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Reformation Sunday

11 a.m. October 30, 2022

arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Today is the 505th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the *Ninety-five Theses on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences*, October 31, 1517. That date is considered the official public beginning of the Reformation. By God's grace, our Lutheran tradition is now half-a-millennium old plus five!

In my sermon this morning, I mean to speak of one of the charming sayings about Martin Luther — the saying about what he would do *today* if he knew that Christ was coming again *tomorrow*. Also, as a word of caution I plan to speak of the elderly Luther's disappointment with Wittenberg — the way his preaching of the Gospel failed to bring much holiness of life to that town.

Today's liturgy includes many of the elements of Reformation era worship. For example, our Hymn of Praise, *All Glory Be to God on High*, was composed by a contemporary of Luther named Nikolaus Decius (1490-1541), and this



morning's *Kyrie* is even older than that, based on a Latin text from 1100 and a tune going back to 800.

We are delighted that you are here and hope that you will return. If you do not already have a church home, please consider joining this congregation. We would rejoice to have you. Just speak with Pastor Carol Fryer or send her an email (<u>ceafryer@gmail.com</u>).

In Christ,

Gregory Tryer

Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

gpfryer@gmail.com

Lutheran Chorale Mass

PRELUDE

Fugue in F Major, BWV 540

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.
- 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.
- **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.

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

- 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.

- 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.

The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 367

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EDEN CHURCH

367 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



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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, LBW 168 (See next page)

Kyrie, God Father



Text: Latin, c. 1100; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt. Music: KYRIE, GOTT VATER. "Kyrie fons bonitatis." c. 800, adapt.

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HYMN OF PRAISE, LBW 166

All Glory Be to God on High



Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485-c. 1550; tr. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930
Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, arr. Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485-c.1550

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A The word of the Lord.

© Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46, LBW



Cantors ¹God is our ref- / uge and strength,* a very present / help in <u>trou</u>ble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth be moved,* and though the mountains be toppled into the depths / of the sea;

All ³though its waters / rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble / <u>at its</u> tumult.

⁴The LORD of / hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob / is our <u>stronghold</u>.

Cantors ⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-/y of God,* the holy habitation of / the Most High.

⁶God is in the midst of her; she shall not be / overthrown;*

God shall help her at the / break of day.

7The nations make much ado, and the king- / doms are shaken;*
God has spoken, and the earth shall / melt away.

8The LORD of / hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob / is our stronghold.

Cantors ⁹Come now and look upon the works / of the LORD,*
what awesome things he has / <u>done on</u> earth.

¹⁰It is he who makes war to cease in / all the world;*
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the / <u>shields with</u> fire.

All

11"Be still, then, and know that / I am God;*

I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be exalted / in the earth."

12The LORD of / hosts is with us;*

the God of Jacob / is our stronghold.

SECOND LESSONRomans 3:19-28, NRSV

Saint Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. Though we are called to holiness of life, we do not make ourselves right with God through works of the law. We are reconciled with God through the divine work centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

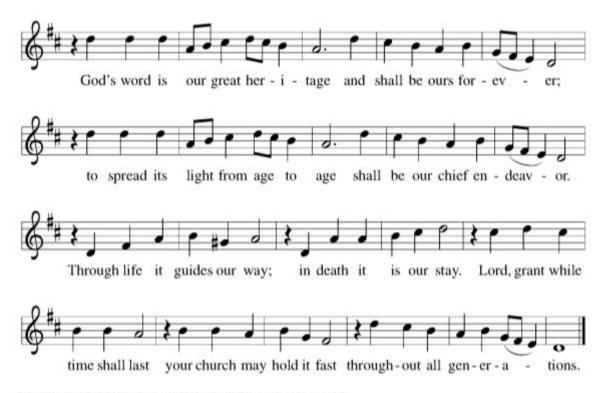
²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

A The word of the Lord.

© Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the singing of the Sequence Hymn and for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Hymn LBW 239 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage EIN FESTE BURG (Next page)



Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt. Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

■ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Eighth Chapter:



Jesus then said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham, and have never been in bondage to any one. How is it that you say, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, every one who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not continue in the house for ever; the son continues for ever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

After the Gospel:

P The Gospel of the Lord!



HYMN LBW 229

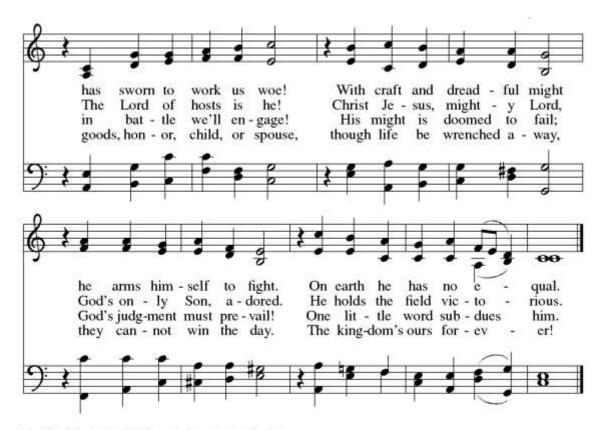
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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Please stand for the opening Invocation, and then you may sit.

SERMON

Following the sermon, silence for reflection, then stand if you are able for the singing of the Creed, with a tune that goes back to 1300 and a text by Martin Luther.

Hymn LBW 374 We All Believe in One True God WIR GLAUBEN ALL (Next page)

We All Believe in One True God



Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, alt. Music: WIR GLAUBEN ALL, Latin credo, c. 1300

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

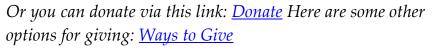
THE PEACE

- **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."

Sit

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





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.

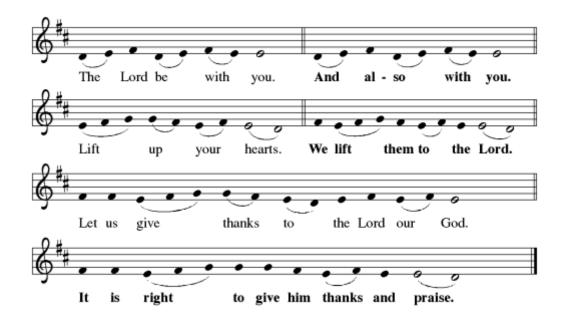
Offertory Largo from Trio Sonata No. 5 in C Major, BWV 529 J.S. Bach

Please stand as the Eucharistic bread and wine and the offerings are brought forward.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- **A** 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.

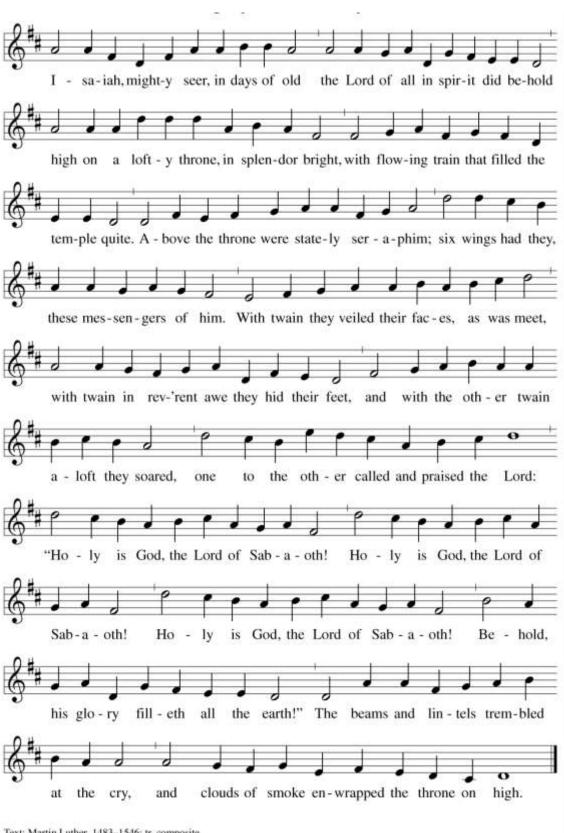
The GREAT THANKSGIVING is begun by the minister at the altar.



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 Isaiah, Mighty Seer, in Days of Old JESAIA, DEM PROPHETEN (Next page)



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite Music: JESAIA, DEM PROPHETEN, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

P 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.

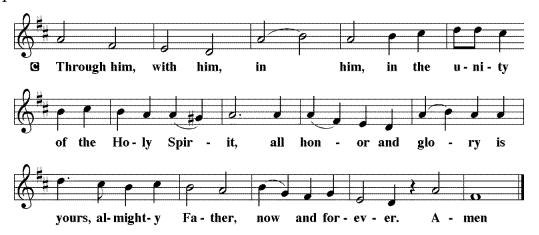
P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb, 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.

P 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.

P 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.



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.



Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, Kirchenordnung, Braunschweig, 1528

The FRACTION (The Bread is broken)

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown

Sit

Distribution of the Sacrament

- + Holy Communion is offered to all baptized Christians. Lutherans celebrate this Blessed Sacrament with the understanding 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.
- + Please come forward by way of the center aisle and the minister will drop the Communion host into your hands. Then bear off to the side where the minister will distribute the Eucharistic wine. If you would like to receive the Wine then please try to take the little plastic cup from the minister by the top edge. When you are done with the wine, please place your little cup on the tray. We mean to carefully and respectfully dispose of the remaining wine in the little cups.
- → A few gluten-free Communion wafers are consecrated at the same time as the regular wafers. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, please let the minister know as you approach.

- + You are welcome to bring your hymnal with you to the Communion rail and continue singing the hymns until receiving the sacrament.
- → If you should desire to pray quietly before or while receiving the Holy Sacrament, as many Christians do, here is one of Luther's prayers for that purpose:

Lord, it is true that I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. Yet I am in need and desire your help and grace. So I come with no other plea except that I have heard the gracious invitation to come to your altar. I am unworthy, but you have assured me I shall have forgiveness of all sins through your body and blood which I eat and drink in this sacrament. Amen, dear Lord; your Word is true. I do not doubt it. Let happen to me whatever you say. Amen.

→ And if you should desire to pray quietly after receiving the Holy Communion, here is a possible such prayer. It is based on a prayer of St. Basil the Great (329-379):

Master, Christ our God: I thank you for all the good things which you have bestowed upon me, and for this partaking of your life-giving Sacrament. And I pray: keep me, my loved ones, and this congregation under your protection, and in the shadow of your wings. For you are the Bread of Life, the Fountain of holiness, the Giver of good things, and unto you we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION Improvisation

Zachary Schurman

HYMN LBW 230 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word ERHALT UNS, HERR (Next page)

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

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. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for reflection.

The Sending

BENEDICTION (spoken)

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



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DISMISSAL

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

Parish Announcements

- + COFFEE HOUR IN THE UNDERCROFT. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship following the Liturgy. Simply bear to the left in the narthex as you would exit the church.
- + COFFEE HOUR PRESENTATION. Pastor Carol plans to share a presentation on her recent Camino pilgrimage. She has also prepared Spanish tortillas and Santiago cakes. Welcome!
- + ABOUT TODAY'S PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS. The paraments for Reformation Sunday are red—symbolic of the fire of the Holy Spirit.
- + The FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. Dr. Erich H. Kiehl, and for the Pastors, Teachers, and Church Workers who have kept the Church in the Faith expressed by Dr. Martin Luther and The Reformation, by David Kiehl.
- → DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NEXT SUNDAY: Fall back; Spring ahead!

 Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night—an extra
 hour of sleep before All Saints' Sunday!
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Service Notes

Organist and Choirmaster	Zachary Schurman
Cantor	Olivia Ericsson
Greeters/Ushers	Luz Ortiz and Jazo Ichikawa
Altar Guild	Carol Dittbrenner
Crucifer	Matthias Bhasin
Lector	Maria Barbera
Preacher	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer
Presiding Minister	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
Assisting Minister	Vicar Lara Bhasin

Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIS	T: Kathy Jolowicz, Rita Juhasz, Aveliza
Castro, Richard Shuta, and L	isa Albers
RECENTLY DIED	Dudley Marsteller
Bereaved	His family, especially his sister Ellen

Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

- + Our congregation is one of the historic Lutheran churches in town, going back to the middle of the Civil War, 1863. We are a member of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The national bishop of the NALC is Rev. Daniel Selbo.
- + 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.

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HOLY COMMUNION	11 a.m. Sundays
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION	6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
SUNDAY SCHOOL	10 a.m. Sundays, undercroft
MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY	. 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Martin Luther Room
PARISH SECRETARY	Melissa Phillips
SEXTON	Gerry Britton
PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Charles Derderian
ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER	Zachary Schurman

SEMINARY INTERN	Vicar Lara Bhasin	
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer	
PASTOR	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer	
Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:		
CHOIR	Organist and Choirmaster Zachary Schurman	
	zac.schurman@juilliard.edu	
MEALS ON HEELS	Barbara Chomko (bchomko@nyc rr com)	

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.
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- + LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR THE SICK is available. Again, simply contact the pastors.
- + 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:

