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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

11 a.m. Sunday, February 19, 2023



Transfiguration, Raphael, 1520, detail, Vatican Museum

Warm welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church. God's blessings to you on this final Sunday of the Epiphany Season.

Here at Immanuel, we tend to have a soft spot in our heart for this particular Sunday, Transfiguration Sunday, because it is an anniversary Sunday for our church. The beginning liturgy for our church was back in Civil War days, on Transfiguration Sunday 1863. At 10 a.m. that day, a group of our Immanuel ancestors gathered for worship in the courthouse, led by The Rev. C. Julius Renz, and afterwards met and voted to establish our Lutheran congregation. So today is our 160th anniversary. Our church's Transfiguration painting above our altarpiece is a tribute to that founding liturgy.

We are honored that you are worshiping with us today. 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,

Gregory Fryer

Pastor Gregory Fryer

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three

PRELUDE

Choral Dorian, JA 67

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

THE BELLS

Please stand when the minister approaches the center aisle.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen**

☐ 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.

☑ **Amen**

☐ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- ☐ 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**

The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 249

God Himself Is Present
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WUNDERBARER KÖNIG

God Himself Is Present



1 God him-self is pres - ent; let us now a - dore him and with awe ap -
 2 God him-self is pres - ent; hear the harps re - sound-ing; see the hosts the
 3 Light of light e - ter - nal, all things pen - e - trat - ing, for your rays our
 4 Come, ce - les - tial Be - ing, make our hearts your dwell-ing, ev - 'ry car - nal



pear be - fore him! God is in his tem - ple; all with - in keep si - lence,
 throne sur-round-ing! "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend-ing,
 soul is wait - ing. As the ten - der flow - ers, will - ing - ly un - fold - ing,
 thought dis - pel - ling. By your Ho - ly Spir - it sanc - ti - fy us tru - ly,



pros - trate lie with deep - est rev-'rence. Him a - lone God we own,
 songs of saints and an - gels blend-ing. Bow your ear to us here:
 to the sun their fac - es hold - ing: e - ven so would we do,
 teach-ing us to love you on - ly. Where we go here be - low,



him, our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er!
 hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.
 light from you ob - tain - ing, strength to serve you gain - ing.
 let us bow be - fore you and in truth a - dore you.

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769; tr. composite
 Music: WUNDERBARER KÖNIG, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

APOSTOLIC GREETING

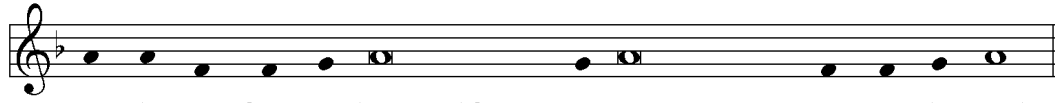
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



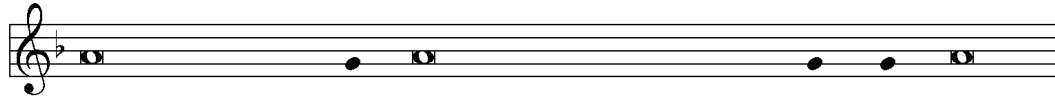
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



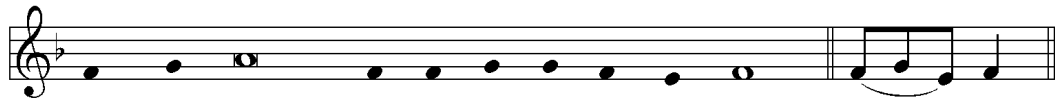
G Lord, have mer - cy.



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

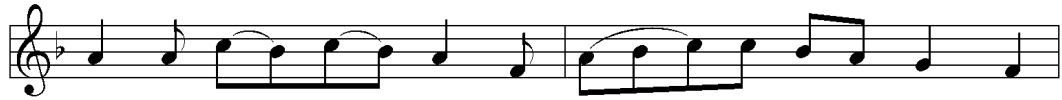
HYMN OF PRAISE *Gloria*



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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

☐ Let us pray. Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his 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 LESSONExodus 24:12-18, RSV

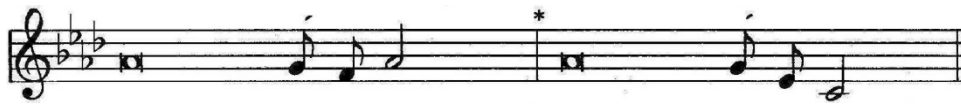
At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of the LORD for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the LORD" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called out to Moses. On the mountain the LORD gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tables of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses rose with his servant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Tarry here for us, until we come to you again; and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a cause, let him go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸And Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.



Cantor ¹The LORD is King; let the / people tremble.*
 He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the / earth be moved.

All ²The LORD is / great in Zion;*
he is high a- / bove all peoples.

Cantor ³Let them confess his name, which is / great and awesome;*
 he is the / Holy One.

All ⁴**“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have es- / tablished equity;*
 you have executed justice and righteous- / ness in Jacob.”**

Cantor ⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down be- / fore his
 footstool;*
 he is the / Holy One.

All ⁶**Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call up-
 / on his name,*
 they called upon the LORD, and he / answered them.**

Cantor ⁷He spoke to them out of the pil- / lar of cloud;*
 they kept his testimonies and the decree / that he gave them.

All ⁸**O LORD our God, you answered / them indeed;*
 you were a God who forgave them,
 yet punished them for their / evil deeds.**

⁹**Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him
 upon his / holy hill;*
 for the LORD our God is the / Holy One.**

SECOND LESSON 2 Peter 1:16-21, NRSV
At the Transfiguration, God the Father’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, the Triune God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the

morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

A The word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA: Traditional Gregorian Chant



All: **Alleluia.**

Cantor: This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! (Luke 9:35)

All: **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9, RSV

Before the Gospel:

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



And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."

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:*

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 *Minuet I from Cello Suite No. 3 in C Major, BWV 1009* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Daniel Yen, Cello

Installation of Congregational Leaders

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

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

Officers

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

Trustees

TRUSTEE	LAST YEAR	TRUSTEE	LAST YEAR
Judith Baldwin	2023	Richard Schreiber	2024
Joel Bussert, Vice Chair	2023	Eric Neubacher	2025
Jennifer Loughrey	2024	John Imhoff	2025

Deacons

DEACON	LAST YEAR	DEACON	LAST YEAR
Karen Bazik, Vice Chair	2023	Louise Hansen de Laverde	2025
Jean Fischer	2023	Louisa Laverde-Araujo	2025
Maria Van Der Merwe	2023	Kathy Jolowicz	2024
Thomas Wicks	2023		
Barbara Chomko, Chair	2024		

Endowment Committee

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS	LAST YEAR OF TERM
Susan Gottridge	2023
Eric Neubacher	2024
John Imhof	2025

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

PASTORAL ADDRESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT

- ☐ People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all the baptized?
- ☑ **Yes, by the help of God.**

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

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

They may return to their pews.

Offertory Prayer

- ☐ Merciful Father,
- ☑ **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.



☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface for Epiphany

- ☐ It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer II

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

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

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

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

C 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.

Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for reflection.

The Sending

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

HYMN LBW 552

In Thee Is Gladness
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IN DIR IST FREUDE

In Thee Is Gladness



1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my heart.
2 If he is ours, . . . we fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or death.



By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav-en, thou the true re-deem-er art.
He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can change them with a breath.



Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly
Where-fore the sto - ry tell of his glo - ry with heart and voic-es;



has built se - cure - ly and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
all heav'n re - joic - es in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!



Our hearts are pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,
We shout for glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav - ing; naught us can sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–c. 1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556–1622

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Passacaille

Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

Parish Announcements

- ✦ ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by David Kiehl in honor of the men and women who founded Immanuel Lutheran Church.
- ✦ SHROVE TUESDAY SAUSAGE & PANCAKE SUPPER, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., this Tuesday. This is a lovely tradition here at Immanuel. Please use the 1296 Lexington Avenue entrance (the red door next to CVS Pharmacy). The price for the meal is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, or whatever you can afford.
- ✦ ASH WEDNESDAY NOON AND EVENING LITURGIES: As in the past, we will have two Ash Wednesday liturgies this year—one at 12:15 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. Each of these liturgies has its own blessing. The noontime service is a spoken liturgy and is nice because of the presence of neighborhood people who slip away during their lunch hours for our brief liturgy. The evening liturgy is our main traditional parish liturgy.
- ✦ If you can HOST COFFEE HOUR OR CONTRIBUTE A DISH TO COFFEE HOUR, that would be great! It would be most welcome. Please let Kathy Jolowicz know: Kaj133@aol.com. Letting Kathy know will help with our planning. Also, the Board of Deacons would greatly appreciate donations of soda, iced tea or juice. We have coffee and tea, but some people (and the kids!) like to have cold beverages.
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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.....	Jeff Rudat
Altar Guild.....	Carol Dittbrenner
Preacher	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer
Presiding Minister.....	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
Assisting Minister	Vicar Lara Bhasin

Intercessions

- ✦ FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Rev. Dr. Richard Shuta (Jeff Rudat's uncle), Barbara Chomko, Elida Burgos (sister of Luz Ortiz), Mark Chapman (friend of Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer,) Alma von Graffenried (requested by David Kiehl)

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
MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY	In recess
PARISH SECRETARY	Karen Katz-Shea
SEXTON	Gerry Britton
PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Charles Derderian
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PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
PASTOR	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

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CHOIR	Organist and Choirmaster Zachary Schurman zac.schurman@juilliard.edu
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We extend to you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Carol Fryer. If you are interested in membership here at Immanuel, please contact the church office for an appointment with Pastor Carol. Or you can email her at ceafryer@gmail.com.

- ✦ HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church's faith, who confess it with us (as in the Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.
- ✦ HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated and MARRIAGES solemnized only after consultation with the pastor well in advance. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise in need of the ministry of the Church, let us know. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: gpfryer@gmail.com or ceafryer@gmail.com.
- ✦ We mean for PRIVATE CONFESSION to be available as often as you need. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: 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:

