

God be with you always.

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# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

11 a.m., May 7, 2023

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.

In Christ,

Gragory 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

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### 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.

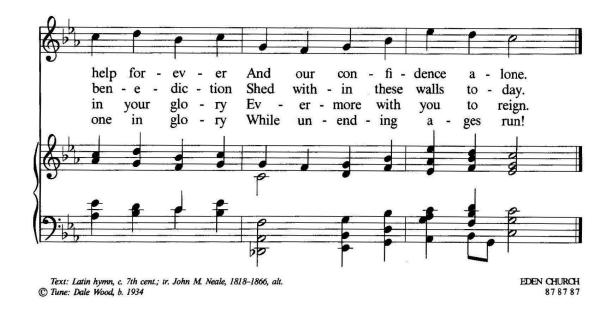
- P Most merciful God,
- We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, 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 367 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation **EDEN CHURCH** 1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, Come, 0 Lord of 3 Grant, we your faith - ful All the gifts they pray, to all 4 Praise and hon - or Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or to cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious, ing - kind - ness, hosts, and stay; Come, with all lov your gain; What they gain from for - ev - er ask to you the Spir - it, to Son, Praise hon - or the and to Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho ly Zi - on's Hear your peo - ple as they pray; And your full - est With the bless - ed And here - af - ter to re tain; Ev - er three and One in might and ev - er one: (Continued, next page)



### **EASTER GREETING**

- P Christ is risen! Alleluia.
- **G** 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.
- **G** And also with you.

## **KYRIE**



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



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- Let us pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

# The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON ......Acts 7:54-60, RSV

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

<sup>54</sup>Now when they [the high priest and council] heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth against him. <sup>55</sup>But he [Stephen], full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; <sup>56</sup>and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together upon him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**©** Thanks be to God.



Cantor <sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;\*

deliver me | in your righteousness.

All <sup>2</sup> Incline your | ear to me;\*
make haste to de- | liver me.

Cantor <sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold;\* for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

All <sup>4</sup> Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,\* for you are my tow- | er of strength.

Cantor <sup>5</sup> Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,\* for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O | God of truth.

All 15 My times are | in your hand;\* rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

Make your face to shine up- | on your servant,\* and in your loving- | kindness save me."

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation; <sup>3</sup>for you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; <sup>5</sup>and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and he who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup>To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but for those who do not believe,

"The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner,"

<sup>8</sup>and

"A stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall";

for they stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were no people but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.

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**☑** 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 I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

All Alleluia.

### Before the Gospel:

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the Fourteenth Chapter:



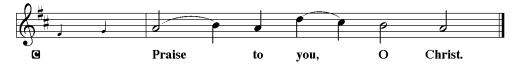
[Jesus said to his disciples:] "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; <sup>14</sup>if you ask anything in my name, I will do it."

## After the Gospel:

■ The Gospel of the Lord!



Continue to stand for the Hymn of the Day. (Next page)

## Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life



Text: George Herbert, 1593–1632 Music: THE CALL, R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

#### **SERMON**

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

- P Christ is risen! Alleluia!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

At the end of the sermon, the minister repeats:

- P Christ is risen! Alleluia!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

#### APOSTLES' CREED

**Q** 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

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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.

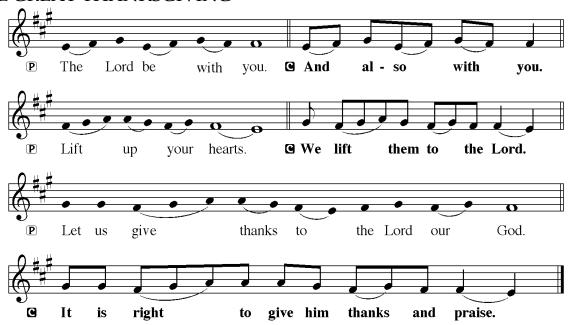
Solo Gigue from Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Daniel Yen, Cello

Offertory Prayer

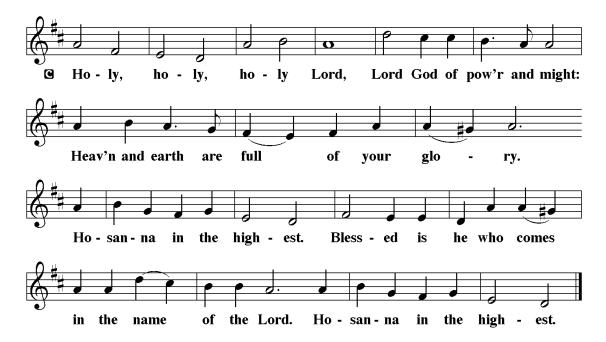
- **A** Merciful Father,
- we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



## 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:



## 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.

## **©** 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

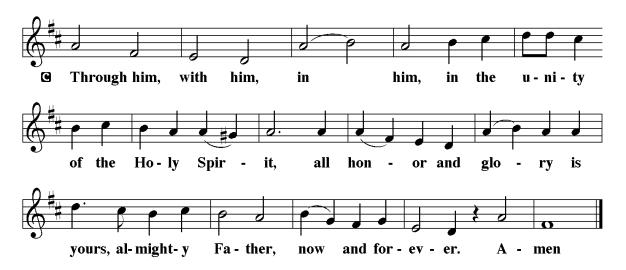
remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

## 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.

## **9** Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

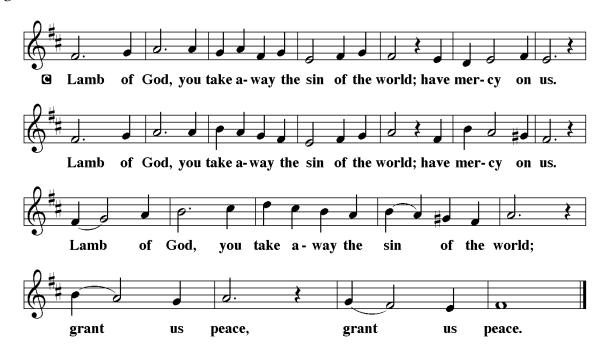
P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



## 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.

## Agnus Dei

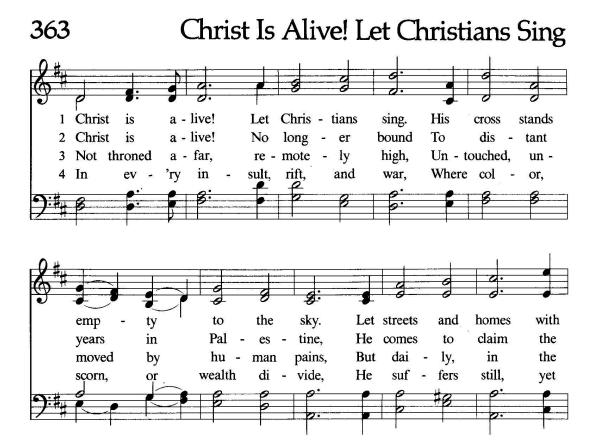


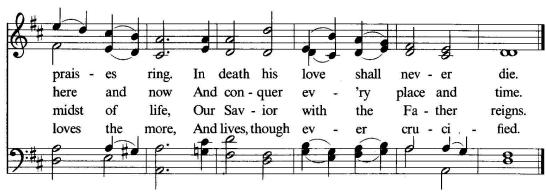
#### Sit

#### 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.





5 Christ is alive! Ascended Lord— He rules the world his Father made, Till, in the end, his love adored Shall be to all on earth displayed.

### Break Now the Bread of Life



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 465

Evening and Morning (Next page)

DIE GÜLDNE SONNE

## **Evening and Morning**



Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. composite Music: DIE GÜLDNE SONNE, Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–1676

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#### DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Fuga III (1833)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

# 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!
- + COPYRIGHTS: Parts of the liturgy, scripture introductions, and blessing of our musicians come from or are based on those from *Sundays and Seasons, Copyright* © 2023 *Augsburg Fortress,* license SAS022429. Permission to reprint, podcast, and or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-713464.

# Service Notes

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

# Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Patricia Sanders, Jennifer Loughrey, June Dittbrenner, 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.

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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
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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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- + 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:

