

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

11 a.m., Sunday, June 16, 2024

arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Welcome back to our church nave. For a few weeks we had been worshiping in the undercroft, because some plaster and wood fell from our chancel ceiling. But now we have moved the chancel furniture down to the carpet level. We consulted with an engineer and he feels that it is safe for us. Everyone is quite a ways forward of the chancel ceiling. A few weeks down the road, the engineers plan to put up a scaffold in the chancel so that they can inspect and make any necessary repairs. That's okay. We can hope to continue to worship here in the nave even with the scaffolding.

We are honored and delighted that you are joining us by live stream and hope that join us quite often. If you do not already have a church home in our city, please consider joining this congregation. We would rejoice to have you. Just send me an email (<u>gpfryer@gmail.com</u>) or speak with Pastor Carol Fryer (<u>ceafryer@gmail.com</u>) or with Pastor Lara Bhasin (<u>lara.bhasin@tsm.edu</u>).

> In Christ, Gregory Jryer

Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One

- + 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).
- + A hint about acoustics: you will be able to hear the cantors 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.

PRELUDE

Prelude Op. 11/xv Alexander Scriabin (1872-1915

THE BELLS

Please stand as 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

- 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
- 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,
- G 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.

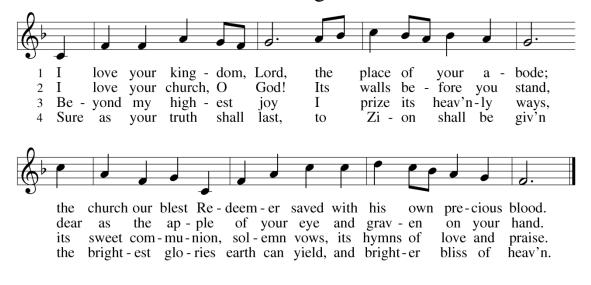
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 368

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

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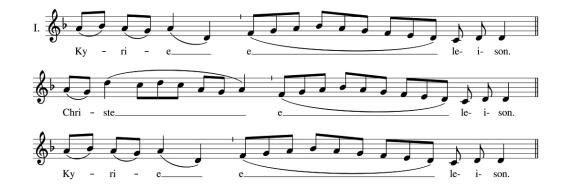


Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752–1817, alt. Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- ▶ 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 Sung through once by the Cantor, then by us all.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

- Let us pray. God, our maker and redeemer, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **G** Amen

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 17:22-24, RSV

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD God will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it out; I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it upon a high and lofty mountain; ²³on the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar; and

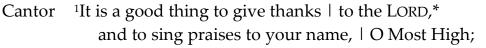
A The word of the Lord.

under it will dwell all kinds of beasts; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it."

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 92:1-4, 11-14, LBW





All	² to tell of your lovingkindness early in the morning*
	and of your faithfulness in the night season;

- Cantor ³on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,* and to the melody | of the harp.
- All ⁴For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;* and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.
- Cantor ¹¹The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,* and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.
- All ¹²Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD* shall flourish in the courts | of our God;
- Cantor ¹³they shall still bear fruit | in old age;* they shall be | green and succulent;
- All ¹⁴that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,* my rock, in whom there | is no fault.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all: therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but

for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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



Before the Gospel:

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, from Chapter 4.



²⁶[Jesus] also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we

compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to

hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything

in private to his disciples.

After the Gospel:

■ The Gospel of the Lord!



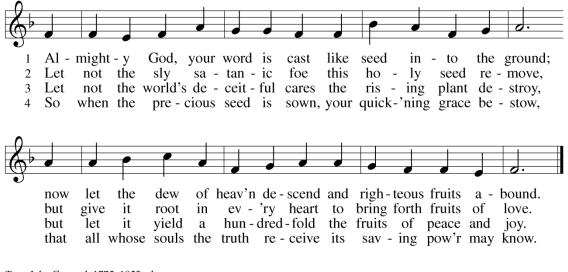
Continue to stand for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN 234

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

ST. FLAVIAN

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt. Music: ST. FLAVIAN, J. Day, Psalter, 1562

SERMON (Sit, after the invocation.)

Following the sermon, silence for reflection. Then stand for the 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

GREETING OF PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord: "Peace be with you."

Sit

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.

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Offertory

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the sp'rit of truth.

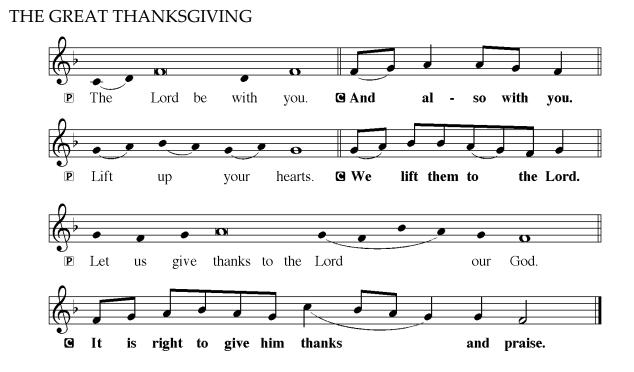
The gifts are presented.

Offertory Prayer

A Merciful Father,

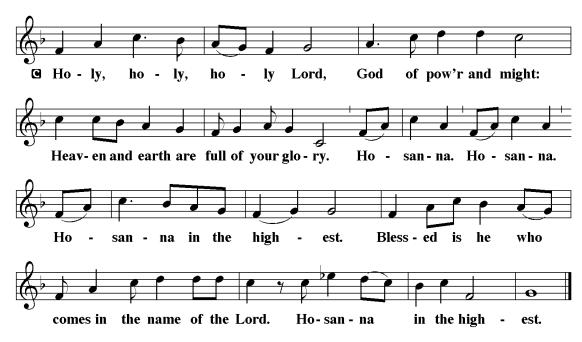
G we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





Preface for Sundays after Pentecost

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

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.

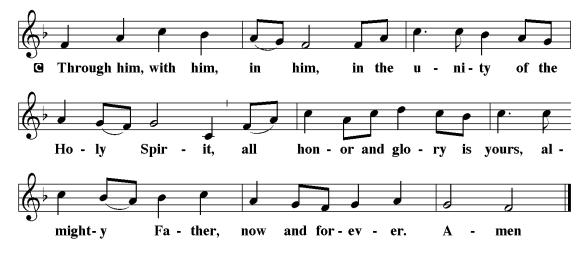
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

G 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.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- 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.
- **G** Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.
- ▶ Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

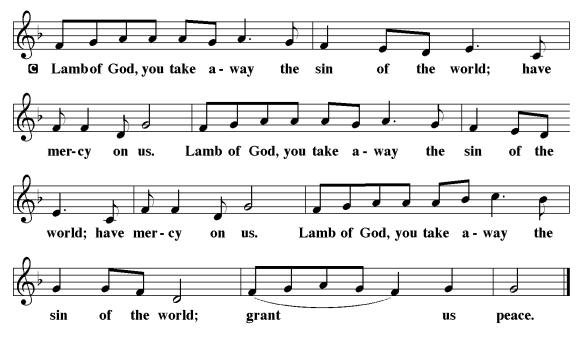


The Lord's Prayer

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

THE FRACTION. The host is broken.





Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

+ If you are home, 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 215	O Lord, We Praise You	GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET
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O Lord, We Praise You



Text: German folk hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite Music: GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for reflection.

BENEDICTION (Spoken)

HYMN LBW 221

Sent Forth by God's Blessing (Next page)

THE ASH GROVE

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Selections from Chaconne, BWV 1004 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Parish Announcements

- + LUTHERANISM 101 is a class about the fundamentals of our Lutheran faith. It is a good class for prospective members, but also for anyone who would enjoy reviewing these fundamental matters. Let's meet during Coffee Hour, starting Sunday, June 30.
- + WARM WELCOME to Sexton Assistant Drew Garcia. This is his first month with us.
- + About today's paraments and vestments: The many Sundays after Pentecost mark a "calm" period of growth and maturing. The focus is on day-by-day "inner" faithfulness, in contrast to the festivals and observances that characterize the first half of the church year. The green paraments used during the 26 weeks following Pentecost Sunday bid us onwards toward spiritual growth.
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Service Notes

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

Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Diane Kinley (friend of Jeff Rudat), Dr. Kathleen Mays (friend of Pastors Gregory and Carol Fryer), The Rev. Ray F. Kibler III (friend of Pastors Gregory and Carol Fryer and regular participant from California in our Sunday evening Compline service), Wolfgang Hahn, Edna Szmodis, Carole Smith, Davida Goldman

Global workers for June: Dagaga Gemachu and Kathleen Lutz in Kenya

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.
- + 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 COMMUNION11 a.m.	Sundays
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION	er Room
SUNDAY SCHOOL10 a.m.	Sundays
BIBLE STUDY Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room ar	nd Zoom
PARISH SECRETARYKaren K	atz-Shea
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PASTORAL ASSOCIATERev. Carol E.	A. Fryer
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CHOIR	Organist and Choirmaster Zac Schurman
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MEALS ON HEELS	Barbara Chomko (bchomko@nyc.rr.com)

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.

- + 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 either Pastor Fryer.
- + 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:

