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The Second Sunday after Epiphany

11 a.m. Sunday, January 15, 2023

Warm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. God's blessings to you this holy Season of Epiphany, and always.

We are honored and delighted that you are here and hope that you will return. If you do not already have a church home in our city, please consider joining this congregation. We would rejoice to have you. Just speak with Pastor Carol or send me an email (gpfryer@gmail.com).

In Christ,

Pastor Gregory Fryer

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three

PRELUDE

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654

J. S. 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.

C Amen

The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 76

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

(Next page)

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride - groom, light di - vine, and deep with - in
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us, when

own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
 from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!

Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's Son, our Lord and mas -
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch -
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him

ter, you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly!
 es of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
 here and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion.

Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich in
 Now, though dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and dis -
 Let your mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! for you
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life for -

bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
 teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
 ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

5 What joy to know, when life is past,
 the Lord we love is first and last,
 the end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 transport us to that happy place
 beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning
 for the day of your returning.

6 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned,
 our voices gaily blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—
 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation!
 Exultation!
 Tell the story!
 Great is he, the King of glory!

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
 Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608

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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



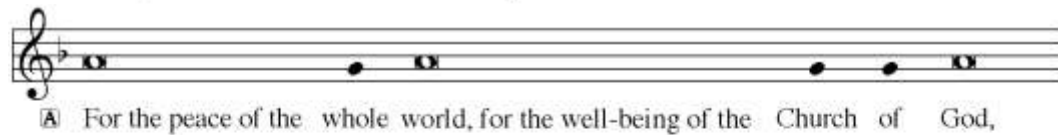
☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☑ Lord, have mer-cy.



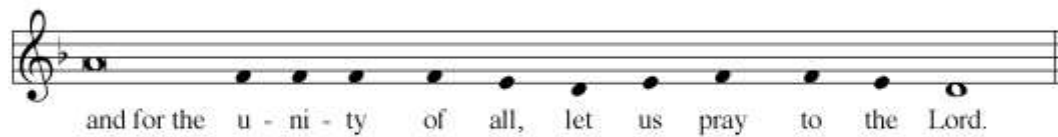
☐ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



☑ Lord, have mer - cy.



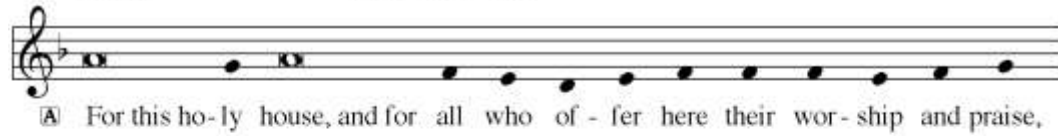
☐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



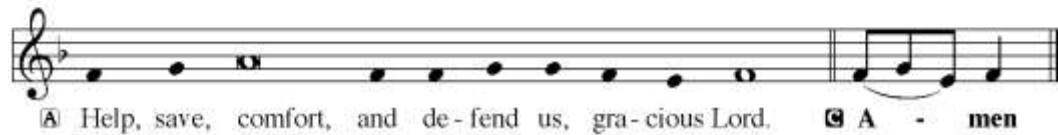
☑ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



☐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ☑ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE *Gloria*



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



♩ 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

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray. Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7, RSV

Called before his birth, like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the Servant's mission is not just to Israel. The Servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of the LORD's victory to the ends of the earth. The LORD in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
and hearken, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength –

⁶he says:
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the preserved of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1-12, LBW Psalm Tone 6



Cantor ¹I waited patiently up- | on the LORD;*
he stooped to me and | heard my cry.
²He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | mire and clay;*
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my | footing sure.

All ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;*
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.
⁴Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!*

They do not resort to evil spirits or turn | to false gods.

Cantor ⁵Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
How great your wonders and your | plans for us!*

There is none who can be com- | pared with you.

⁶Oh, that I could make them | known and tell them!*

But they are more than | I can count.

All ⁷In sacrifice and offering you | take no pleasure;*
you have given me | ears to hear you;
⁸burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required,*
and so I said, “Be- | hold, I come.

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Cantor ⁹In the roll of the book it is written con- | cerning me:*

‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep | in my heart.’”

¹⁰I proclaimed righteousness in the great | congregation;*

behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O | LORD, you know.

All ¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;*

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great | congregation.

¹²You are the LORD; do not withhold your com- | passion from me;*

let your love and your faithfulness keep me | safe forever.

SECOND LESSON1 Corinthians 1:1-9, RSV

Though the church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge -- ⁶even as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you -- ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ; ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA: Traditional Gregorian Chant



All: **Alleluia.**

Verse (Cantor): In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. (John 1:4)

All: **Alleluia**

HOLY GOSPEL..... John 1:29-42, RSV

Before the Gospel:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the First Chapter:



The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

After the Gospel:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN LBW 87

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602

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

SERMON

Silence for reflection after the sermon, then stand for the Creed, Intercessions and Exchange of Peace.

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:*

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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.

Offertory

Mein liebster Jesus ist verloren from BWV 154

J.S. Bach

*Jesum laß' ich nicht von mir,
Geh' ihm ewig an der Seiten;
Christus wird mich für und für
Zu dem Lebensbächlein leiten.
Selig, wer mit mir so spricht;
Meinen Jesum laß' ich nicht!*

*I shall not let Jesus go from me,
I shall go along always by his side;
for ever and ever Christ will
lead me to the waters of life.
Blessed is the man who says with me;
I shall not leave my Jesus.*

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 (Next page)

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.


P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

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.

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

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Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -
 D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -
 D Em A7 D F#m

righteous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: st. 1, Matt. 6:33, adapt. Karen Lafferty, b. 1948; st. 2, Matt. 7:7; st. 3, Matt. 4:4
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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for reflection.

The Sending

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

HYMN LBW 494

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

GALILEE

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old St. An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
make us hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1823–1895
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Parish Announcements

- ✦ ABOUT TODAY'S PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS: Unto us a Son is given! The white paraments and vestments symbolize gladness, purity, light, and joy to all the world!
- ✦ Our next VOTERS' ASSEMBLY will take place on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12. At this annual meeting we hear reflections and reports on the year just gone by, including year-end reports from the Pastor and Treasurer, as well as reports from the Trustees, Deacons, Council and Endowment Committee. This is the meeting at which we elect our leaders for the coming year. If you would like to become an official member of the Voters' Assembly, please mention your desire to Pastor Fryer, who will present your name to the Assembly. Our Constitution gives this rule: *The Voters' Assembly shall consist of such members who have reached the age of eighteen, who are diligent in worship, regularly partake of the Lord's Supper and live a life in conformity with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*
- ✦ LUTHERANISM 101. Today's session is on the Holy Communion. Welcome! Let's gather in the Martin Luther Room during Coffee Hour.
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Service Notes

Organist and Choirmaster	Zachary Schurman
Cantor.....	Olivia Ericsson
Greeters.....	Luz Ortiz, Toshitake "Jazo" Ichikawa
Lector.....	Sam Fryer
Presiding Minister	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
Assisting Minister	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer
Preacher	Vicar Lara Bhasin

Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Elida Burgos (sister of Luz Ortiz), Arthur Tristyn and the Sharpe and the Whites families in Illinois (requested by Denise Du'Maine), Asta Kibler (Karen Bazik's mother-in-law), Christine Maldonado (Ester Neubacher's niece-in-law)

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	In recess
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: gp Fryer@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: gp Fryer@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:

