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The Second Sunday of Advent

11 a.m. December 4, 2022

Warm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. God be with you always.

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,

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Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three

PRELUDE

Pachelbel

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.

C Amen.

The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 26 *Prepare the Royal Highway* BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

ADVENT CANDLE (*The second candle is lit by the Ichikawa family: Jazo, Kumi and their sons Keitaro and Kojiro.*)

☐ We praise you, O God, with this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles of this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we will be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we will welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10, RSV

In today's reading Isaiah prophesies about the ideal ruler: he will come in the future as a green shoot springing from a dead stump (David's royal line) of Jesse (David's father). Filled with the Spirit, the Messiah will seek justice for the poor, and his reign will be experienced as paradise regained.

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist,
and faithfulness the girdle of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
and the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall feed;

their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him
shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19, LBW

Psalm Tone 9



Cantor ¹Give the king your jus- / tice, O God,*
and your righteousness to / the king's son;

All ²**that he may rule your / people righteously***
and the / poor with justice;

Cantor ³that the mountains may bring prosperity / to the people,*
and the little / hills bring righteousness.

All ⁴**He shall defend the needy a- / mong the people;***
he shall rescue the poor and crush / the oppressor.

Cantor ⁵He shall live as long as the sun and / moon endure,*
from one generation / to another.

All ⁶**He shall come down like rain upon / the mown field,***
like showers that wa- / ter the earth.

Cantor ⁷In his time shall the / righteous flourish;*
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall / be no
more.

All ¹⁸**Blessed be the Lord GOD, the / God of Israel,***
who alone does / wondrous deeds!

All ¹⁹**And blessed be his glorious / name forever,***
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. A- / men.
Amen.

SECOND LESSON Romans 15:4-13, RSV

The LORD's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of his blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise thee among the Gentiles, and sing to thy name”;

¹⁰and again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and further Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
he who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him shall the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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

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 GOSPELMatthew 3:1-12, RSV

Before the Gospel:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Third Chapter:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said] ³⁶But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels ¹In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
 Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit that befits repentance, ⁹and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in

his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

After the Gospel:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord!



HYMN LBW 36 *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry* PUER NOBIS

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Please sit after the Pastor's opening invocation of the Holy Trinity.

SERMON

Following the sermon, silence for reflection, then stand for the Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

☩ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

INTERCESSIONS

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

THE PEACE

☩ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☩ And also with you.

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

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:*

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.

Anthem Et Exsultavit Spiritus Meus from Magnificat, BWV 243 –

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Et exsultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo.

And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

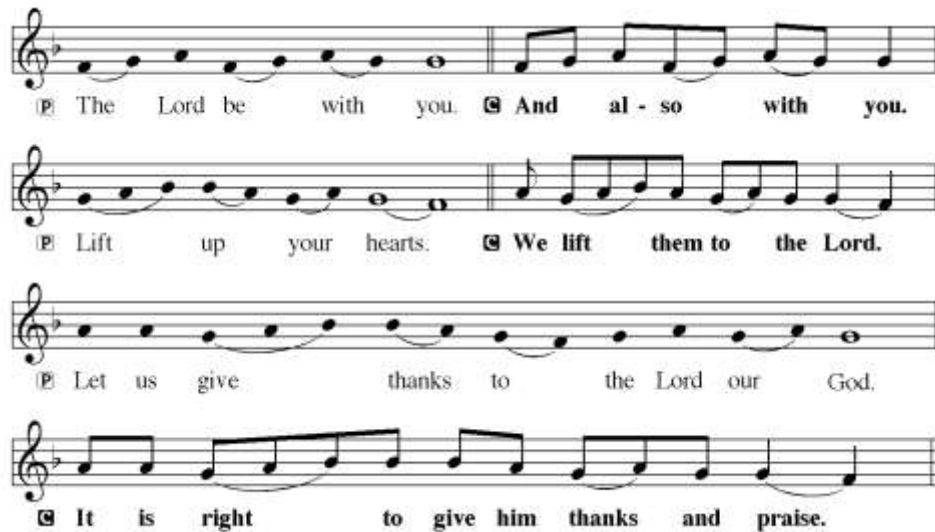
Please stand as the Eucharistic bread and wine and the offerings are brought forward.

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



The Great Thanksgiving is presented as a four-line musical score. Each line consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with a 'P' (Psalter) or 'C' (Cantor) symbol indicating the start of a phrase. The lyrics are: '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 Advent

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, almighty and ever-living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. 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

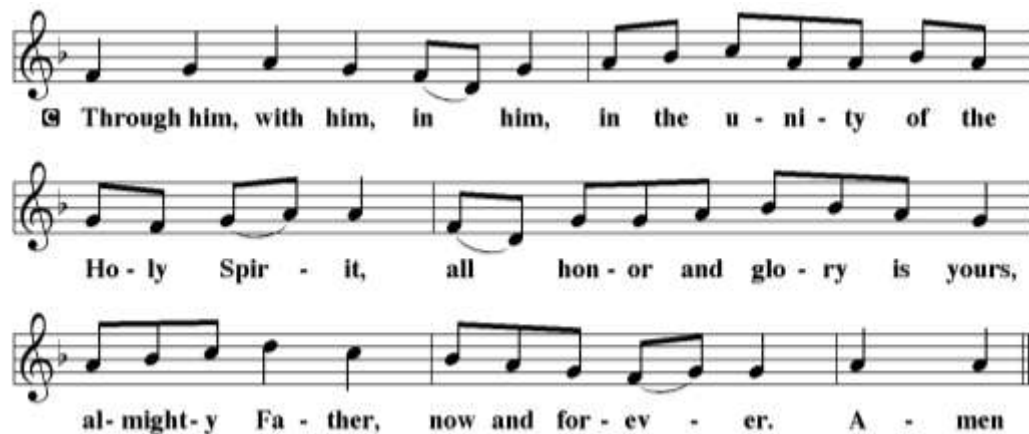
resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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.

C 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.



C 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

C 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

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.

Improvisation

HYMN LBW 58

Lo, How a Rose Is Growing

ES IST EIN ROS

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Lo, How a Rose Is Growing



1 Lo, how a rose is grow - ing, a bloom of fin - est grace;
 2 The rose of which I'm sing - ing, I - sa - iah had fore - told.
 3 The shep - herds heard the sto - ry the an - gels sang that night:
 4 This flow'r, so small and ten - der, with fra - grance fills the air;
 5 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt all hu - man woe;



the proph - ets had fore - told it: a branch of Jes - se's race
 He came to us through Mar - y who shel - tered him from cold.
 how Christ was born of Mar - y; he was the Son of light.
 his bright - ness ends the dark - ness that kept the earth in fear.
 O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who tri - umphed o'er our foe:



would bear one per - fect flow'r here in the cold of
 Through God's e - ter - nal will this child to us was
 To Beth - le - hem they ran to find him in the
 True God and yet true man, he came to save his
 bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of



win - ter and dark - est mid - night hour.
 giv - en at mid - night calm and still.
 man - ger as an - gel her - alds sang.
 peo - ple from earth's dark night of sin.
 heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German, 15th cent.; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943

Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1599

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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

Silence for reflection.

The Sending

BENEDICTION *(spoken)*

HYMN LBW 37 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!* FREUEN WIR UNS ALL IN EIN

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near."
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, let the earth -
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par -
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion to the Fa -



we hear the cry. "Cast a - way the works of
bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all sloth dis -
don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of
is wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his
ther and the Son with the ev - er - liv - ing



dark - ness, all you chil - dren of the day!"
pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;
mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
Spir - it while e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt.
Music: FREUEN WIR UNS ALL IN EIN, Michael Weisse, c. 1480–1534

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

Parish Announcements

- ✦ COFFEE HOUR IN THE UNDERCROFT. 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 as you would exit the church.
- ✦ NO LUTHERANISM 101 TODAY NOR NEXT SUNDAY: We have a Church Council meeting today and then our Special Voters' Assembly next Sunday. So, let's recess our class for now.
- ✦ ABOUT TODAY'S PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS. The blue paraments and vestments used during Advent are symbolic of hope. We hope for the Christ child to be born in us, and we wait in hope for his return.
- ✦ The ADVENT BANNER. Two trumpets are shown – one descending to announce the coming Christ and one ascending in praise for grace and thanksgiving for the coming Kingdom.
- ✦ SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: Sunday, December 11, during Coffee Hour in the church undercroft. This is our annual Voters' Assembly to consider Immanuel's budget proposal for 2023.
- ✦ MANY THANKS to our workers for yesterday's excellent Christmas Bazaar: Karen Bazik, Zachary Chance, Barbara Chomko, Jean Fischer, Carol and Gregory Fryer, Jean Grenning, Jazo Ichikawa, Hans Kibler, Louise Hansen de Laverde, Kathy Jolowicz, Louisa Laverde-Araujo, Priscilla O'Carroll, Lore Schlager, Elly Spangenberg, Maria Van Der Merwe, and Thomas Wicks.
- ✦ CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA AND MUSIC FUND. The church is decorated at Christmas with a lighted tree and poinsettias. Members and friends may wish to place one or more poinsettia plants in the church to honor the memory of departed loved ones or simply as a gift to the glory of God in the incarnate Christ. A gift of \$20.00 for each plant as well as gifts in honor of sacred music here at Immanuel can be given, using the envelope included with this worship folder for your convenience. You may place it in the offering plate or give it to Ester Neubacher between now and December 18.
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Service Notes

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

Intercessions

- ✦ FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: John Gaines (brother-in-law of Pastors Fryer), Sally Graudons, Kathy Jolowicz, Rita Juhasz (sister of our member Irene Juhasz), Aveliza Castro (friend of Karel Horkey Fernandez)
- ✦ RECENTLY DIED Ernest Lund (5/14/1949 - 11/24/2022)
Bereaved..... Florence Lund (wife) and their four children
Marlene Lund (sister)

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. 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
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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 caefryer@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: gpfryer@gmail.com or ceafryer@gmail.com.
- ✦ 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:

