



Immanuel
Lutheran
of Evanston

Feast of All Saints (*observed*)

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10:30 A.M.

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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 on the lower level 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 kneel at the altar rail, if you are able, beginning at the ends of the rail closest to the front wall, filling in toward the center. (If you cannot kneel, standing is fine!) Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. 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 ...*

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

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

Pre-Service Music

Sonata II by Hindemith and The Litanies by Alain

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

A Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the Presiding Minister gives thanks.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

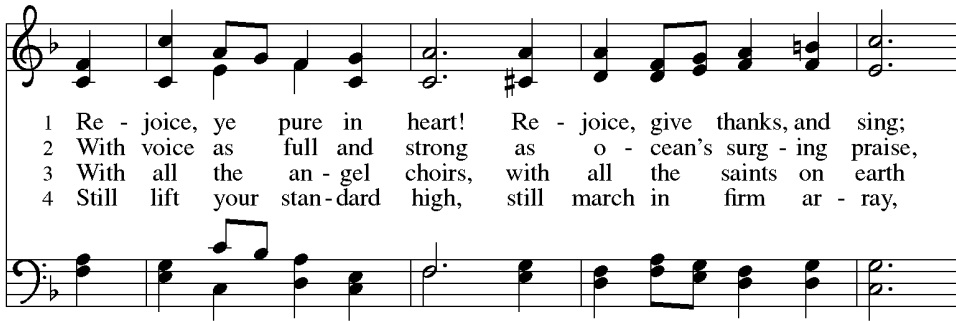
The ministers sprinkle the Assembly with water.

You are invited to mark yourself with the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

Gathering Song

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Hymnal 873

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



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Greeting

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

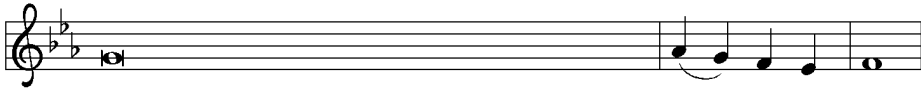
A And also with you!



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.



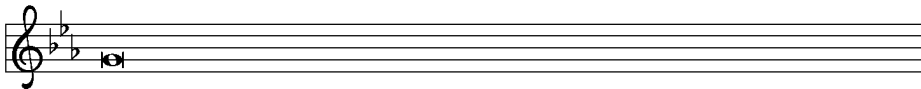
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

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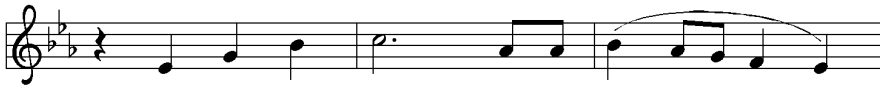
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



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, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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

Revelation 7:9-17

R A reading from the Revelation.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Reading from the New Testament

1 John 3:1-3

R A reading from the First Letter of John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

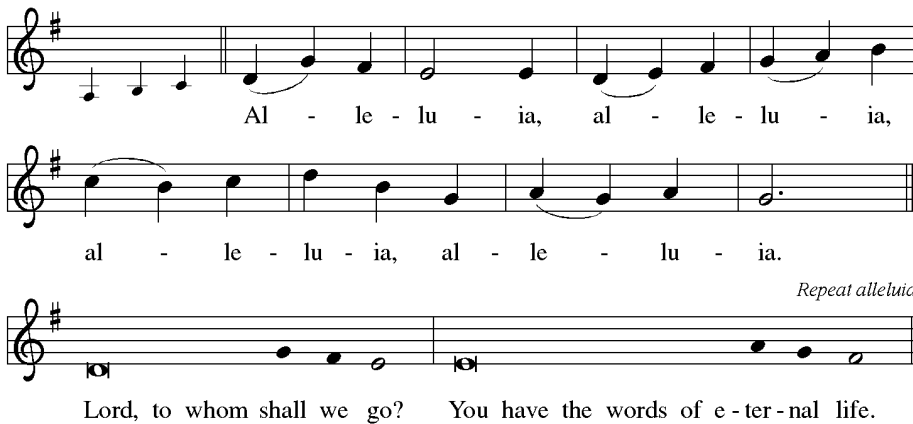
R Word of God, word of life.

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

Matthew 5: 15-22

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

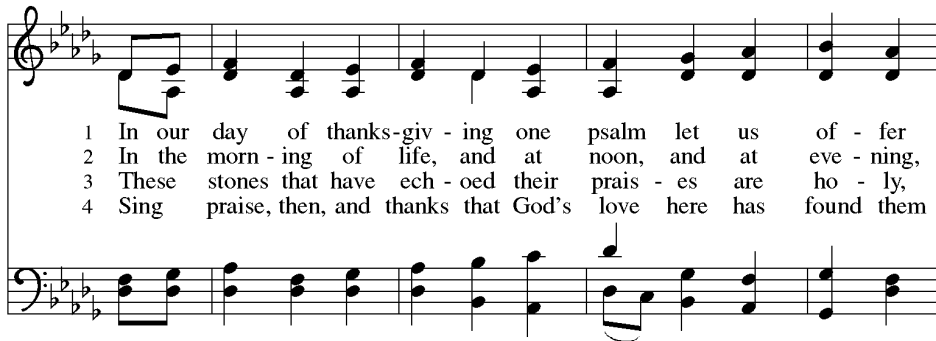
The Alleluia of the Gospel Acclamation is sung once again.

The Assembly is then seated.

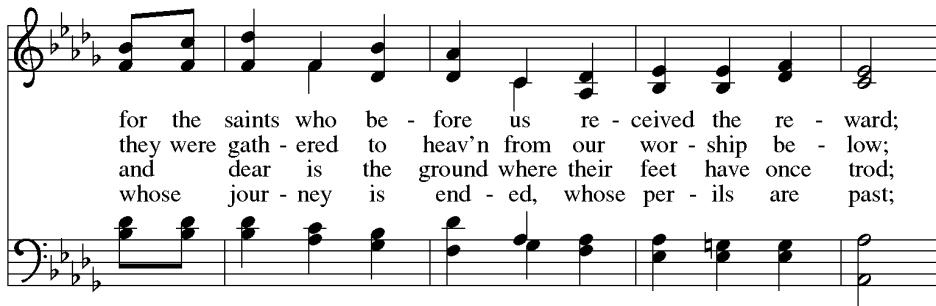
Sermon

A bell will chime to begin a time of silence for reflection.

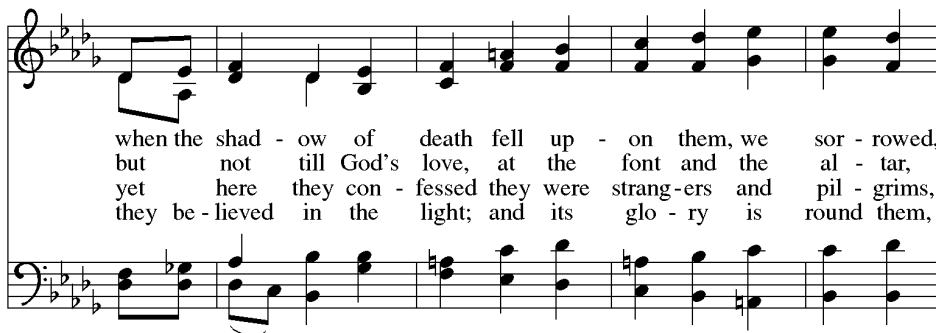
When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word.



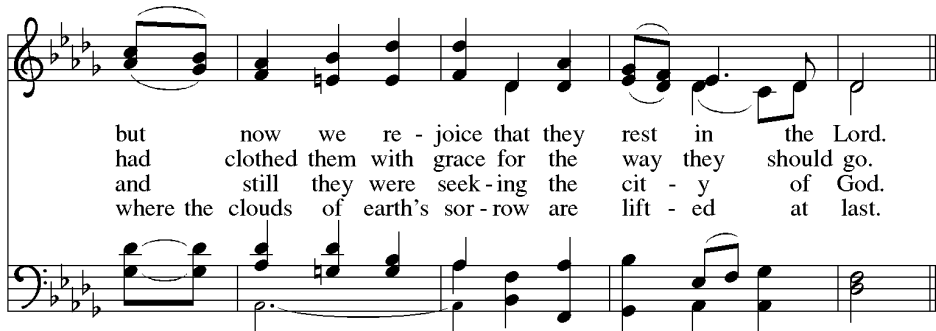
1 In our day of thanks-giv - ing one psalm let us of - fer
 2 In the morn - ing of life, and at noon, and at eve - ning,
 3 These stones that have ech - oed their prais - es are ho - ly,
 4 Sing praise, then, and thanks that God's love here has found them



for the saints who be - fore us re - ceived the re - ward;
 they were gath - ered to heav'n from our wor - ship be - low;
 and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
 whose jour - ney is end - ed, whose per - ils are past;



when the shad - ow of death fell up - on them, we sor - rowed,
 but not till God's love, at the font and the al - tar,
 yet here they con - fessed they were strang - ers and pil - grims,
 they be - lieved in the light; and its glo - ry is round them,



but now we re - joice that they rest in the Lord.
 had clothed them with grace for the way they should go.
 and still they were seek - ing the cit - y of God.
 where the clouds of earth's sor - row are lift - ed at last.

The Nicene Creed

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

**A We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the + resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Remembrance of New Saints through Baptism and of Those Who Have Died in the Lord

At this time, we will give thanks to the Lord for those new saints who became part of the Church through baptism this year, and then we will read the names of those saints who have died in the Lord whom you have asked that we remember. Some have died recently, while others died some time ago, but all are alive in Christ.

At the end of the reading of the names, anyone who wishes to remember a loved one before God and the Assembly, whether their names were on the list or not, is invited to come forward up the center aisle during the singing of the hymn, as the ushers direct.

Take a candle, which will be lighted for you from the Paschal candle by the ministers, place it in the receptacle (beginning at the back of the receptacle and working forward), then return to your seat by the side aisle. Please use caution around the flames!

Our new saints: Bryden Keith Lamberg Brown, Logan Alexander Hanson

Those who have died in the Lord:

Lisa	Donna Imhoff	Carl & Sakrina Nygard
Elizabeth Anderson	Yolanda Imhoff	Marie Pakutinskas
Gust & Evelyn Anderson	Elsie Louise Jacobson	Christopher Powers
Frederick M. Anliker	Gustav Adolphus Jacobson	Fred Rakowsky
Mary E. Anliker	John A. Jung	Joshua Rau
Evelyn Aker	Richard H. Jung	Kim Reynolds
Federico Baylaender	Robert A. Jung	David Riek
Cam & Betty Bergendorff	Virginia Kroos Jung	Verlaine Riek
Rosietta Brown	Barbara K. Kremer	Quinton Robbins
Wilhelmina Maria Dorothea Wannicke Busching	Axel and Gerda Larson	Paul Sampsell
Ralph Cahill	Harold & Maxine Larson	Augusta Simchak
LeRoy Carlson	Howard & Eva Linden	Joseph Simchak
Alice & John Carmichael	Bill Linden	Donald Sinclair
Lois Carter	Irene Lynch	Jack & Ruby Skelton
K. Alison Clark-Stewart	Evelyn Laudert	Dick Stegner
George Curry	Vernon & Anna Lee	Ingeborg Stein
Frieda & Desimir Djuric	Paul & Ada Lowe	Dorothy Stivers
Mike Forzley	John & Eleanore McCarthy	Patricia Swanson
The Rev Norman Fry	Linda McCartney	George Tuoti
Ralph Glader	Helen McDaniel	Bernhard & Wilma Urban
Antje Grimm	Dorothy E. McNeil	Michael R. Warner
Diethild Harrington	Jim & Pats Morehead	Robert & Ethelyn Warner
Harold & Betty Hoefker	Luke K. Moy	Sam Wee
Jonathan Hoefker	Thomas J. Nakic	Will Wotring
Nancy Hoefker	Edward Nelson	Monica Yates
Alfred Imhoff	Grant Nelson	
	Irene Nepstad	

Immanuel's Gold Star Veterans:

Raymond Arnold Anderson	John Evert Johnson	Ivar Leonard Peterson
Robert Torsten Bergendorff	Carl Edward Lindquist	Arvid Sternquist



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

[vv. 3-5 are on the following page]

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Prayers of the People

L Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with God's people of every time and place.

L Gather your church from every nation, tribe, people, and language to proclaim your salvation. Defend and preserve those who are persecuted because of their faith. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Wayne, our pastor, Keith, our president, Kevin, for our council, and for all the baptized. May we be peacemakers, and merciful. May we hunger and thirst after righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Reveal your will for your creation, mighty God. Renew waters, lands, and skies that are threatened by our carelessness. Teach us to honor and care for the works of your hands. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Soothe the pain of those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Mid Carlson, Lynn Carson, Bob Fried, Dick Heisler, Judy Hokenson, Arda Hovnanian, Bob Larson, Ron Laudert, Carol Rakowsky, George Shiff, Joe Skelton, John and Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in our hearts [...]. Through the ministry of nurses, those who provide hospice care, visitation ministers, chaplains, and caregivers, comfort those who mourn. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Seek the lost, those who hunger and thirst with questions of faith, and those absent from our worship today. Make us ready to receive newcomers you send to our congregation. 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 remember with thanksgiving the blessed saints whom you have received into your glory, especially John Christian Frederick Heyer, Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, Ludwig Nommensen, Martin of Tours, and Søren Aabye Kierkegaard. Guide us with them to the springs of the water of life. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

P Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

"Their Bodies are Buried in Peace" Handel/Thoburn

Presentation of the Gifts

"Come to the Table of Mercy"



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



[cont.]

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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 bring all who trust in you out of the great ordeal into the glorious reward of heaven and number them among the multitude of your saints.

You created the earth as an inheritance and destined all life for a glory that is yet to be revealed. Through the law and your prophets and apostles you called a people from every nation, tribe and language. In your child, Jesus, you revealed your desire to bless the poor in spirit and the pure of heart; to wipe away the tears of those who mourn; and to satisfy all hunger for righteousness and peace. Though he was persecuted and killed, you raised him to life, and with him you are saving all who keep faith so that they may be like him when his final glory is revealed.

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 John Christian Frederick Heyer, Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, Ludwig Nommensen, Martin of Tours, Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, 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.

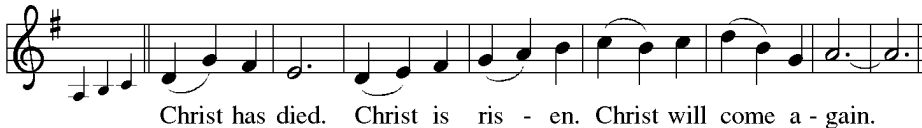
P We give you thanks for your dear Son:
 at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
 beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

A We thank you, O God.

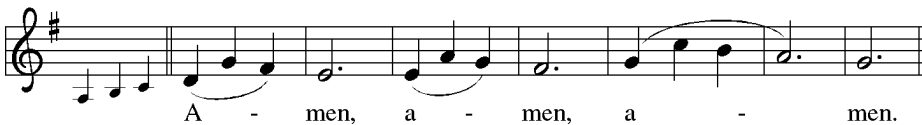
P In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

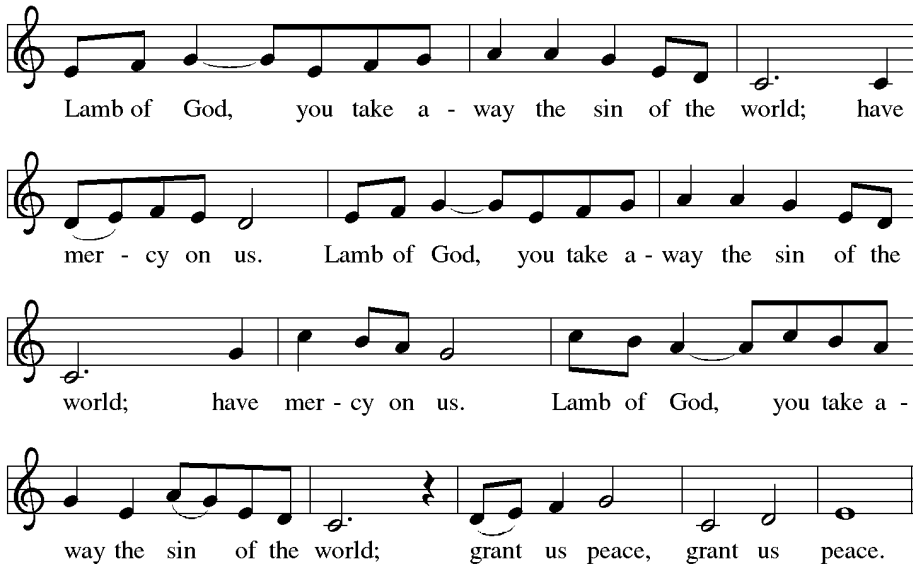
- L Speak to us, Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
and make us one with you.
A Thanks be to God!

Distribution of Holy Communion

*The Assembly is seated. Please come forward as the ushers direct, and as you are able.
Please kneel around the altar rail, as you are able, beginning at the wall and coming toward the center.
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.

This Week's Commemorations

John Christian Frederick Heyer, d. 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, d. 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, d. 1918; missionaries

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

Martin, Bishop of Tours, d. 397

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, d. 1855

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

Communion Hymn

“Blest Are They” Hymnal 728

Leader or All

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they, who
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they, who
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain

All

Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!

Re - joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God!

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: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world ...*

Sending of Communion

P Let us pray. 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 of our congregation. 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.

Sending Song "The Church's One Foundation" (*printed on following page*) **Hymnal 654**

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

Blessing

P Go now and live in awe of God. Purify yourselves in heart and in deed. Hunger and thirst for righteousness; show mercy, and make peace.

And may God take your burdens and free you from fear;
May + Christ Jesus be your shepherd and your shelter;
And may the Holy Spirit guide you to springs of the water of life.

A Amen.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Share the Good News!

A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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

Refreshments today are provided Joe and Terri Simchak.

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

Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister Pr. Keith Fry
Assisting Minister Kathryn Skelton
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Lector Tyler Knohl
Communion Minister Caroline Nakic
Organist Greg Hummel
Table Preparation Joanne Shearer
Communion Bread Linda Edlund
Ushers TBA

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The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Beloved Saints

“He must be a real saint!” “She was such a saint!” We say these things about people we know, or have heard of, often in reference to someone who displays great patience or perhaps is extraordinarily kind and generous. It’s not difficult to find such praise at a funeral, for example, as the deceased’s positive influence in the world is remembered. In popular usage, a person earns the title “saint” by doing good works. We think of people such as Saint Francis or Saint Patrick, individuals who were known for being particularly holy or religious. We rarely consider that we ourselves might be saints. After all, most of us haven’t opened orphanages, given away all our possessions, or converted entire countries to Christianity. Even demonstrating exceptional patience toward irritating people or circumstances is beyond most of us on far too many days.

But the scripture readings today make clear that being a saint is not about earning the title. According to the Bible, the “saints” are simply the believers in Christ across time and space. In baptism, our robes have been washed in the blood of the Lamb. “Saint” is a title that is given to us by God—not as a reward for a job well done, but as an expression of God’s love for us. The characteristic of a saint is not superhuman perfection but rather faith. Faith that the sorrows we mourn, the injustices we encounter, and the persecution we face will one day be put right through the blood of the Lamb. Faith that recognizes and laments the awful brokenness of the world, and of ourselves, and trusts Christ to forgive our sins, wipe away our tears, and make all things new. So cling to Christ, dear saint, and rejoice that you are God’s beloved child now!

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