of your fingers,*		
	the moon and the stars you have set / in their courses,		
Choir	⁵ what is man that you should be mind- / ful of him,*		
	the son of man that you should / seek him out?		
All	⁶ You have made him but little lower / than the angels;*		
	you adorn him with glo- / ry and honor;		
Choir	⁷ you give him mastery over the works / of your hands;*		
	you put all things un- / der his feet:		
All	⁸ all / sheep and oxen,*		
	even the wild beasts / of the field,		
Choir	⁹ the birds of the air, the fish / of the sea,*		
	and whatsoever walks in the paths / of the sea.		
All	¹⁰ O / LORD our Lord,*		
	how exalted is your name in / all the world!		

^{1:1}Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

- "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?
- ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
- you have crowned them with glory and honor,
- ⁸ subjecting all things under their feet."

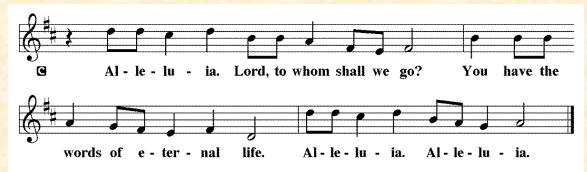
Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The word of the Lord.
 G Thanks be to God.

Stand for the Alleluia Verse and the Holy Gospel



. Mark 10:1-	-16, RSV
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HOLY GOSPEL.

Before the Gospel:

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, from the Tenth Chapter:
G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹And he [Jesus] left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again; and again, as his custom was, he taught them.

²And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away." 5But Jesus said to them, "For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. 6But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 7'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. 9What therefore God has joined together, let not

man put asunder."

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³And they were bringing children to him, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

After the Gospel:

P The Gospel of the Lord!

G Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN LBW 474 Children of the Heavenly Father TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958

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 this code on your screen:



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

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 Cantate Dominum

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

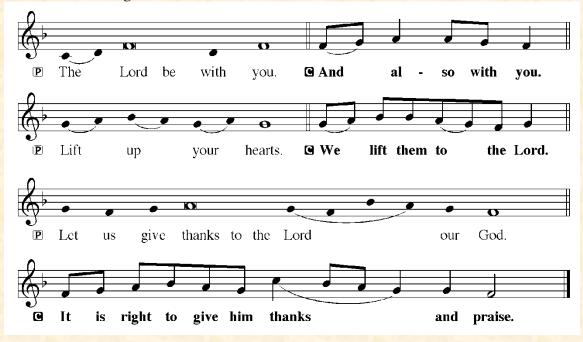
Cantate Domino canticum novum; cantate Domino omnis terra. Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus; annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus. Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus; in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus. Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, and bless his Name, announce his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, and his wonders among all people.

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

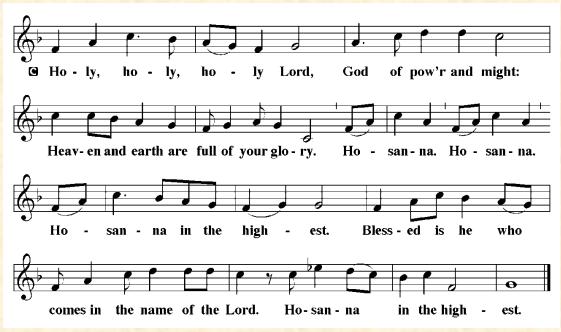
Eucharistic Dialogue



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



Eucharistic Prayer I

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

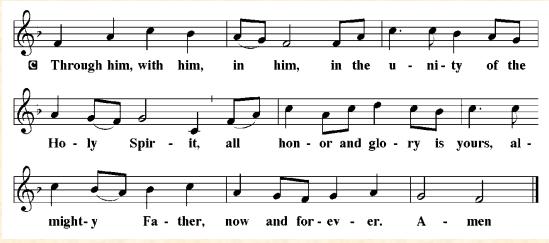
resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

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.



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.)



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 O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Motomi Tanaka, soprano solo

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

HYMN 212, LBW Let Us Break Bread Together BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

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 721 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
 Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
 Here my Spirit's power filled you,
 here his tender comfort stilled you.
 Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.
- 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
 I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
 I the Lord will be your Father,
 Savior, Comforter and Brother.
 Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Toccata in A Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

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 Priscilla O'Carroll. To get to the undercroft for Coffee Hour, bear to the left in the narthex.
- + DEACON'S MEETING today in the Martin Luther Room at 12:30 p.m.
- + 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)
+	RECENTLY DIEDJesse Reno
	Bereaved

Service Notes

Pianist		Music Director Gwendolyn Toth
Greeters/Ushers	. Tos <mark>hitake "Jaz</mark> o"	Ichikawa, Ed Indellicati, Luz Ortiz
Lector		Deirdre Grant
Assisting Minister and	l 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	
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	
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:

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 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:

