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## The Third Sunday of Easter

11 a.m., April 23, 2023

**W**arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. God be with you in this Easter season now upon us.

We are delighted that you are here and hope that you will return. Sunday by Sunday we gather for Coffee Hour in the church undercroft. We hope that you will join us. And if you do not already have a church home, please consider joining this congregation. We would rejoice to have you. God be with you always.

In Christ,

*Gregory Fryer*

Pastor Gregory Fryer

## *Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two*

PRELUDE

*Improvisation*

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 210 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT

## At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
2 Praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;  
you have conquered in the fight,  
you have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
newborn souls in you to be.  
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
now no more the grave enthrall;  
you have opened paradise,  
and your saints in you shall rise.  
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

Text: office hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.  
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

## EASTER GREETING

**P** Christ is risen! Alleluia.

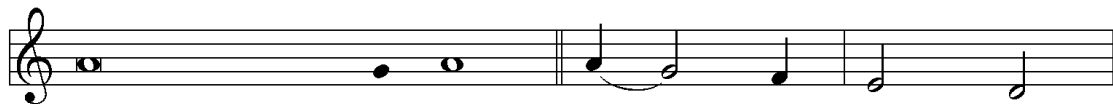
**C** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

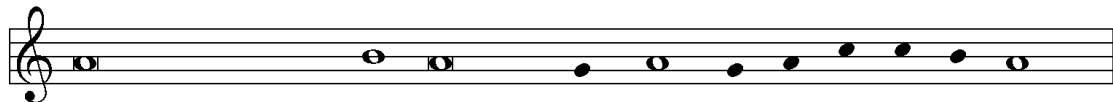
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## KYRIE



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



**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



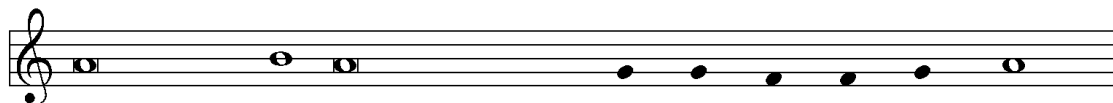
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



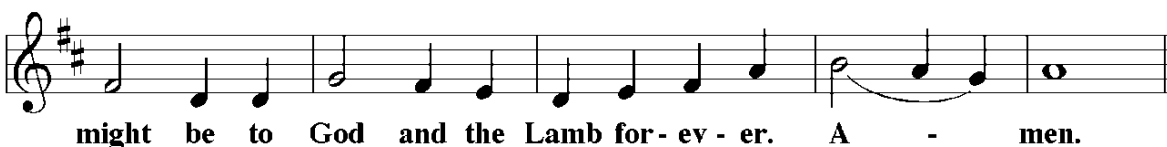
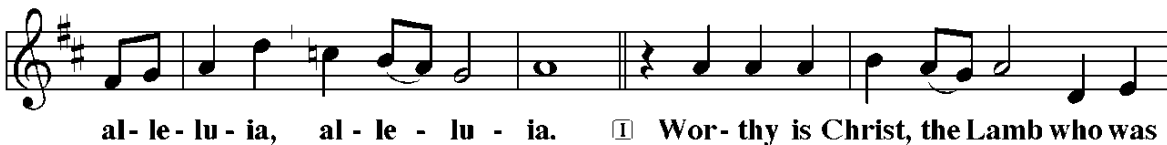
**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men



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☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☩ For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.  
 ☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ And also with you.

☩ Let us pray. O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; 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 .....Acts 2:14a, 36-41, RSV

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's Pentecost sermon – the sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, <sup>36</sup>“Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other words and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.



- Cantor <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my |  
supplication,\*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon  
him.
- All <sup>2</sup>**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took |**  
**hold of me;\***  
**I came to | grief and sorrow.**
- Cantor <sup>3</sup>Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:\*  
"O LORD, I pray you, | save my life."
- All <sup>10</sup>**How shall I re- | pay the LORD\***  
**for all the good things he has | done for me?**
- Cantor <sup>11</sup>I will lift up the cup | of salvation\*  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.
- All <sup>12</sup>**I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD\***  
**in the presence of | all his people.**
- Cantor <sup>13</sup>Precious in the sight | of the LORD\*  
is the death | of his servants.
- All <sup>14</sup>**O LORD, I | am your servant;\***  
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;**  
**you have freed me | from my bonds.**
- Cantor <sup>15</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving\*  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.
- All <sup>16</sup>**I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD\***  
**in the presence of | all his people,**  
<sup>17</sup>**in the courts of | the LORD's house,\***  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**



SECOND LESSON ..... 1 Peter 1:17-23, NRSV

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.

<sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

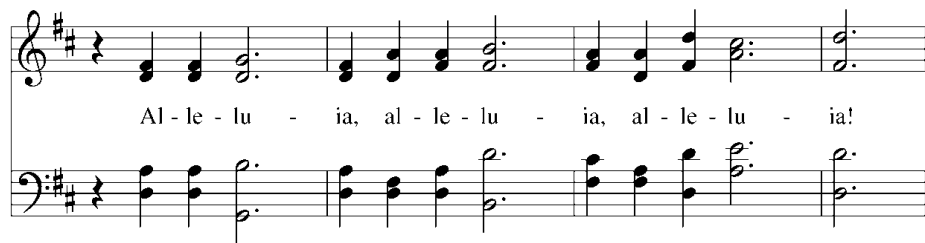
<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel Acclamation *(All)*



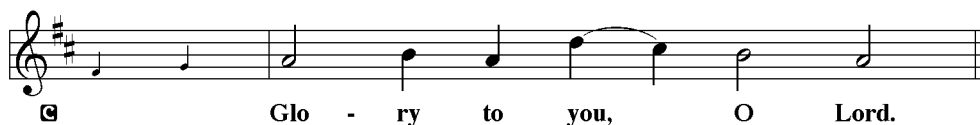
Cantor Our hearts burn within us while he opens to us the scriptures.

**All Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL ..... Luke 24:13-35, RSV

*Before the Gospel:*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the Twenty-Fourth Chapter:



That very day [the day of our Lord's resurrection] two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning <sup>23</sup>and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, <sup>29</sup>but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, <sup>34</sup>who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*After the Gospel:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord!

**P** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Continue to stand for the Hymn of the Day.*

HYMN LBW 272

*Abide with Me*

EVENTIDE

### Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
3 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847  
Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

## SERMON

*At the start of the sermon, the minister says and the people answer:*

**P** Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*At the end of the sermon, the minister repeats:*

**P** Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** 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.

**C** 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 *Allemande* from *Cello Suite No. 4 in E-flat Major*, BWV 1010

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)


Cellist Daniel Yen

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.

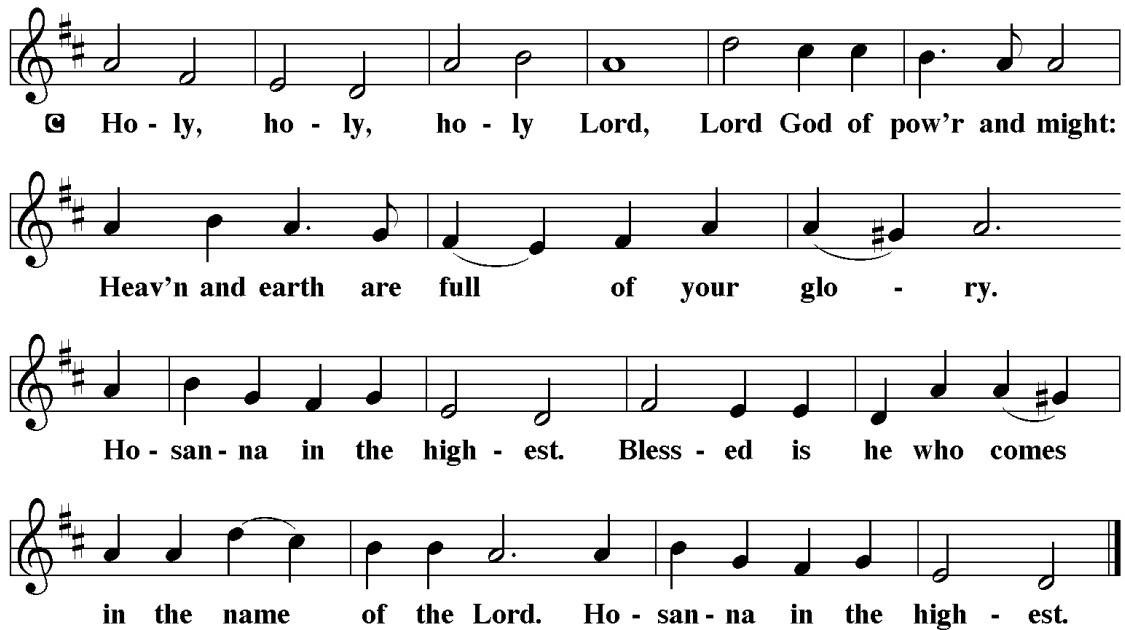


**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Preface for Easter*

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels,

cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n 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.

**P** 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 on this day 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.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** 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.

**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.

## Agnus Dei



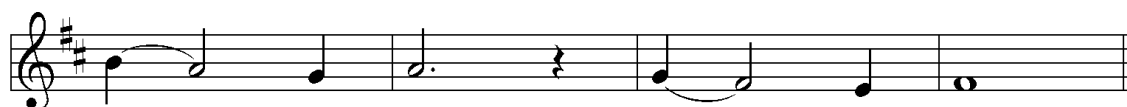
☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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, grant us peace.

*Sit*

### 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.



## Just a Closer Walk with Thee



*Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;  
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*



Text: North American traditional  
 Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

**We Who Once Were Dead**

- 1 We who once were dead now live, ful - ly know - ing Je - sus  
 2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us  
 3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him  
 4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.  
 strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.  
 we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.  
 then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,  
 but you rose and, living,  
 made yourself our bread,  
 in your goodness giving  
 life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;  
 in this meal we meet you.  
 Be our bread and wine,  
 Jesus, we entreat you.  
 This shall be our sign.

Text: Muus Jacobse, 1909–1972; tr. composite

Music: MIDDEN IN DE DOOD, Rik Veelenturf, b. 1936

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**Break Now the Bread of Life**

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
 2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you  
 3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, your ho - ly  
 4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
 blest the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live  
 touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth con-cealed



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.  
 with - in your word, and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.  
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

*Stand*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Silence for reflection.*

## The Sending

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

HYMN LBW 520

*Give to Our God Immortal Praise!*

DUKE STREET

(*Next page*)

## Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and  
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways; won - ders of grace to  
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

### DISMISSAL

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

*Mein Jesu, der du mich*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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## Parish Announcements

- ✦ COFFEE HOUR IN THE UNDERCROFT. You are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship following the Liturgy. To get to the undercroft for Coffee Hour, bear to the left in the narthex as you would exit the church.
- ✦ About Today's PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS. Today's dazzling white paraments shout the news – He is Risen!
- ✦ Today's ALTAR FLOWERS are given in gratitude for Eleanor Watrous on the occasion of her 90th birthday by her sister, Evelyn Junge.
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## Service Notes

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

## Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Brad Bond (friend of Sigrid Sunstedt), David Kiehl, Clifford Rose, Jackson Greenberg (friend of Hans Kibler), 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.

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

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LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION.....	11 a.m. Sundays
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION.....	6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
SUNDAY SCHOOL.....	10 a.m. Sundays
THURS. EVENING BIBLE STUDY ....	6:30 p.m., Martin Luther Room or via Zoom
PARISH SECRETARY .....	Karen Katz-Shea
SEXTON.....	Gerry Britton
PARISH BOOKKEEPER.....	Charles Derderian
ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER.....	Zachary Schurman
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PASTORAL ASSOCIATE .....	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
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*Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:*

CHOIR .....	Organist and Choirmaster Zachary Schurman <a href="mailto:zac.schurman@juilliard.edu">zac.schurman@juilliard.edu</a>
MEALS ON HEELS .....	Barbara Chomko ( <a href="mailto:bchomko@nyc.rr.com">bchomko@nyc.rr.com</a> )

**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: [gpfryer@gmail.com](mailto:gpfryer@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: [gpfryer@gmail.com](mailto:gpfryer@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:

