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# The Second Sunday in Lent

11 a.m. Sunday, March 5, 2023

arm welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church. God's blessings to you in this holy

season of Lent.
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 One

PRELUDE

Improvisation

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.
- **G** Amen
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **G** Amen
- 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,
- 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.
- Amen

## The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 507

How Firm a Foundation (Next page)

**FOUNDATION** 

### How Firm a Foundation

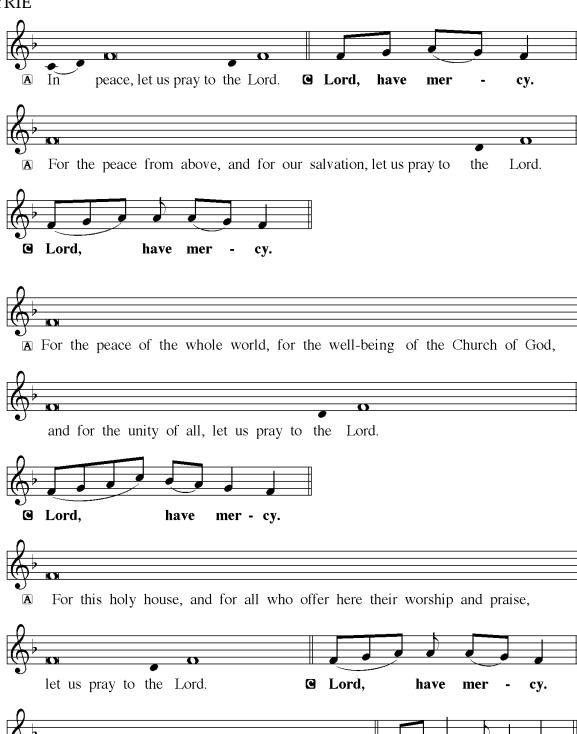


Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, early American

#### 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.
- And also with you.

### **KYRIE**



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**

men

Let us pray. Eternal God, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 Genesis 12:1-4, RSV

The LORD's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**Thanks** be to God.

PSALM 121, LBW......Psalm Tone 6



Cantor <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes | to the hills;\*
from where is my | help to come?

<sup>2</sup>My help comes | from the Lord,\*
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

All

3He will not let your | foot be moved\*
and he who watches over you will not | fall asleep.

4Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel\*
shall neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

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Cantor 5the Lord himself watches | over you;\*
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand,
6so that the sun shall not strike | you by day,\*
nor the | moon by night.

All 7The Lord shall preserve you | from all evil;\*
it is he who shall | keep you safe.

8The Lord shall watch over your going out and your | coming in,\*
from this time forth for- | evermore.

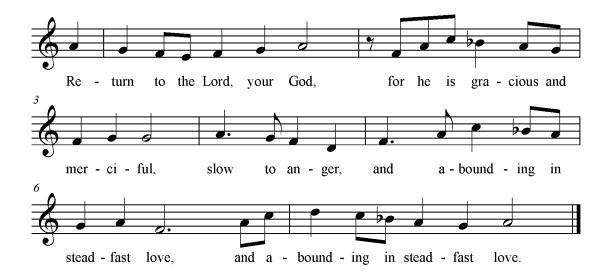
<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say about Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, his wages are not reckoned as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness...

<sup>13</sup>The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants -- not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" -- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**©** Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the singing of the Lent Verse and for the reading of the Holy Gospel.



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, from the Third Chapter:



Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' 8The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." 9Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" 10Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

### After the Gospel:

**P** The Gospel of the Lord!

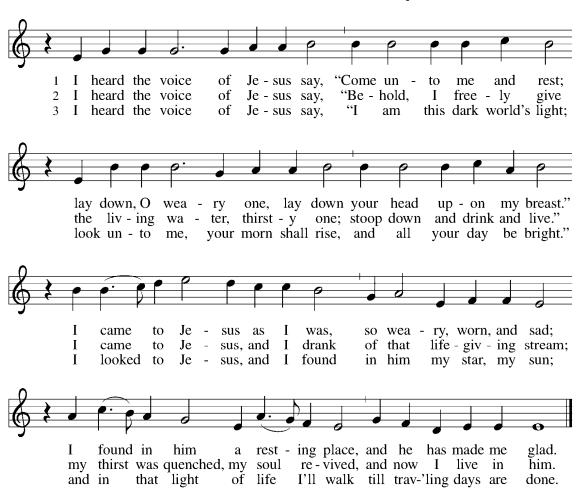


HYMN LBW 497

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

THIRD MODE MELODY

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889 Music: THIRD MODE MELODY, Thomas Tallis, 1505–1585

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

**G** 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

- **P** 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 Sarabande from Cello Suite No. 2, BWV 1008 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

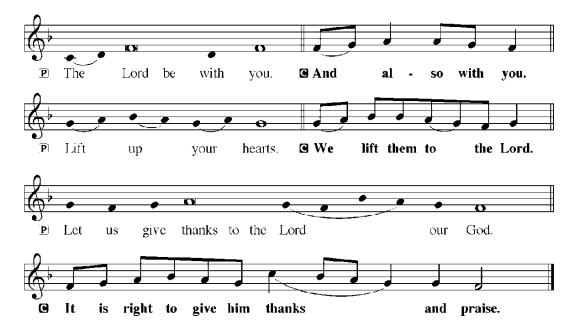
Daniel Yen, Cello

### 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

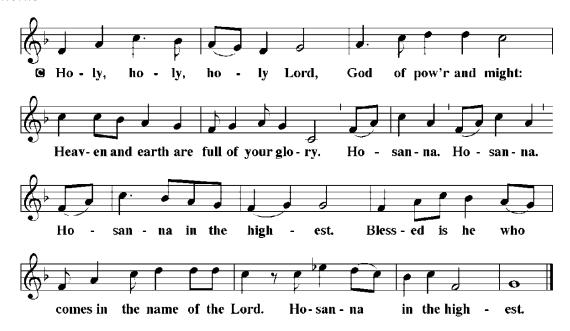
Eucharistic Dialog



### Preface for Lent

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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### Sanctus



#### Eucharistic Prayer I

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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

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

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

- **©** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- **A**men. 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.

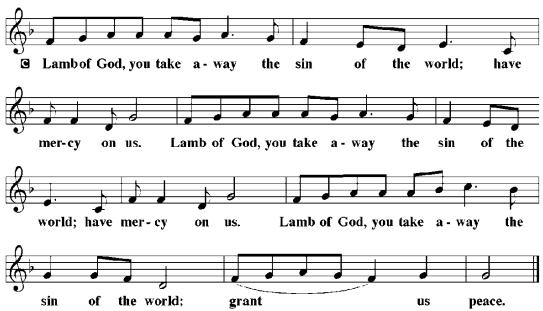
### **A**men. Come, Holy Spirit.

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



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

### Agnus Dei:



#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

→ If you are home during this pandemic, worshiping 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.

Hymn LBW 296

Just As I Am

WOODWORTH

## Just As I Am, without One Plea



- 1 Just as I am, with out one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
- 2 Just as I am, and wait ing not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed a-bout with man-y a con-flict, man-y a doubt,
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch-ed, blind; sight, rich es, heal ing of the mind,



and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, fight-ings and fears with - in, with-out, yea, all I need in thee to find,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

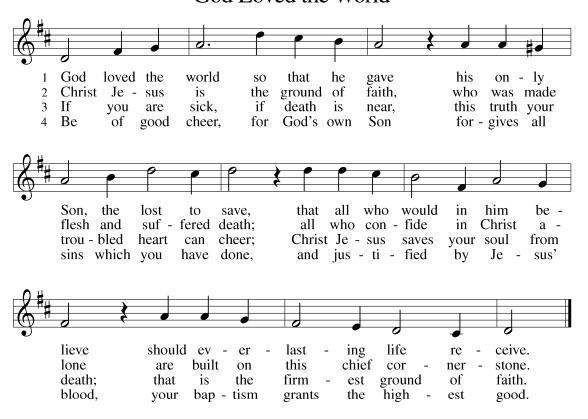
Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Hymn LBW 292

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DIE HELLE SONN LEUCHT

### God Loved the World



Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt. Music: DIE HELLE SONN LEUCHT, Melchior Vulpius, c. 1560–1615

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for reflection.

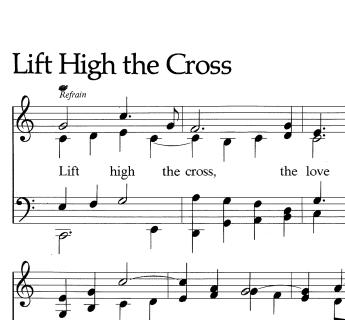
## The Sending

BENEDICTION (Spoken)

HYMN LBW 377

Lift High the Cross (Next page)

**CRUCIFER** 



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5 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

<sup>©</sup> Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956 © Tune: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

#### **DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** 

Improvisation

## Parish Announcements

- + ABOUT TODAY'S PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS: The color used throughout Lent is purple, symbol of our penitence and his royal suffering for us.
- + The LENT BANNER above and to the right of the pulpit was commissioned by our church and created by church artist Richard Caemmerer, Jr., who describes his banner thus: "The spears pierce the blood which becomes wine for our Eucharist and which becomes water for our Baptism."
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## Midweek Lent

Some of Our Favorite Bible Stories 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays

- + March 1, Jacob wrestles with the angel (birthright) (Genesis 32), Pastor Gregory Fryer preaching
- + March 8, The friendship of David and Jonathan (1 Samuel), Pastor Gregory Fryer preaching
- + March 15, The judgment of Solomon (two mothers, one baby) (1 Kings 3), Vicar Lara Bhasin preaching
- + March 22, "Jesus wept." (John 11), Pastor Carol Fryer preaching
- + March 29, Our resurrected Jesus on the shore making breakfast for his disciples and asking Peter "Do you love me?" (John 21), Pastor Gregory Fryer preaching

## Service Notes

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

## Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Sam Grenning, Keitaro Ichikawa, Barbara Chomko, Elida Burgos (sister of Luz Ortiz), 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.

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HOLY COMMUNION	11 a.m. Sundays
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION	3
SUNDAY SCHOOL	10 a.m. Sundays
MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY	In recess
PARISH SECRETARY	Karen Katz-Shea
SEXTON	Gerry Britton
PARISH BOOKKEEPER	ž
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SEMINARY INTERN	Vicar Lara Bhasin
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
PASTOR	ž

#### Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:

CHOIR	Organist and Choirmaster Zachary Schurman
	zac.schurman@juilliard.edu
MEALS ON HEELS	Barbara Chomko (bchomko@nyc.rr.com)

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

- + HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church's faith, who confess it with us (as in the Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.
- + HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated and MARRIAGES solemnized only after consultation with the pastor well in advance. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise in need of the ministry of the Church, let us know. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: gpfryer@gmail.com or ceafryer@gmail.com.
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- + LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR THE SICK is available. Again, simply contact the pastors.
- + FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: There is a long line of Christians, both rich and poor, who have disciplined themselves to budget a portion of their income, put it into an offering envelope first thing, and give it to the church. Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer live by that tradition and commend it to you. Online giving is also available through our website, or by following this QR code with your phone camera:

