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The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

11 a.m., Sunday, February 6, 2022

Warm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. We are singing the hymns and liturgy these days — grateful as we always are for the leadership of Music Director Gwendolyn Toth and our Immanuel Choir. Because singing is a forceful way of breathing, the Task Force invites people who have not been vaccinated to sit in the balcony. It is an option that would help protect you.

Because of Omicron and the upsurge of COVID cases in our land, we ask that everyone wear a mask nowadays, even if you are vaccinated. Also, we worry about the elderly and people with weakened immune systems — we worry about them for Coffee Hour in the undercroft. It is the same as in restaurants: people take off their masks to eat. So, we are seeking to comply with NYC vaccination mandates: Please do not eat in the undercroft unless you are vaccinated.

Pastor Carol and I and our whole congregation extend warm greetings to you this festival day. If you are new in town or do not yet have a church home, please consider joining our congregation. We have included a contact information insert in this worship folder, and we hope we can meet with you at your convenience. Send Pastor Carol an email sometime: ceafryer@gmail.com.

In Christ,



Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three

PRELUDE *Ich ruf zu dir* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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.

Kneel/Stand. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our fev'rish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper rev'rence, praise.

- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

- 3 Oh, Sabbath rest by Galilee,
oh, calm of hills above;
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

- 5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;

speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still small voice of calm!

Text: John G. Whittier, 1807-1892

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 (*Next page*)

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

A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer-cy.

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

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer-cy.

A For this ho-ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,

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

A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE, *next page*



A Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav'n - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther: We wor - ship



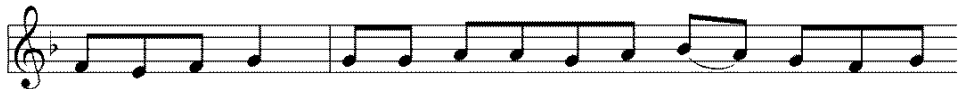
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O 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.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8, RSV

The Sanctus in our liturgy is based on this vision of Isaiah. Especially we might like the way Martin Luther phrases the Sanctus for the Lutheran Chorale Mass we celebrate on Reformation Sunday and other times too: "The beams and lintels trembled at the cry, and clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high."

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

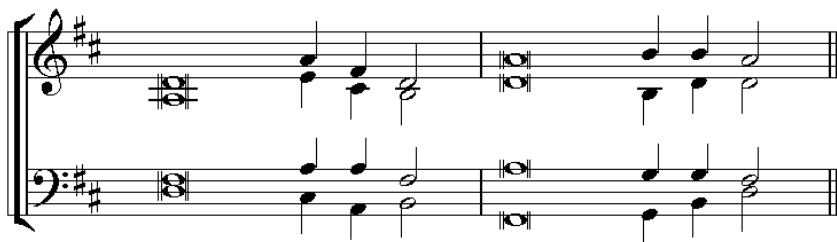
⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then

flew one of the seraphim to me, having in his hand a burning coal which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven." ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138, LBW



Choir ¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with / my whole heart;*
before the gods I will / sing your praise.

All ²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and / praise your
name,*
because of your / love and faithfulness;**

Choir ³for you have glori- / fied your name*
and your word a- / bove all things.

All ⁴**When I called, you / answered me;*
you increased my / strength within me.**

Choir ⁵All the kings of the earth will praise / you, O LORD,*
when they have heard the words / of your mouth.

All ⁶**They will sing of the ways / of the LORD,*
that great is the glory / of the LORD.**

Choir ⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares / for the lowly;*
he perceives the haughty / from afar.

All **⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you / keep me safe;***
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right / hand shall save me.
⁹The LORD will make good his pur- / pose for me;*
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the
works / of your hands.

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, NRSV
Saint Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them-- though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand for the Alleluia Verse and the Holy Gospel

ALLELUIA: Traditional Gregorian Chant



All: **Alleluia.**

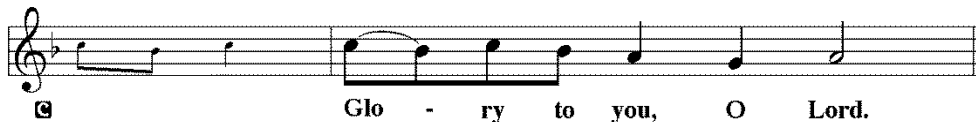
Verse: You shall go to all to whom I send you.*
Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

All: **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL..... Luke 5:1-11, KJV

Before the Gospel:

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Fifth Chapter:

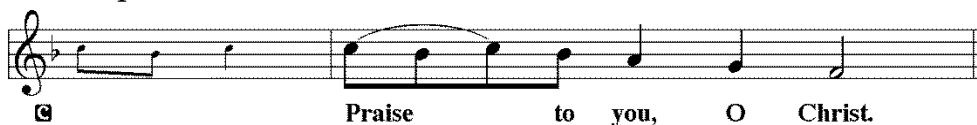


¹And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, ²And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. ³And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. ⁴Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. ⁵And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. ⁶And when they had this done, they

inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. ⁷And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. ⁹For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: ¹⁰And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. ¹¹And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

After the Gospel:

¶ The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN LBW 494

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

GALILEE

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me."

- 2 As of old St. Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

- 5 Jesus calls us! In your mercy,
Savior, make us hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1823-1895

Sit

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

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

Sit

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.*

Anthem *How Lovely Are the Messengers* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers
that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth
the sound of their words.

Installation of Congregational Leaders

This installation of Congregational Leaders is located within the Offering because the service of our leaders is an important offering to God of their time, treasure, and talents.

- ☐ The following persons, having been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership, are asked to come forward as their offices and names are read.
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Officers

President, David Kiehl	Secretary, Maggie Schreiber	Financial Secretary, Ester Neubacher (with Eric Neubacher as her backup)
Vice President, Carol Dittbrenner	Treasurer, Zachary Chance	

Trustees

Judith Baldwin	Richard Schreiber
Joel Bussert	Eric Neubacher
Jennifer Loughrey	Sree Panda

Deacons

Barbara Chomko, Chair	Karen Bazik
Jean Fischer	Domingo Quilems
Louise Hansen de Laverde	Maria Van Der Merwe

Kathy Jolowicz	Thomas Wicks
Louisa Laverde-Araujo	Andrea Persaud

Endowment Committee

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Michele Michaelis
Eric Neubacher
Justin Pfauth

- ☐ In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. Now you are presenting yourselves to be leaders of this congregation. We thank you for your ministry and we pray for you.

PASTORAL ADDRESS

- ☐ St. Paul writes: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect him in whose name we gather.

You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world.

You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

[Leaders, together] **Yes, by the help of God.**

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT

P People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all the baptized?

C **Yes, by the help of God.**

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

P I now declare you installed as officers and leaders of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

C **Amen.**

They may return to their pews.

Offertory Prayer

A Merciful Father,

C 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



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



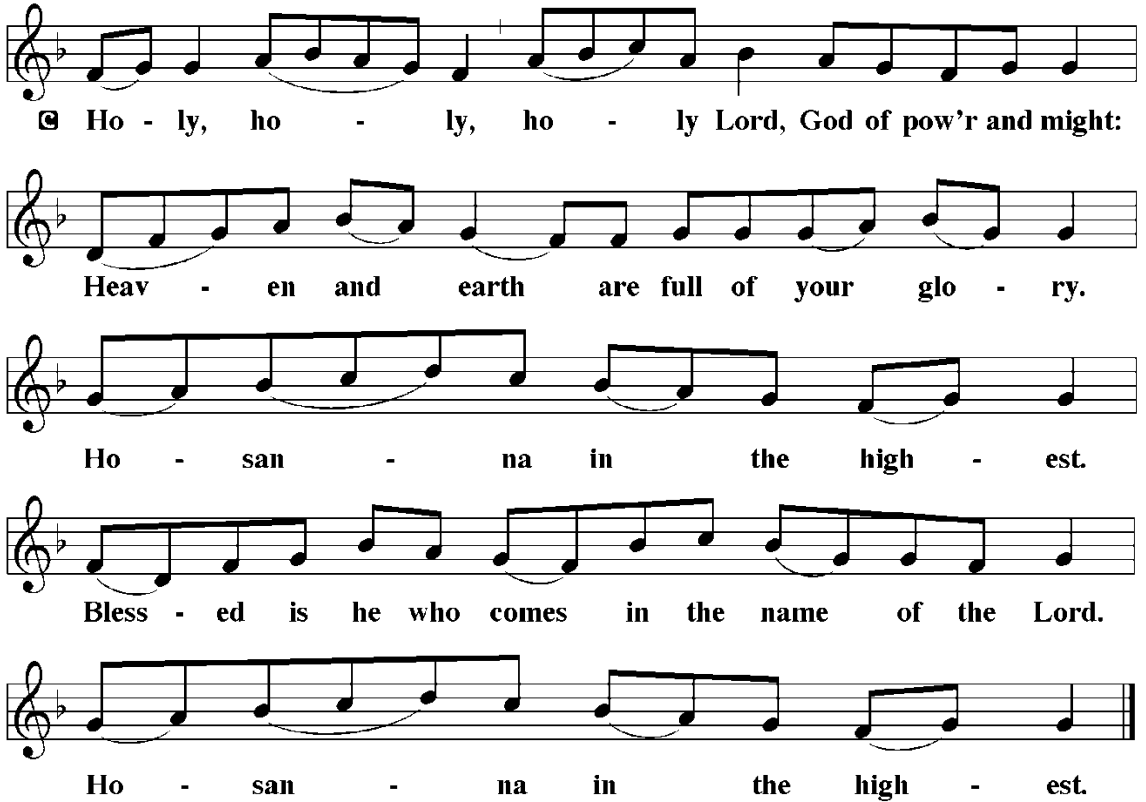
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface for Epiphany

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. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant

light. 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 in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer 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.

☩ 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 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. A - men

The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei. It consists of six staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves form a phrase: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' This phrase is repeated on the next two staves. The final two staves form another phrase: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

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 *My Eyes for Beauty Pine*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

My eyes for beauty pine,
my soul for God's grace,
no other care nor hope is mine,
to heaven I turn my face.
One splendor thence is shed
from all the stars above:
'tis named when God's name is said,
'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.
And every gentle heart
that burns with true desire
is lit from eyes that mirror part
of that celestial fire.

- 1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.

- 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

- 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

- 4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

When all have received the Blessed Sacrament, the people stand for the post-communion blessing:

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

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Dismissal

BLESSING

HYMN LBW 535

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT

- 1 Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

- 3 Lo, the apostolic train
join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun
through the church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccatà in E minor Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Parish Announcements

- ✦ COFFEE HOUR IN THE UNDERCROFT. Priscilla O'Carroll is hosting Coffee Hour today. You are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship following the Liturgy. To get to the undercroft for Coffee Hour, bear to the left in the narthex.
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✦ FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Larry Oglesby (father of our former member Laurin Smith), Davida Goldman, Rev. David McGettigan, Ken Richardson (husband of former choir member Lisa Richardson), Tony Cull, (friend of Donald Kerr), Cynthia Uzzo, Charles Schramm (retired Music Director of this congregation).

Service Notes

Music Director Dr. Gwendolyn Toth
 Greeters/Ushers Toshitake “Jazo” Ichikawa, Ed Indellicati, Luz Ortiz
 Lector Maria Barbera
 Preacher and Assisting Minister 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 COMMUNION6:30 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
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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. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: gpfryer@gmail.com or ceafryer@gmail.com.
- ✦ We mean for PRIVATE CONFESSION to be available as often as you need. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them:

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- ✦ 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:

