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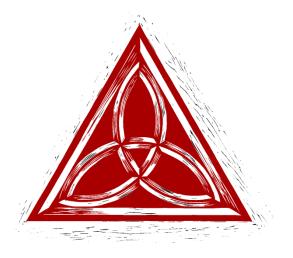
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Holy Trinity Sunday



11 a.m., Sunday, June 4, 2023

arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Today we observe Holy Trinity Sunday. On this festival Sunday, we celebrate the Lutheran Chorale Mass, and so today's liturgy includes many of the elements of Reformation era worship. For example, our Hymn

of Praise, *All Glory Be to God on High*, was composed by a contemporary of Luther named Nikolaus Decius (1490-1541), and this morning's *Kyrie* is even older than that, based on a Latin text from 1100 and a tune going back to 800.

And so, we have a liturgy rich in music, including the great *Sanctus* with its line about the lintels of heaven: "The beams and the lintels trembled at the cry, and clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high."

We also have the great joy of celebrating the Confirmation of our young members Noah Mehegan and Keitaro Ichikawa. And then we have a barbecue afterwards.

We are delighted that you are here and hope that you will return. If you do not already have a church home in our city, please consider joining this congregation. We would rejoice to have you. Just speak with Pastor Carol or send her an email (ceafryer@gmail.com) or send me an email (gpfryer@gmail.com).

In Christ,
Gregory Fryer
Pastor Gregory Fryer

Lutheran Chorale Mass

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 165

Holy, Holy, Holy (Next page)

NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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, God Father



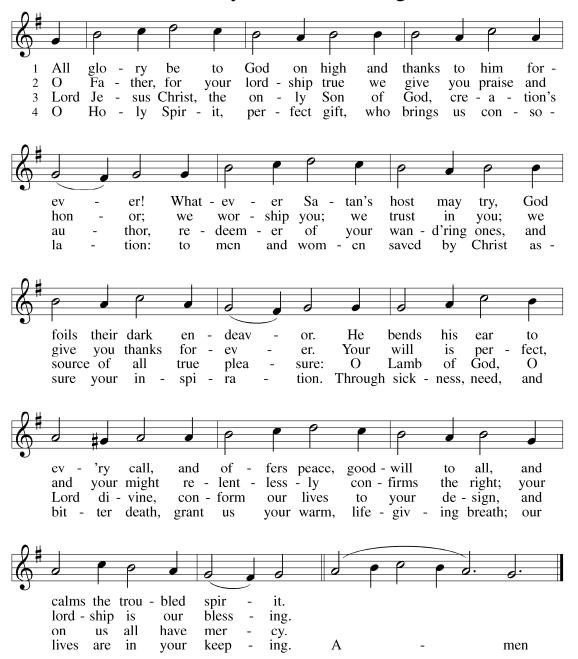
Text: Latin, c. 1100; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt. Music: KYRIE, GOTT VATER, "Kyrie fons bonitatis," c. 800, adapt.

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HYMN OF PRAISE, LBW 166

All Glory Be to God on High



Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–c. 1550; tr. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930 Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, arr. Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–c.1550

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

^{1:1}In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the

two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man¹ in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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¹ <u>Genesis 1:26</u> The Hebrew word for *man* (*adam*) is the generic term for humanity and becomes the proper name *Adam*.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

A The word of the Lord.

© Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8, LBW

EIN FESTE BURG



Cantors

¹O | LORD our Lord,*

how exalted is your name in | all the world!

All

²Out of the mouths of in- | fants and children* your majesty is praised a- | bove the heavens.

Cantors

³You have set up a stronghold against your | adversaries,* to quell the enemy and | the avenger.

All

⁴When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,*

the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

Cantors

⁵what is man that you should be mind- | ful of him,* the son of man that you should | seek him out?

All

⁶You have made him but little lower | than the angels;* you adorn him with glo- | ry and honor;

Cantors

⁷you give him mastery over the works | of your hands;* you put all things un- | der his feet:

All

8all | sheep and oxen,*
 even the wild beasts | of the field,

Cantors

⁹the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,* and whatsoever walks in the paths | of the sea.

A11

¹⁰O | LORD our Lord,*

how exalted is your name in | all the world!

Saint Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, the Spirit's partnership.

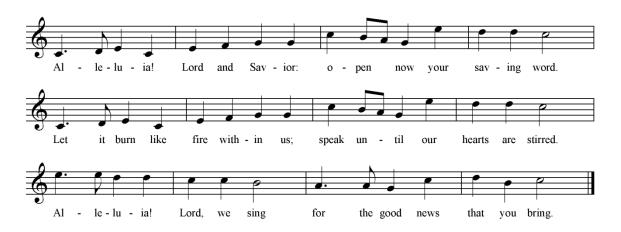
¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

A The word of the Lord.

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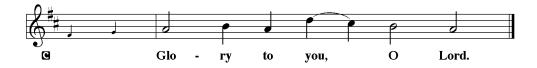
Please stand for the singing of the Gospel Acclamation and for the reading of the Holy Gospel.



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20, RSV

Before the Gospel:

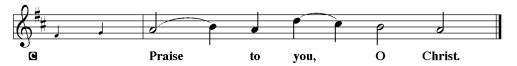
P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 28th Chapter:



¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

After the Gospel:

P The Gospel of the Lord!



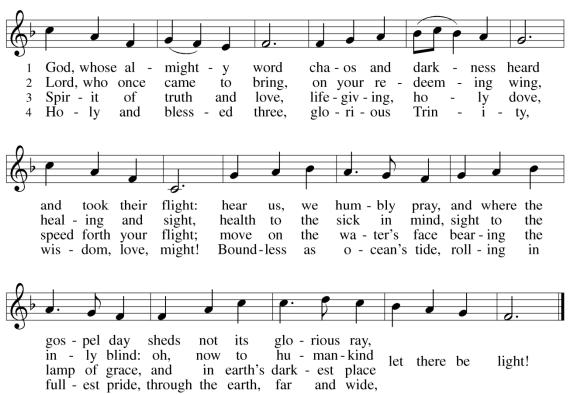
Continue to stand for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN LBW 400

God, Whose Almighty Word

ITALIAN HYMN

God, Whose Almighty Word



Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt. Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

SERMON

Silence for reflection after the sermon.

The Rite of Holy Confirmation

Keitaro Luke Ichikawa and Noah Joshua Mehegan

- P Keitaro and Noah have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptisms.
- A Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given your servants Keitaro and Noah new life by water and the Holy Spirit and have forgiven their sins: Stir up in them your sevenfold Spirit, the Paraclete from heaven.
- C Amen!
- **P** The Spirit of wisdom and understanding.
- Amen!
- **A** The Spirit of counsel and courage.
- Amen!
- **P** The Spirit of knowledge, holiness, and fear of the Lord.
- Amen!
- A Fill Keitaro and Noah with holy reverence and lead them with the cross of Christ that they may have everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, one God in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever.
- Amen!

PASTORAL ADDRESS

- P Keitaro and Noah: You are baptized and you have studied the Catechism. Having learned the meaning of your baptism from your instruction in the Word of God, you are here before God and this Christian congregation publicly to make profession of your faith in the Triune God and to confirm your covenant with Him, to dedicate yourself body and soul for time and for eternity to your God and Lord. Lift up your heart with me, therefore, to the God of all grace, and cheerfully give answer to what we now shall ask you.
- Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation, confirm the solemn covenant which at your Baptism you made with the Triune God?
- M I do!

- **P** Do you, then, renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- I do!

(Congregation stands and joins Keitaro and Noah in the Creed.)

- **A** Do you believe in God the Father?
- **Q** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- 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.
- Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- **Q** 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.

THE PROMISES TO CONTINUE IN THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH

- P Keitaro and Noah, do you intend to continue steadfast in the confession of the Church, and suffer all rather than fall away from it?
- **I** do so intend, with the help of God.
- A Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the rule of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live among God's faithful people in the Church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace, to witness to the good news of God in Christ, to walk as becomes the Gospel of Christ, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to the Triune God, even unto death?
- **I** do so intend, by the grace of God.

Congregation continues standing through the Prayer prior to the Laying on of Hands.

PRAYER PRIOR TO THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

- P O Lord, show us your mercy.
- **And give us your salvation.**

- **A** Hear our prayer.
- **And let our cry come to you.**
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- A Let us pray: Almighty God, who gave the Holy Spirit to the apostles, and willed that through them the same gift be given to all the faithful, look kindly on these your servants, Keitaro and Noah, and grant that the same Holy Spirit will make them temples of his glory by living in them and conforming them to Jesus Christ, who is God, living and reigning with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Congregation sits. The Confirmands kneel.

The minister lays his hands on the Confirmand's head, and says:

- Defend this your child, O Lord, with your heavenly grace, that he may continue as your child forever and daily increase in your Holy Spirit. For Jesus' sake, stir up in Keitaro the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, strengthen him in service, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life. Amen.
- Defend this your child, O Lord, with your heavenly grace, that he may continue as your child forever and daily increase in your Holy Spirit. For Jesus' sake, stir up in Noah the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, strengthen him in service, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Noah, I confirm you in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Confirmands stand.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

A cross is traced on each part of the catechumen's body by Vicar Lara Bhasin.

A Keitaro and Noah, hear the apostolic teaching: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

- P You have solemnly pledged yourself to the holy and saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now receive the sign of that gospel on your body and in your heart, that you may know the Lord and the power of his resurrection.
- P Receive the + cross on your forehead, a sign of God's endless love and mercy for you. Learn to know and to follow Christ.
- **G** Glory and praise to you, almighty and gracious God.
- P Receive the + cross on your ears, that you may hear the gospel of Christ, the word of life.
- **G** Glory and praise to you, almighty and gracious God.
- P Receive the + cross on your eyes, that you may see the light of Christ, illumination for your way.
- **G** Glory and praise to you, almighty and gracious God.
- Receive the + cross on your lips, that you may sing the praise of Christ, the joy of the church.
- **G** Glory and praise to you, almighty and gracious God.
- **P** Receive the **+** cross on your heart, that God may dwell there by faith.
- **©** Glory and praise to you, almighty and gracious God.
- P Receive the + cross on your shoulders, that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.
- **G** Glory and praise to you, almighty and gracious God.
- P Receive the + cross on your hands, that God's mercy may be known in your work.
- **G** Glory and praise to you, almighty and gracious God.
- Receive the + cross on your feet, that you may walk in the way of Christ.
- **G** Glory and praise to you, almighty and gracious God.

PRESENTATION OF THE BIBLE

The minister presents Bibles to the Confirmands.

A Receive this Bible. Hear God's Word in it. Seek Jesus Christ therein, from beginning to end, from Genesis to Revelation. Find encouragement, comfort, and instruction for your soul, and rejoice in the

Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May God's life-giving Word, sweeter than honey, inspire you and make you wise.

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.

HYMN ELW 695

As Saints of Old (Next page)

FOREST GREEN

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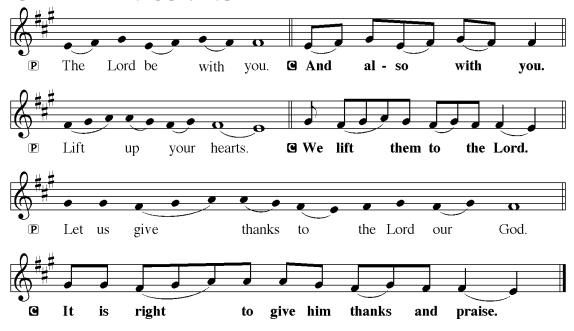
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Offertory Prayer

- **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 Holy Trinity

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 ever-living God. You have revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus JESAIA, DEM PROPHETEN (Next page)

Isaiah, Mighty Seer, in Days of Old



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite Music: JESAIA, DEM PROPHETEN, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

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.

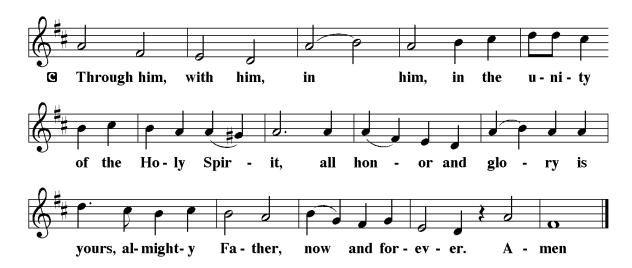
P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb, 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.

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.

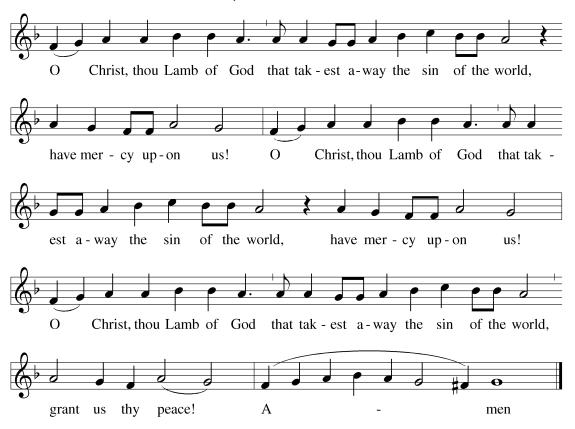


The Lord's Prayer

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, LBW 103

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God



Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, Kirchenordnung, Braunschweig, 1528

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.

HYMN LBW 535

Holy God, We Praise Your Name (Next page)

GROSSER GOTT

Holy God, We Praise Your Name



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Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

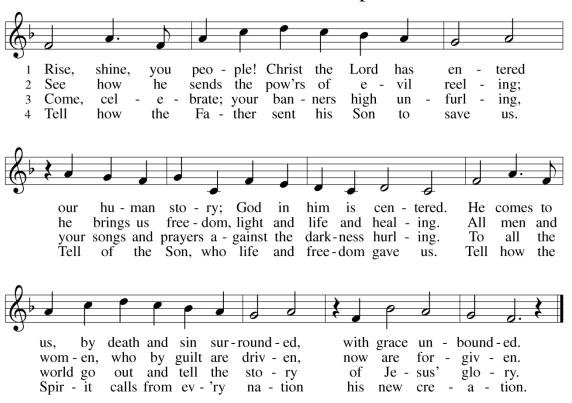
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for reflection.

The Sending

BENEDICTION (Spoken)

Rise, Shine, You People!



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Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, b. 1934

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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POSTLUDE

Parish Announcements

- + ABOUT TODAY'S PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS. The fire of Pentecost is symbolized on today's paraments and vestments.
- + VICAR LARA BHASIN'S ORDINATION! It is set for Sunday, June 18. Bishop Dan Selbo plans to be with us then, for that good day.

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ucharistRev. Carol E. A. Fryer
Confirmation Rev. Gregory P. Fryer
Vicar Lara Bhasin

Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Cayle Powell and Raymond Hernandez (Florida family members of Eric and Ester Neubacher), Tracy Leung (Priscilla's cousin), Robert Huckfeldt (David Kiehl's my brother-inlaw), Patricia Sanders, David Kiehl, June Dittbrenner, Brad Bond (friend of Sigrid Sunstedt)

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	
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
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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.
- + 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:

