



Feast of the Ascension (*observed*)
Church Music Recognition Sunday
10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist
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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, 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 if you are able, and stand around the altar, starting at the walls. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. (Gluten-free wafers are available. Just ask the pastor.) You may eat it immediately, then take the silver chalice and drink from it or, if you prefer, take a small cup from the tray. The cups in the outer ring contain wine. The cups in the center contain grape juice. As you return to your seat place your empty cup in the trays provided at the ends of the front pews. 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 ...*

In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

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

Pre-Service Music

Variations on "Lasst uns erfreuen" and other Easter hymns J.S. Bach

Confession and Forgiveness

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 Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of grace and glory,

**A you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.

Make us alive in Christ, O God.

Make us new as you make all things new.

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,
renew us in grace,**

**and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!
The light of the risen Christ
puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,
restores innocence to the fallen,
casts out hate, brings peace,
and humbles earthly pride.
+ Jesus Christ loves you
and frees you from your sins by his blood.
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

A Amen.

Gathering Song

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!" Hymnal 393



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



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

Greeting *(The Easter acclamation is repeated three times.)*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The grace of our risen Lord Jesus, the love of God, who raised him from the dead,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit who breathes new life into us, be with you all.

A And also with you!

Kyrie

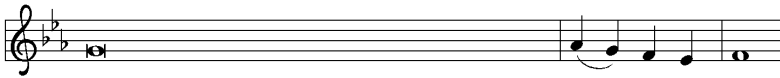
Hymnal p. 98



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



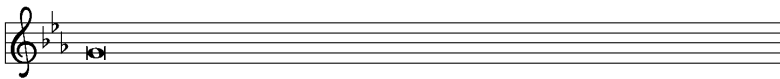
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

Welcome and Announcements

Word: *God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song ...*

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

R A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

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:



- ¹Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
 shout to God with a | joyful sound.
- ²**For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:
 a great king over | all the earth,**
- ³who subdues the | peoples under us,
 and the nations un- | der our feet;
- ⁴**who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,
 the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves. R**
- ⁵God has gone up | with a shout,
 the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.
- ⁶**Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
 sing praises to our | king, sing praises. R**
- ⁷For God is king of | all the earth;
 sing praises | with a song.
- ⁸**God reigns o- | ver the nations;
 God is en- | throned on high.**
- ⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.
 The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted. R

Reading from the New Testament

Ephesians 1:15-23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we would be given the wisdom to comprehend this and display it through love toward others.

R A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Go and make disciples of all nations, | says the Lord;* I am with you always, to the end | of the age.

Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

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.

During this time, you may want to meditate on one word or phrase from the scriptures or from the sermon that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.

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

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and

broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with

Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Thanksgiving for Church Musicians and for Mildred Carlson's Ministry

Instrumentalists:

James Morehead, *Music Director*
 Greg Hummel, *Organist*
 Laurie Stivers, *Associate Organist*
 Don Cagen, *trumpet*
 Charles Dieterle, *trombone*
 Sara Mauk, *trombone*
 Laura McDaniel, *flute*
 Alex Schwarz, *trumpet*
 Jim Skelton, *djembe*
 Kurt Westerberg, *organist*

Vocalists and Choir:

Mildred Carlson
 Ben Grafe
 Anne Heider
 Michael Krentz
 Sara Krentz
 Hal Larson
 Lisa Larson
 Hillary Lehman
 Sara Mauk
 Addison McDaniel
 Eliza McDaniel

Kevin McDaniel
 Laura McDaniel
 Carolyn Nakic
 Jim Skelton
 Kathy Skelton
 Laurie Stivers
 Judy Veramendi
 Ashlee Hardgrave, *soprano*
 Members of St. Paul's choir

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.**

Prayers of the People

L Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

L Lord most high, Lord most holy, you sent your Son to redeem all creation. Enlighten and expand the witness of the church universal. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Wayne, our pastor, Keith, our president, Sara, our Council, and for all whom you have called here in your name. Ground us in the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L Ruler of all the earth, you formed the creatures of the deep and the birds of the air. Give us wonder and wisdom to care for them as you commanded. Help us to revive their habitats. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L Sovereign God, you reign over the nations. Raise up wise and compassionate leaders in each neighborhood, country, and region. Give them courage and strength for the service to which you call them. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L Healer of our every ill, you know our deepest pains and sorrows. Replenish those who are depressed, bereaved, or exhausted. Mend the brokenhearted. Restore the sick and all who live with cancer. Today we pray the sick and grieving, especially Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Barb Engelsen, Bob Fried, Virginia Giraldo, Jennifer Grethe, Dick Heisler, Judy Hokenson, Ron Laudert, the Shiff family, Joe Skelton, John and Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in our hearts [...]. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L Good Shepherd, you feed us. As we digest the word shared today and feast at the table, satisfy our hunger. Fill us with the hope to which we are called. Make us bread for the world. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

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 Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L Eternal One, your faithfulness endures in every age. Thank you for the witness of the first apostles. Thank you for all the saints who have traveled with us on this disciple road, especially the Blessed Apostle Matthias and the Blessed Martyr Erik of Sweden. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

P We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, 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

"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" *Harold Darke*

Presentation of the Gifts

"Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free"

Our Pas - chal Lamb, that sets us free, is sac - ri - ficed. Oh,
keep the feast of free - dom gal - lant - ly; let al - le - lu - ias
leap: Al - le - lu - ias! Al - le - lu - ias! Al - le - lu - ias! A -
gain sing al - le - lu - ias, cry a - loud: Al - le - lu - ias! A - men!

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music. The first system (measures 1-4) begins with the lyrics 'Our Pas - chal Lamb, that sets us free, is sac - ri - ficed. Oh,'. The second system (measures 5-8) continues with 'keep the feast of free - dom gal - lant - ly; let al - le - lu - ias'. The third system (measures 9-12) features a 'leap' and repeats 'Al - le - lu - ias! Al - le - lu - ias! Al - le - lu - ias! A -'. The fourth system (measures 13-16) concludes with 'gain sing al - le - lu - ias, cry a - loud: Al - le - lu - ias! A - men!'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands.

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

**A Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples.
Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

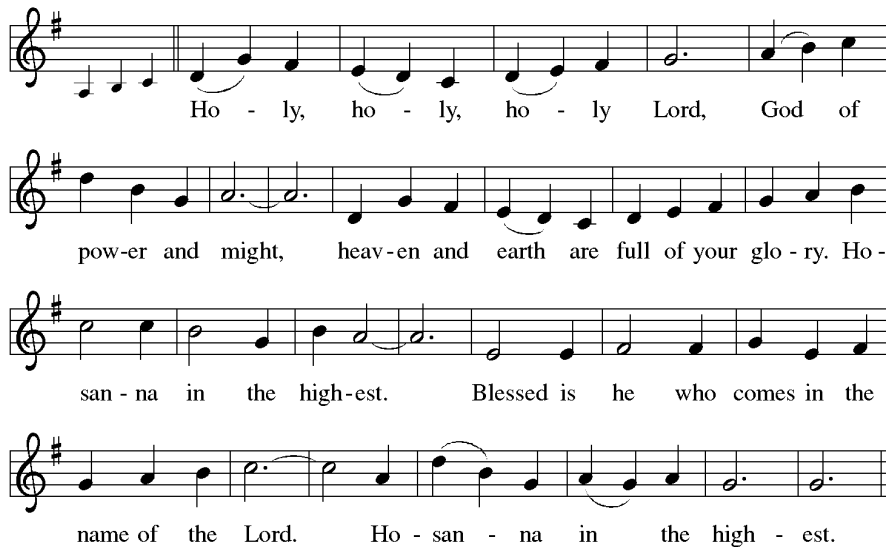
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection
of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, who en - throned forever at
your right hand intercedes for us as our great high priest.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the
res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,
and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymnal, p. 108



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 We give you thanks, Holy One,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.
- He is your Word, inseparable from you,
through whom you created all things,
and in whom you take delight.
- He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.
- He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.
- He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:
- Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we take this bread and cup,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

A Amen.

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 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread!

A Thanks be to God!

Distribution of Holy Communion

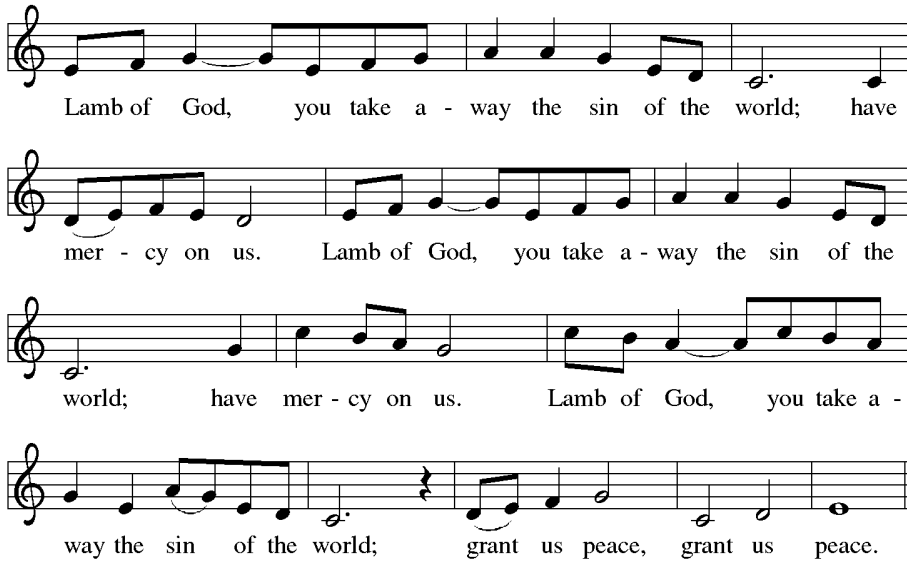
The Assembly is seated. Please come forward as the ushers direct, and as you are able.

See the inside front cover for instructions concerning Holy Communion.

During the Easter season, we stand to commune, rather than kneel, as a sign of resurrected life.

Communion Song

"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

Matthias, Apostle

Monday, May 14, 2018

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration has been moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, d. 1160

Friday, May 18, 2018

Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov'-reign right,
 3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low
 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;

a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.
 to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;
 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;
 they reign with him above;
 their profit and their joy to know
 the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
 though shame and death to him;
 his people's hope, his people's wealth,
 their everlasting theme!

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.

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Post-Communion Song

“Our Paschal Lamb That Sets Us Free”

Let all our lives now cel - e - brate the feast; let mal - ice
Let all our deeds, u - nan - i - mous, con - fess him as our

die. Let love grow strong a - new, and great, let truth stamp out the
Lord who by the Spir - it lives in us, the Fa - ther's liv - ing

lie. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A -
Word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A -

gain sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a - loud! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
gain sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a - loud! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The score includes measure numbers 4, 8, and 12. The final system ends with a double bar line.

Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

A Amen.

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

Sending of Communion

P Let us pray. Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A Amen.

Sending Song "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" *(printed on following page)* **Hymnal 579**

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

Blessing

P Go now. Christ now sends you into the world just as he himself was sent into the world. Delight in the Lord's teaching, testify to his resurrection life, and share in the ministry of God's people.

And may God protect you from evil;
may + Christ Jesus give you God's word and make you his own;
and may the Holy Spirit sanctify you in the truth, and fill you with the joy of God.

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.

Refreshments today are provided by Worship and Music Committee in honor of Mildred Carlson's 70+ years in the choir.

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 Caroline Nakic
Acolytes Tyler Knohl, Olivia Knohl, Chris Djuric
Lector Maryann Kearns
Communion Minister Kim Miller
Organist Greg Hummel
Table Preparation Kathryn Skelton
Communion Bread Linda Edlund
Ushers Joe and Terri Simchak

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we heard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

A Different Kind of Power

“Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” (*Acts 1:6*). This is what the disciples are hoping for after all, right? This is what we’re going to get after all this suffering and sacrificing and giving our lives away to follow you, Jesus, right? We’re finally going to get the best seat at the table, the highest place in court, right? We’re finally going to have power over those rotten Romans who have been lording their power over us for all these years, right? Wrong. “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,” Jesus promises (*Acts 1:8*).

No, the end goal of following Jesus is not to have a better seat than your enemies. But yes, you will be clothed with power. It’s just a different kind of power.

Today’s scripture readings make clear that there are two kinds of power: power from the top that is used to ensure the lowliness of others and power from the Holy Spirit that is distributed freely to raise up the lowly.

It is this second kind of power that God reveals and enacts in Jesus. Jesus became the lowliest of the low, assumed the position of the despised and outcast, and died a criminal’s death. And Jesus was raised to sit at the right hand of God (*Eph. 1:20*). Jesus’ ascension is proof of God’s choice to use God’s power to raise up the lowliest of people.

Each of us was born with power. How do you exercise yours? How does your congregation and community exercise its power? How is God using you to raise up the lowly and clothe others in the power of Holy Spirit? Tell these stories. They witness to the ascended Christ we follow.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 16

Three Crowns Service

Choir Practice 7:30 PM

Sunday, May 20

Adult Spiritual Growth Class 9:00 AM

Festival Worship, Feast of Pentecost 10:30 AM

Immanuel’s Staff and Leadership

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

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