

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist June 17, 2018

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 kneel at the altar rail, 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 ...

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody is looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

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

Pre-Service Music

Variations on hymns of praise by Manz, Buxtehude, Drischner, et al

Confession and Forgiveness

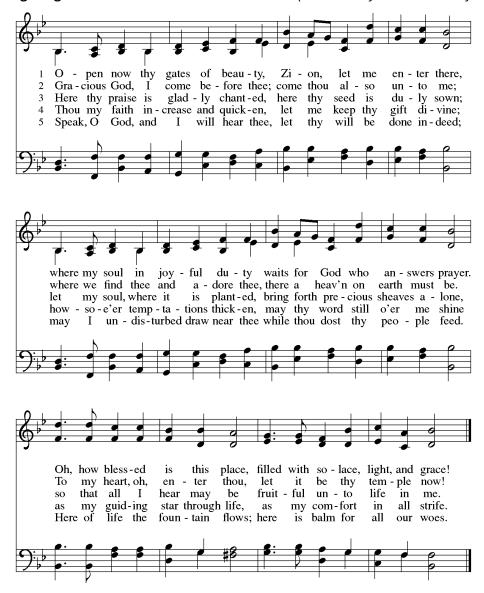
- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.
- A Amen.
- P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. Silence for reflection and self-examination.
- P Eternal God our creator,
- A in you we live and move and have our being.

 Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands.

 Forgive us all our offenses,
 and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.

 By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins.

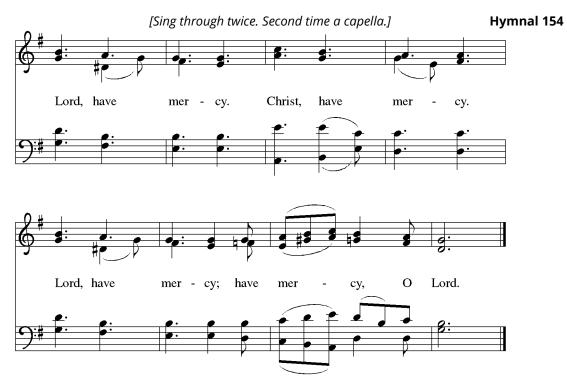
A Amen.



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!





Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 20 Three Crowns Service 11:00 AM

Friday June 22 Evening Quilting 7:00 PM

Sunday, June 24 Adult Spiritual Growth Class 9:00 AM

Worship, Pentecost 6 10:30 AM

Canticle of Praise Hymnal 163



Prayer of the Day

- Let us pray. O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Ezekiel 17:22-24

R A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

²²Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig

from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one

from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it

on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,

and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest

winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know

that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,

I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree

and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;

I will accomplish it.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15



R A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

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

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

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

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 174



Gospel Mark 4:26-34

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

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

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Time of Silence

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.

Hymn of the Day

"We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord" Hymnal 690

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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.

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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 Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.
- L O Most High, your divine realm is like a noble tree whose boughs and branches give shade and rest to the peoples of the earth. Make your church a nesting place for all who need your peace and healing. 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, that you will help us to be a place of welcome and rest. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L O Most High, all the world is a garden for your creativity. Refresh places experiencing drought with abundant rains. Strengthen and keep safe those who fight fires in your forests and fields. Help us tend your mountains and plains, oceans and rivers with loving care. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L O Most High, you speak and your word is accomplished. Speak to the leaders of the nations so they might end cycles of violence, giving people everywhere tranquility and peace. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L O Most High, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Bring the abundant healing blessings of the new creation into the lives of those who suffer illness or deprivation of any kind, remembering especially Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Bob Fried, Kimberly Lattin Gann, Virginia Giraldo, Jennifer Grethe, the family of Dick Heisler, Judy Hokenson, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, Joe Skelton, John and Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in our hearts [...]. Renew us and prepare us for glory so we do not lose heart. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L O Most High, your steadfast love and faithfulness sustain your people. Bless fathers and all father figures with such love and faithfulness that children may flourish and grow in uprightness and joy. Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. 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 O Most High, just as the earth produces of itself and the harvest comes, you gather up your people from all times and places. Bring us along with those who have died, remembering especially Onesimos Nesib, into the lasting harvest of your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

P By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; 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 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.

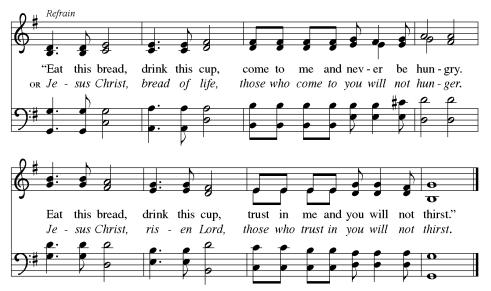
Offering Music

"Praise to the Lord" Walther

Presentation of the Gifts

"Eat This Bread" Hymnal 472

Continue singing as the gifts are brought forward and the Table is prepared.



Offering Prayer

- L Let us pray.
- A Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. 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 your kingdom grows from the smallest beginnings, and you have given us all a home in the shelter of your love.

You created the heavens and the earth, and from the tiniest seeds, you filled the earth with life. You called your Chosen People to be a sheltering tree for all nations, and placed your Word high on a mountain so that all might be drawn to it.

Your child, Jesus, came among us sharing stories of your love and grace and teaching us the mysteries of your Good Reign. He died at the hands of those who take pride in brute force, and in his death, all have died. But you raised him to life for us, and in him everything has become new. Now we are confident that you will grant our heart's true desire: to be at home with you forever.

Therefore, with hearts full of gratitude, we sing joyfully, giving thanks to you, who are both Father and Mother to us, at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We join our voices with Onesimos Nesib 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:

This Week's Commemoration

Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, d.1931 Thursday, June 21, 2018

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured and taken as a slave to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

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Holy, Holy, Holy Hymnal, p. 193



Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air;

you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image,

and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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 Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

A Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection,

which renews the face of the earth.

We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

A Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

P Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,

send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,

whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love.

Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.

Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,

that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

A Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!

- P Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.
- A Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- 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.

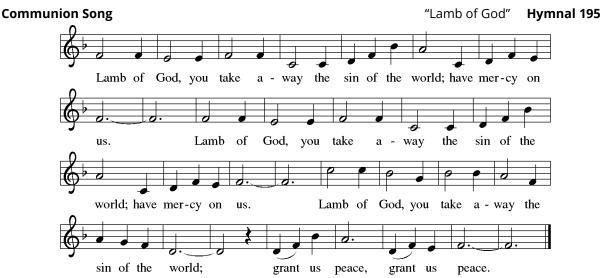
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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.



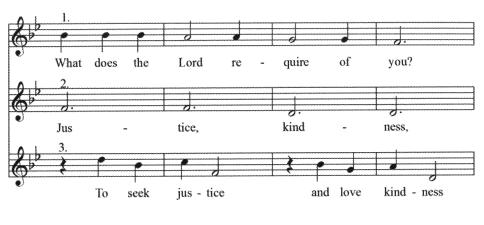
Blessing after Communion

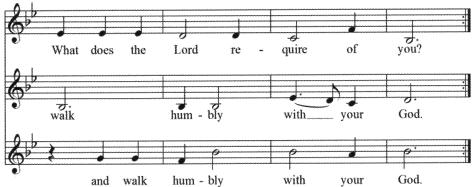
- P The body and blood of our + Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- A Amen.

Post-Communion Song

"What Does the Lord Require of You"

To be sung as a round: the right side of the Assembly begins the song with line 1; the left side begins line 1 when the right side begins line 2. Everyone sings through all three lines twice.





Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

A Amen.

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

"On What Has Now Been Sown" (printed on following page) Hymnal 550

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

Blessing

P Go out, and live no longer for yourselves, but for him who died and was raised for you. Walk by faith, not by sight, and judge others only by the integrity of their hearts. Make it your aim to please the Lord, and to persuade others of the love of Christ.

And may God answer you in times of trouble and protect you; May + Christ Jesus grant you your heart's desire; and may the Holy Spirit take hold of you mightily from this day forward.

A Amen.

Dismissal

- L Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve in Christ's name!
- A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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

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	Kit McCarthy
Acolyte	
Lector	Scott Romans
Communion Minister	Anne Heider
Organist	
Table Preparation	Kit McCarthy
Communion Bread	Anne Heider
Ushers	Terri and Joe Simchak

On What Has Now Been Sown



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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