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## Christ the King Sunday

11 a.m., Sunday, November 21, 2021

**W**arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Thank you, everyone, for helping with Stewardship here at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Many of you turned in "Estimates of Giving" forms. The grand total of those estimates is \$324,276.00 so far. Even if you did not submit an estimate of giving, still many of you will be giving to our church in the coming year, God willing. We will still have a sparse budget proposal for 2022, but I am feeling good about it all. Thank you!

Our Lutheranism 101 class is doing great! Let's meet in the undercroft, in the Large Sunday School Room. We can enjoy Coffee Hour for a while and then gather in that room. Again we mean to put our chairs in a circle this time so that we can see one another better. Today's subject is Part IV of the Catechism: Baptism. That is the concrete moment in life in which Jesus becomes ours and we become his!

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,

*Gregory Fryer*

Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

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

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

PRELUDE *Nun bitten wir* Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

THE BELLS

*Please stand when the minister approaches the center aisle.*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Stand/kneel*

- ☐ 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 the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 173

*The Head That Once Was Crowned*

ST MAGNUS

- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty victor's brow.
- 2 The highest place that heav'n affords  
is his by sov'reign right,  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
and heav'n's eternal light.
- 3 The joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below  
to whom he manifests his love,  
and grants his name to know;
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame,  
with all its grace, is giv'n;  
their name, an everlasting name,  
their joy, the joy of heav'n.


- 5 They suffer with their Lord below;  
they reign with him above;  
their profit and their joy to know  
the myst'ry of his love.
- 6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855

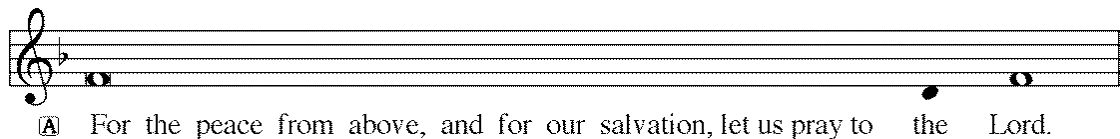
#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

- ☐ 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



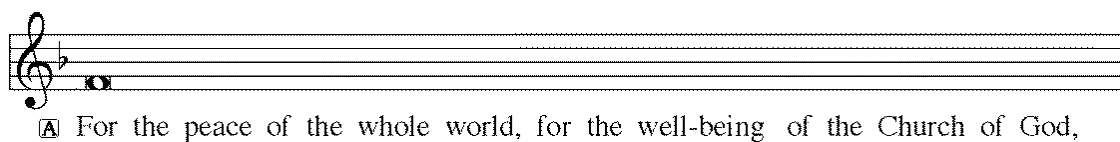
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



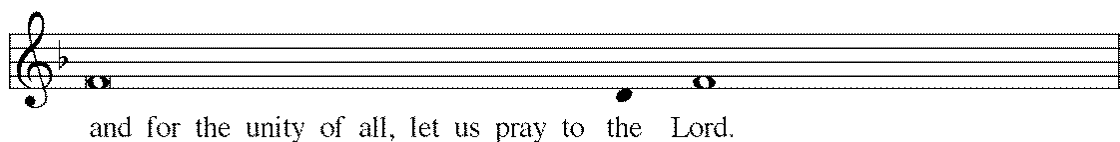
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



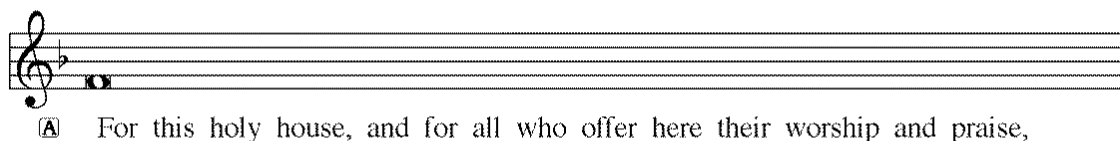
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



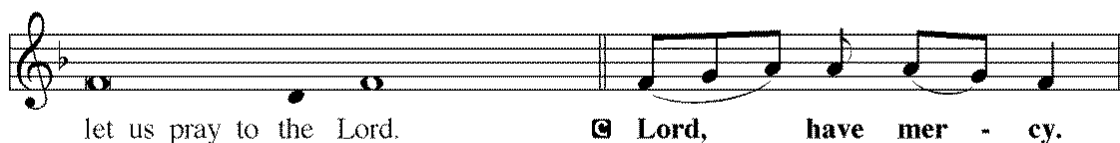
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



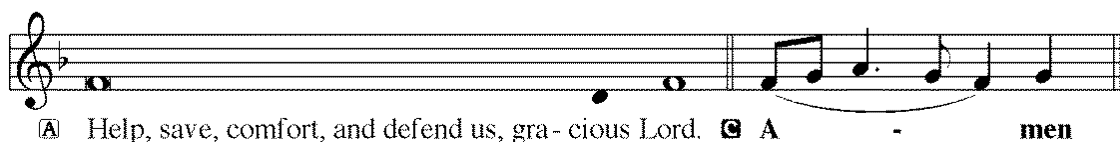
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



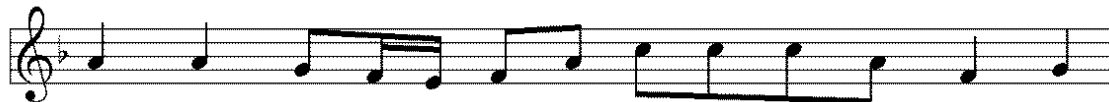
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Glory to God in the Highest*



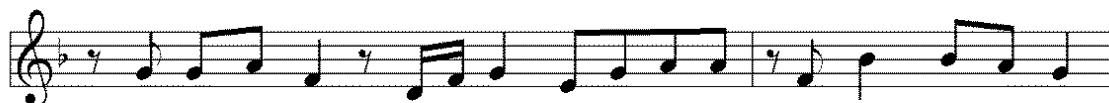
♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ 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

☞ The Lord be with you.

☛ **And also with you.**

☞ Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*Sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON ..... Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, NRSV

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

<sup>9</sup>As I watched,

thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued

and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion  
 and glory and kingship,  
 that all peoples, nations, and languages  
 should serve him.  
 His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
 that shall not pass away,  
 and his kingship is one  
 that shall never be destroyed.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 93, LBW



Choir <sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; he has put on splen- / did apparel;\*  
 the LORD has put on his apparel  
 and girded him- / self with strength.

All <sup>2</sup>**He has made the whole / world so sure\***  
**that it can- / not be moved;**

Choir <sup>3</sup>ever since the world began, your throne has / been established;\*  
 you are from / everlasting.

All <sup>4</sup>**The waters have lifted up, O LORD,**  
**the waters have lifted / up their voice;\***  
**the waters have lifted up their / pounding waves.**

Choir <sup>5</sup>Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
 mightier than the breakers / of the sea,\*  
 mightier is the LORD who / dwells on high.

All <sup>6</sup>**Your testimonies are / very sure,\***  
**and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,**  
**forever and for- / evermore.**



SECOND LESSON ..... Revelation 1:4-8, RSV  
*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, every one who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the singing of the Gospel Acclamation and for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL .....John 18:33-37, RSV

*Before the Gospel:*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, from the Eighteenth Chapter:

**C** Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, "Am



4 Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,  
claim the kingdom as thine own.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

## SERMON

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

NICENE CREED *In the Second Article of the Creed, in awe and gratitude for the Incarnation, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, you might want briefly to bow your head, as was customary in the time of the Reformers. The line is indicated by 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

## 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:*



*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

### *King of Glory*

King of Glory, King of peace, I will love Thee,  
and that love may never cease, I will move Thee.  
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee;  
and the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.  
Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee;  
in my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise Thee.  
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll Thee;  
e'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.

☐ 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*



Ⓟ 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 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*



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

☐ You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

☐ 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.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

☑ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

- ☐ 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.

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 Anthem     *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

Karen Lafferty (b.1948)

Immanuel Chimes Choir, Michael Celentano, director

Immanuel Choir

*Ave Verum*

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Ave, verum corpus natum  
de Maria Virgine:  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine:  
cuius latus perforatum  
unda fluxit sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum,  
in mortis examine.  
O dulcis, o pie,  
o Jesu, fili Mariae,  
miserere mei.

Hail the true body, born  
of the Virgin Mary:  
You who truly suffered and were  
sacrificed on the cross  
for the sake of man.  
From whose pierced flank  
flowed water and blood:  
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.  
O sweet, O gentle,  
O Jesu, son of Mary,  
have mercy on me.

HYMN LBW 518

*Beautiful Savior*

SHONSTER HERR JESU

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.



- 2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

*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 530

*Jesus Shall Reign*

DUKE STREET

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
  
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.
  
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.
  
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

#### DISMISSAL

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

#### POSTLUDE

*Praeludium in D* Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

## Parish Announcements

- ✦ OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Migdalia Marie Ramos passing on November 25th by Ester and Eric Neubacher.
- ✦ 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 Maria Van Der Merwe and the Board of Deacons. To get to the undercroft for Coffee Hour, bear to the left in the narthex.
- ✦ WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE that Pastor Carol Fryer has accepted the position of part-time parish secretary, effective November

10, 2021. Of course Pastor Carol will continue to serve as Immanuel's assistant pastor. We know that Pastor Carol brings many valuable gifts and qualities to the position and is especially capable of combining pastoral care and concern with effective organizational and administrative skills. She can be reached by calling the Church office, 212-289-8128 or via email, [parish.immanuelnyc@gmail.com](mailto:parish.immanuelnyc@gmail.com)

✦ SEAFARER'S "CHRISTMAS-AT-SEA" SATCHELS: Our port chaplains bring satchels filled with gifts to the ships for the holiday. Every crew member on a ship regardless of their faith or nationality will open their satchels, each containing:

- One Sweatshirt – hooded or unhooded (size M-L-XL)
- Three Pairs of Socks – thermal or gym
- One T- Shirt (size M-L-XL)
- One Knitted Winter Cap (coordinating scarf optional; no pastels please),
- One Can of Nuts, Large Bar of Chocolate, or Healthy Snack Bar
- A Holiday or Christmas card from YOU!

You pick the colors, styles and brands, but please no substitutions from the list. **For the safety of seafarers, please do not add fringes or pom-poms.** The Christmas-at-Sea satchels should be comparable for each member of the crew. And, please assemble each satchel with sweatshirts and T-shirts of the same size and label the satchel with M, L, or XL on the back side.

If it is more convenient, **you may make a donation** and have us purchase the items for you. Typically, a completely filled satchel costs about \$35. Please make our check to Seafarers International House and mail it to this address: ***Seafarers International House, 123 East 15th Street, New York, NY 10003***

or visit us at **[www.sihnyc.org/christmas-at-sea](http://www.sihnyc.org/christmas-at-sea)**

✦ LUTHERANISM 101 TODAY. After today's liturgy, let's meet in the undercroft, in the Large Sunday School Room. Let's enjoy some of Coffee Hour and then gather for our class in that room. This time we will look at Part 4 of Luther's *Small Catechism*. It is the section on the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. This is a class for people interested in joining our congregation. There are many new faces at Immanuel these days. We hope you will attend these classes — as many as you can. We plan to work our way through. Six or seven classes.

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- ✦ FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Tina Christiansen, (daughter of our member Borge Christiansen, of blessed memory), Eric Wigram (son of Virginia), Karen Miller (Carol Dittbrenner’s aunt) a *second* Kathy Jolowicz (cousin to our Kathy), Charles Schramm (retired Music Director of this congregation), Steven Golden (friend of Kathy Jolowicz)

## Service Notes

Music Director ..... Dr. Gwendolyn Toth  
Greeters/Ushers ..... Toshitake “Jazo” Ichikawa, Ed Indellicati, Luz Ortiz  
Lector ..... Domingo Quilems  
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 . 6:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room  
PARISH SECRETARY..... Rev. Carol E.A. Fryer  
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

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CHOIR..... Director of Music Dr. Gwendolyn Toth (212) 289-8128  
MEALS ON HEELS..... Barbara Chomko (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. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: [gpfryer@gmail.com](mailto:gpfryer@gmail.com) or [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:gpfryer@gmail.com) or [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto: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:

