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or later for a recording.



## Epiphany Sunday

11 a.m. Sunday, January 8, 2023

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

Each year about this time we face a decision about two major church festivals: The Epiphany of our Lord (January 6) and The Baptism of Our Lord. Sometimes we combine them into one service. This time we are going to focus on the Epiphany story. Next Sunday's Gospel Lesson speaks of the Baptism of Our Lord, and so we will reserve our celebration of the Baptism until then.

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 (gp Fryer@gmail.com).

In Christ,  
*Gregory Fryer*  
Pastor Gregory Fryer

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

PRELUDE *Solo Cello Prelude* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
Daniel Yen (cello)

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.*

- ☞ Most merciful God,
- ☛ **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

- ☞ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

- ☛ **Amen**

## Procession to the Crèche

HYMN LBW 82

*As With Gladness Men of Old  
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DIX

## As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

### AT THE CRECHE

**P** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe: you receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. May our prayer be set forth in your sight as incense and the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice.

**C** **Blessed be God forever.**

**P** Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**C** **and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.**

**P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

**C** **worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **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

HYMN OF PRAISE *Gloria*



**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

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also with you.**

☞ Let us pray. Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

*Sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON ..... Isaiah 60:1-6, RSV

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.

<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes round about, and see;  
they all gather together,  
they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far,  
and your daughters shall be carried in the arms.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant,  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice;  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**



Cantor <sup>1</sup>Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,\*  
 and your righteousness to | the king's son;  
<sup>2</sup>that he may rule your | people righteously\*  
 and the | poor with justice;

All <sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,\*  
 and the little | hills bring righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup>He shall defend the needy a- | mong the people;\*  
 he shall rescue the poor and crush | the oppressor.

Cantor <sup>5</sup>He shall live as long as the sun and | moon endure,\*  
 from one generation | to another.  
<sup>6</sup>He shall come down like rain upon | the mown field,\*  
 like showers that wa- | ter the earth.

All <sup>7</sup>In his time shall the | righteous flourish;\*  
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.  
<sup>10</sup>The kings of Tarshish and of the isles | shall pay tribute,\*  
 and the kings of Arabia and Saba | offer gifts.

Cantor <sup>11</sup>All kings shall bow | down before him,\*  
 and all the nations | do him service.  
<sup>12</sup>For he shall deliver the poor who cries out | in distress,\*  
 and the oppressed who | has no helper.

All <sup>13</sup>He shall have pity on the low- | ly and poor;\*  
 he shall preserve the lives | of the needy.  
<sup>14</sup>He shall redeem their lives from oppres- | sion and violence,\*  
 and dear shall their blood be | in his sight.

SECOND LESSON ..... Ephesians 3:1-12, NRSV

*What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of St. Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- <sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's

grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable



you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to

**A** The word of the Lord.

bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

ALLELUIA: Traditional Gregorian Chant



All: **Alleluia.**

Verse (Cantor): We have observed his star at its rising, and have come to worship him. (Matt. 2:2)

All: **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 2:1-12, RSV

*Before the Gospel:*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Second Chapter:



Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For

we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people,

he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; <sup>8</sup>and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too

may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was.

<sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; <sup>11</sup>and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

*After the Gospel:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN ELW 294

*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
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CRANHAM

# In the Bleak Midwinter

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;  
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed  
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

~ in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894  
 Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

*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.*

NICENE CREED (*In olden days, it was customary for people to bow at the confession of the Holy Incarnation: "...incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man." This seems especially suitable for the great Christmas and Epiphany liturgies. If you would like to do so, the place is marked in this text:)*

**☩ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became *incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man*. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## INTERCESSIONS

# The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

## THE PEACE

**☩** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**☩** And also with you.

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

*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.*

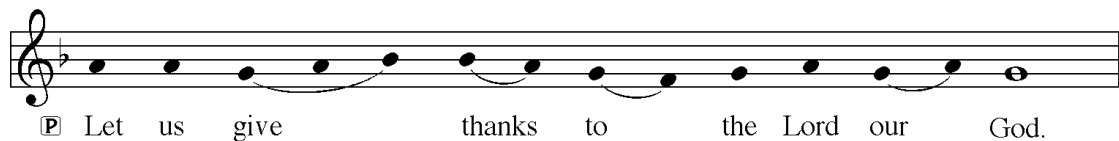
Anthem *Ich steh an deiner Krippen hier, BWV 248* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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



### 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

☑ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

☐ Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

☑ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours,  
al - might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION. *The host is broken.*

## AGNUS DEI

♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. 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.

ANTHEM

*Dialogo from Sonata for Solo Cello* György Ligeti (1923-2006)



**Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning**

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
 3 Shall we not yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
 fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,  
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.  
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Silence for reflection.*

## The Sending

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

**Bright and Glorious Is the Sky**

1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - dant are the  
 2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness  
 3 Sa - ges from the East a - far, when they saw this  
 4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.  
 beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,  
 won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions  
 di - a - dem; they but saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to  
 all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the Christ - mas  
 and to of - fer their ob - la - tions un - to him as  
 with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.  
 star drew nigh, as the Christ - mas star drew nigh.  
 Lord and King, un - to him as Lord and King.  
 lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found  
 him whose praise the ages sound.  
 We too have a star to guide us  
 which forever will provide us  
 with the light to find our Lord,  
 with the light to find our Lord.

6 As a star, God's holy word  
 leads us to our King and Lord;  
 brightly from its sacred pages  
 shall this light throughout the ages  
 shine upon our path of life,  
 shine upon our path of life.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. *Service Book and Hymnal*, 1958, alt.  
 Music: DEJLIG ER DEN HIMMEL BLAA, Danish, 1830

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**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*Herzlich tut mich erfreuen* from Op. 122 Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

## 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 Baptism. 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
Cello.....	Daniel Yen
Greeters.....	Luz Ortiz, Toshitake "Jazo" Ichikawa
Altar Guild .....	Ester and Eric Neubacher
Lector.....	Maria Barbera
Presiding Minister .....	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer
Assisting Minister .....	Vicar Lara Bhasin
Preacher .....	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer

## Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: 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.

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

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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 zac.schurman@juilliard.edu
MEALS ON HEELS.....	Barbara Chomko (bchomko@nyc.rr.com)

**W**e extend to you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Carol Fryer. If you are interested in membership here at Immanuel, please contact the church office for an appointment with Pastor Carol. Or you can email her at [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).

- ✦ HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church’s faith, who confess it with us (as in the Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding

with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.

- ✦ HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated and MARRIAGES solemnized only after consultation with the pastor well in advance. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise in need of the ministry of the Church, let us know. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: [gp Fryer@gmail.com](mailto:gp Fryer@gmail.com) or [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).
- ✦ We mean for PRIVATE CONFESSION to be available as often as you need. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: [gp Fryer@gmail.com](mailto:gp Fryer@gmail.com) or [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).
- ✦ LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR THE SICK is available. Again, simply contact 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:

