



**Reformation Sunday, 500th Anniversary
Joint Worship, St. Paul and Immanuel**

**October 29, 2017
10:30 A.M.**

616 Lake St., Evanston, IL 60201 • 847-864-4464 • www.immanuelevanston.org
E-mail: Church: immanuel@immanuelevanston.org • Pastor: pastor@immanuelevanston.org
• Parish Administrator: parish-admin@immanuelevanston.org

Welcome!

**Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.
We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.
We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.**

We're glad God has called you here today! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card from the pew, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

Facilities

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at any time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays, see the church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. On Sundays, additional parking is available across the street at the Holiday Inn or in Lot 6 on Lake St. across from the Police and Fire Headquarters. Parking meters are free on Sunday!
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by the elevator.
- We love having children in worship! There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome". Please use the Internet responsibly!

About Our Worship

Our Sunday worship is organized around the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It has a familiar form each week, but the content changes for each service according to a calendar shared with many other Christians. Our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is organized so that page numbers for the liturgy are in the front part of the book, while hymn numbers are in the second part. The liturgy and hymns are printed in this bulletin, but page numbers are provided for those who wish to follow along in the hymnal.

Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal, because Christ himself invites you! At the direction of the usher, come forward and receive the bread in the palm of your hand from the minister. You may eat it immediately, then take the silver chalice and drink from it or, if you prefer, hold the bread and dip it in the ceramic chalice and then eat the moistened bread. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please indicate to the pastor if you need that. Return to your place via the side aisles after you have communed. If you need to have Communion brought to you, please sit on the aisle, and let either the pastor or an usher know before the service that you would like to commune at your seat. If you desire a blessing but not the sacrament, you are invited to come forward with everyone else and fold your arms over your chest to indicate this.

Gathering: *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...*

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table. This Reformation Sunday is particularly significant as we remember with gratitude the 500th anniversary of Luther's role in the ongoing reformation of the church.

P: Presiding Minister **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister **R:** Reader **A:** Assembly
+ All may make the sign of the cross.

Pre-Service Music

"Auf meinen lieben Gott" J.S. Bach, arr. M. Rondeau

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the + holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

A Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Source of all life,

A we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.

We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.

Forgive us. Stir us.

Reform us to be a church powered by love,

willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just,

and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven.

God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people
who will always be made new, in the name of + Jesus Christ.

A Amen.

v. 1, 2, and 4: *Sung in unison* v. 3: *Sung in harmony, a cappella*

Please turn to face the doors. You may reverence the cross as it passes you.

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

[cont.]

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg-ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Greeting

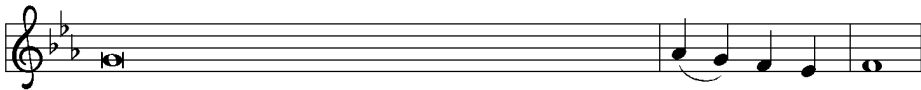
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- A And also with you!**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



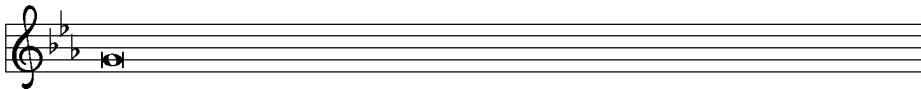
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

[cont.]



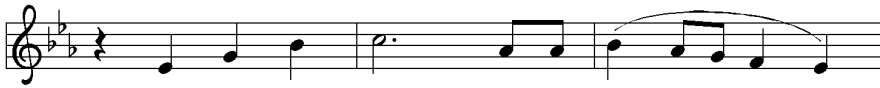
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Canticle

Hymnal, p. 99



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

[cont.]

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

The Assembly is seated.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Jeremiah 31:31-34

R A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

R Word of God, word of life.

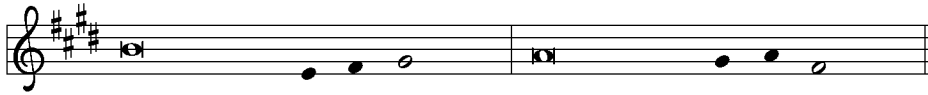
A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 46

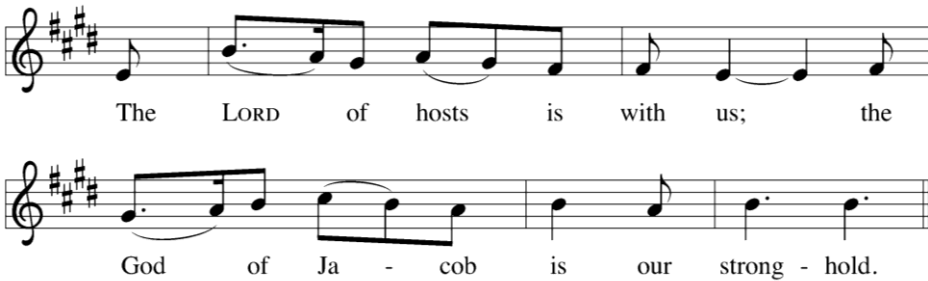
ELW Psalm Tone 10

The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through. The right side of the Assembly sings lightface verses to the tone, and the left sings boldfaced verses. All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."

Tone:



Refrain:



- ¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
- ²**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**
- ³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- ⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**
- ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
- ⁶**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R**
- ⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ⁸**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**
- ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
- ¹⁰**Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."**
- ¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. R

R A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Hymnal, p. 102

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

John 8: 31-36

P This is the Good News of Jesus Christ according to John.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free?'"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

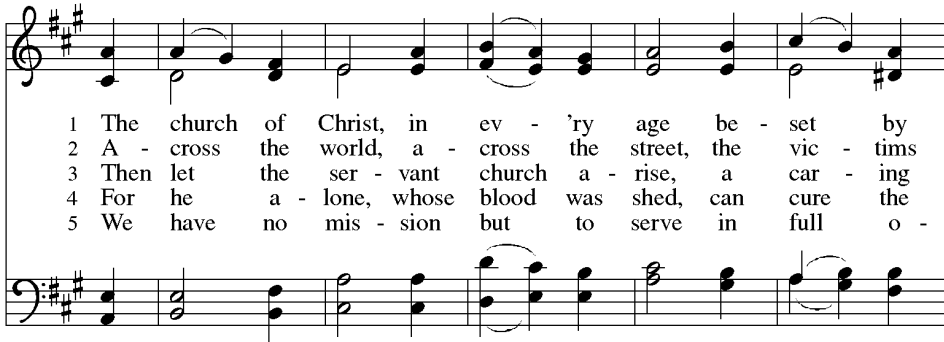
P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

*The Alleluia of the Gospel Acclamation is sung once again.
The Assembly is then seated.*

Sermon

*A bell will chime to begin a time of silence for reflection.
When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word.*



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

The Apostles' Creed

L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

**A I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Prayers of the People

L Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

L We pray for the unity of your church. Free us to be Christ's one body, graciously receiving his life and boldly offering it to a world in need. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Wayne, our pastors, Keith and Tim, our congregational leadership, and for all the baptized. Teach us to labor together for the good of your Reign in this world. We pray also for our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers, and ask that you will bless our continued reconciliation and cooperation, especially here among the parishes of Evanston. May we bear good fruit. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L We pray for the renewal of creation: for a shared, plentiful harvest, for lands unable to bear fruit, for what is neglected or destroyed by our hand, and for the earth's advocates. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L We pray for all nations of the world: for leaders of villages, cities, states, and nations, for lawmakers and judges, for teachers and students, and for all who work for peace. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L We pray for those who seek refuge and strength: refugees, the imprisoned, and those bound by addictions or burdened by guilt. We pray for the ill or injured or grieving, especially Serena Bernstein, Mid Carlson, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Barb Engelsen, Jennifer Grethe, Dick Heisler, Judy Hokenson, Arda Hovnanian, Bob Larson, Ron Laudert, Carol Rakowsky, George Shiff, Joe Skelton, the family of Willi Steurer, John and Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in our hearts [...]. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L We pray for continual reformation in this and every assembly. In new beginnings, impart wisdom. In established traditions, inspire creativity. In all ministries, revive our hope in the one who makes all things new. We pray for Immanuel as the people discern leaders the Spirit is calling forth to serve on Council. We pray for St. Paul's in the call process, and ask your blessing on Pr. Tim as he leads in the time of interim. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.

L Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L We give thanks for your saints, especially Martín de Porres, whom we commemorate this week. We remember with gratitude Martin Luther, Philip Melanchthon, and all those throughout the ages who have reminded us that the church is ever reforming, and that we depend entirely on your grace and mercy. United with them in the covenant of baptism, increase our faith in your promised life for all. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

A Amen.

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

A And also with you.

Greet one another in the peace of the Risen Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words. If you prefer not to shake hands, you might raise your hand in a gesture of blessing as you speak peace to your neighbors. After the Peace, all return to their seats.

Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ ...

Offering An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.

Offering Music "Gott der Herr ist Sonn' und Schild," BWV 79, movement 1 J. S. Bach

"God the Lord is sun and shield,
the Lord gives mercy and honor,
and will allow no good thing to be lacking to the righteous."

Presentation of the Gifts "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" Hymnal 517

1 Lord, keep us steady in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known, for you are
3 O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and

by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son
Lord of lords alone; defend your holy church, that we
u-ni-ty on earth; support us in our final strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise eter-nal-ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

A God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

A And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

A We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you have been our stronghold and mighty fortress from generation to generation. You created the mountains, and brought the earth to birth. You chose a people and gave them your law, establishing an everlasting covenant of grace with them. When covenant was broken, you promised to write your law on the hearts of humans, and to forget our sin and remember it no more.

In your child, Jesus Christ, one even greater than Moses has come to us. On him rests the Spirit of wisdom and truth, and on his words hang all the law and the prophets. Though he was killed by the powers of this earth, you raised him to life and seated him at your right hand. In him we have been freed from the reproach of the law, and have been made truly free to love and serve both you and our neighbor.

Therefore, with hearts full of gratitude, we sing joyfully, giving thanks to you, our Father, at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We join our voices with Martín de Porres, Martin Luther, Philip Melancthon, and with all your holy ones of all times and places. With earth and all its creatures, with sun, moon, and stars, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your Name, and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.
 The universe declares your praise:
 beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
 within each cell; with every breath.

A We praise you, O God.

P Generations bless your faithfulness:
 through the water; by night and day;
 across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

A We bless you, O God.

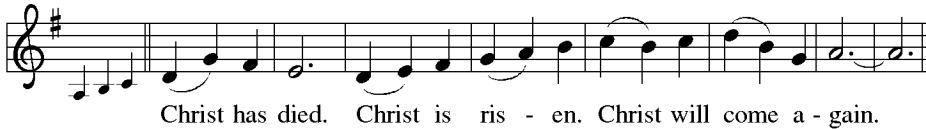
P We give you thanks for your dear Son:
 at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
 beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

A We thank you, O God.

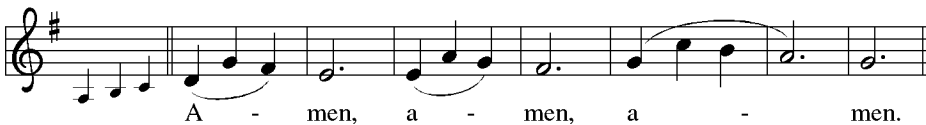
P In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

- P Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:



- P We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



The Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- A Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

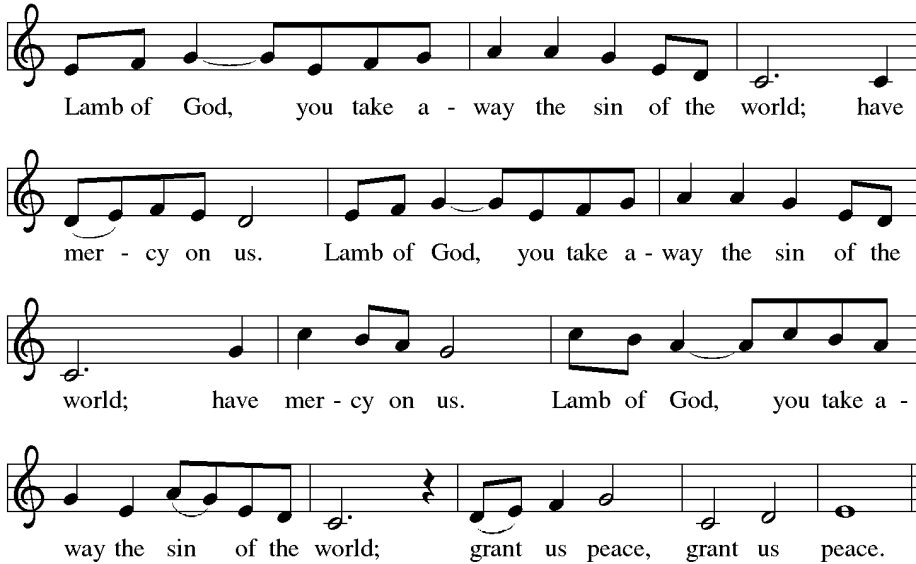
- L Speak to us, Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
and make us one with you.
- A Thanks be to God!**

Distribution of Holy Communion

*The Assembly is seated. Please come forward as the ushers direct, and as you are able.
See the inside front cover for instructions concerning Holy Communion.*

Communion Song

"O Lamb of God" Hymnal p. 112



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.

Choral Anthem

"Nun Danket Alle Gott" Franz Liszt

*Now all thank God
with heart, mouth and hands;
who does great things
for us and all our purposes;
who for us from our mother's womb
and childish steps
countless great good
has done and still continues to do.*

Communion Hymn

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and fa -
 2 Theirs was a false, mis - lead - ing dream Who thought God's law was giv -
 3 And yet the Law ful - filled must be, Or we were lost for - ev -
 4 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in him un - ceas -

vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us
 en That sin - ners might them - selves re - deem And by their works gain
 er; There - fore God sent his Son that he Might us from death de -
 ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope in -

nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for
 heav - en. The Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the
 liv - er. He all the Law for us ful - filled, And thus his
 creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; Works serve our

all the world a - tone; He is our me - di - a - tor.
 in - bred sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 Fa - ther's an - ger stilled Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
 neigh - bor and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.

- 5 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
 The God who saved us by his grace;
 All glory to his merit.
 O triune God in heav'n above,
 You have revealed your saving love;
 Your blessed name we hallow.

The Assembly stands when directed by the Presiding Minister.

Blessing after Communion

P The body and blood of our + Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

A Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

A Amen.

Sending of Communion

P Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your Word and Sacrament with the sick and homebound. May they be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A Amen.

Blessing and Sending of Water

This afternoon at a common prayer service at 3:00 PM in the chapel at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, the Lutheran and Catholic parishes of Evanston will sign a covenant of cooperation.

As part of the service, each congregation will pour water into the font as a reminder of our common baptism.

We now bless and send the water that St. Paul's and Immanuel will carry to the service.

Sending Song

"Thy Strong Word" (printed on following pages)

Please turn as the cross passes you to face the doors through which you will be sent out in mission.

Blessing

P Go now, secure in the keeping of the God who has been our help and stronghold through all the ages. Declare to the world the freedom that we know in Christ Jesus, a freedom that perfectly frees us to choose the path of service to all. Rejoice in your freedom from bondage and fear, and use your freedom to help set others free from all the things that bind them.

And may God be your mighty fortress;

may you truly know the free gift of the grace of our + Lord Jesus Christ in your life;

and may the Holy Spirit be ever changing you, reforming you, and setting you free.

A Amen.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Live in the Good News!

A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"A Mighty Fortress" arr. Vaclav Nelhybel

Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.

We will enjoy a potluck lunch together. Please come, whether you have brought food or not!

Come enjoy one another's company, and hear about all the opportunities for service and community!

Thy Strong Word

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth

speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -

light we thank thee, While thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 thy sal - va - tion, Breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All thy bright re - deem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

[cont.]

thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with-out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with-out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with-out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with-out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister.....	Pr. Keith Fry, Pr. Tim McKenzie
Assisting Minister.....	Kit McCarthy
Acolytes	Caroline Nakic, Tyler Knohl, Olivia Knohl
Lectors.....	Stefan Westerberg, Kathryn Skelton
Communion Ministers.....	Anne Heider, Brigitte Bell, LuAnne Origer
Organists.....	Laurie Stivers, Kurt Westerberg
Trumpets.....	Don Cagen, Alex Schwartz
Trombones	Charles Dieterle, Sara Mauk
Table Preparation.....	Kathryn Skelton
Communion Bread.....	Audrey Moy
Ushers.....	Joe and Terri Simchak, Chuck Hewitt, Louis Bell

This Week's Commemorations

Reformation Day

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-Five Theses, a list of debate propositions that served as an indictment of abuses in the church of his time, and that in some way set the stage for a dramatic wave of reform in the church. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

All Saints Day

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

The custom of commemorating all the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, d. 1639

Friday, November 3, 2017

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed black slave from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

CREDITS: Liturgy texts and music from SundaysandSeasons.com. Copyright 2015 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #32867. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Preface and Benediction adapted from laughingbird.net.

Free Indeed

The beginning of today's reading from John places the gospel at the heart of Christian discipleship: "If you continue in my word," Jesus says, "you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (*John 8:31-32*).

Today many congregations will observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, begun by a small-town German monk and university professor named Martin Luther. Luther was deeply concerned about the concept of truth and searched the scriptures diligently, looking for facts and certainty about the grace of God. What he found caught him by surprise. During Luther's time people were given the impression that good works and sincere hearts earned the love and forgiveness of God. But Luther read the Bible for himself and found that Jesus' love and forgiveness come without strings attached. This simple rediscovery sent shock waves through the church.

Jesus himself is the truth, and Jesus is the Son who sets every one of us free—free from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Our gathering for worship brings us into direct encounter with this truth-telling, life-giving word. We encounter this word in scripture reading, preaching, and song. Most of all, we encounter Jesus, the Word of God, the Word made flesh. All our other understandings of the word spring from our understanding of Jesus as God's Word to us.

God has a profound and deep desire to be revealed to us. God wants to communicate with us, to let us know we are loved, claimed, valued, blessed, and called. God also makes it clear that we are called to repent, turning from sin to live for God alone. Jesus himself directly and clearly reveals the fullness of God with us. This is the good news, the truth, that makes us free—free indeed!

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Keith Fry	Pastor
Kevin McDaniel.....	Congregation Council President
James Morehead	Music Director
Greg Hummel	Organist
Laurie Stivers	Associate Organist
Kristen Wood.....	Parish Administrator

**Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Metropolitan Chicago Synod.
We've been worshipping God and serving the Evanston community since 1888!**