

# **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist July 15, 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.

When Amos told what he saw when God held up the plumb line of justice next to Israel—that the poor were being trampled—he was a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them.

**P:** Presiding Minister **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister **R:** Reader **A:** Assembly

+ All may make the sign of the cross.

#### **Pre-Service Music**

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" Georg Boehm and Paul Manz

# **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;

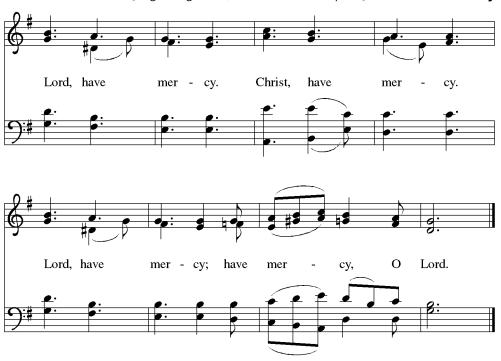
and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins.

#### 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!



Canticle of Praise Hymnal 163



### **Prayer of the Day**

- P Let us pray. O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, 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**

Amos 7:7-15

R A reading from the Prophet Amos.

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GoD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup> and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

R Word of God, word of life.

#### A Thanks be to God!

#### Psalm 85:8-13





### **Reading from the New Testament**

Ephesians 1:3-14

R A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

- R Word of God, word of life.
- A Thanks be to God!

# Gospel Acclamation Hymnal 174



Gospel Mark 6:14-29

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

### A Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. 18 For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the Baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

# 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 "When Pain of the World Surrounds Us" Hymnal 704 When with dark-ness and de pain of the world sur - rounds us We trem - bling our ach - ing world in see with . . fear and 3 The ho - ly the liv - ing wa - ters church is ves sel We for and your a - bun - dant praise you . . our jour ney spair, when search - ing founds with just con us ing each oth need, con fess our to er fill to nour ish all the peo ple, God's ing word your sav that guid ed grace, a false hopes ev - 'ry - where, when lives are starved for mean - ing and waste-ful - ness and greed. May we with stead - fast the car - ing pur - pose to ful - fill. with hum - ble May we cour - age strug - gling hu - man race. O God, with all cre - a - tion, your we are called fol - low des - ti - ny is bare, to sus and fol - low hun-gry chil-dren feed. We are called Je to sus and o - pen to God's will. We are called fol - low to Je sus and fu - ture we em - brace. We are called to fol - low Je sus and God's heal - ing let flow through us. let God's jus - tice flow through us. God's Spir - it flow through let us. let God's chang - es flow through us.

# The Apostles' Creed

- L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.
- A I believe in God, the Father almighty,
  creator of heaven and earth.
  I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
  who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
  born of the virgin Mary,
  suffered under Pontius Pilate,
  was crucified, died, and was buried;
  he descended to the dead.
  On the third day he rose again;

he 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.

he ascended into heaven,

### **Prayers of the People**

- L Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
- L God of truth, put your word of justice on our lips. Bless your church in the task of holy resistance. Make us a living and persistent sign of your righteousness and your lovingkindness. 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. Help us to speak boldly of your promises without reservation or fear. Lord, in your mercy,

# A hear our prayer.

L God of heaven and earth, pour your healing power upon our fragile earth for us and for all who will inherit it. Inspire the work of engineers and environmentalists who seek sustainable sources of energy, food, and clean water. Lord, in your mercy,

# A hear our prayer.

- L God of justice, hold your plumb line to the nations. Speak convicting words of holy judgment to those in positions of authority. Redeem all harm caused by corruption and the hunger for power. Restore peace to our world, especially Syria and Venezuela. Lord, in your mercy,
- A hear our prayer.

L God of salvation, bring wholeness to all your beloved children. Anoint the hands of all caregivers, nurses, doctors, therapists, hospice workers, and chaplains. Bring abundance of life to all who long for healing, especially Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Bob Fried, Kimberly 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 all of us and prepare us for glory so that we do not lose heart. Lord, in your mercy,

### A hear our prayer.

L God of tenderness, you adopt us as your own. Help us to provide nourishing care for all children in our midst. Inspire us with their creativity and energy. Heal and protect children who are victims of abuse, neglect, or scorn, and the separated children of immigrants. 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 God of the saints, you have claimed the faithful departed as your own and given them an inheritance in glory. We remember especially today Bartolomé de Las Casas. Sustain us in faith until the fullness of time, when you gather up all things in heaven and on earth. Lord, in your mercy,

# A hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, 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.

# **Upcoming Events**

Sunday, July 15 Special Called Congregation Meeting, 12:00 Noon

Wednesday, July 18 Three Crowns Service 11:00 AM

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

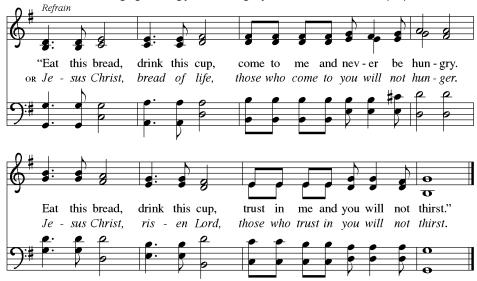
### **Offering Music**

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" J. S. Bach

#### **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 in Christ you are gathering all things into one communion and adopting us as your own beloved children. Every created thing is yours, for you founded the earth and gave life to all who live on it. Even before that, you chose us and planned for our inclusion into your life of wholeness, holiness, and glorious splendor.

With all wisdom and insight you made known to your people the mystery of your will. Though tyrants have opposed your truth, cutting down your prophets, and crucifying your Son, Jesus Christ, you have not left us to death's powers. When you raised Christ from the dead, you opened the ancient gates to us and sealed us with your promised Holy Spirit, so that we might enter your resurrection life, leaping and dancing, and might receive every blessing of heaven.

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 Bartolomé de Las Casas 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

# Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, d. 1566 Tuesday, July 17, 2018

A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Granted a large estate with indigenous slaves, he freed them after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.

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.

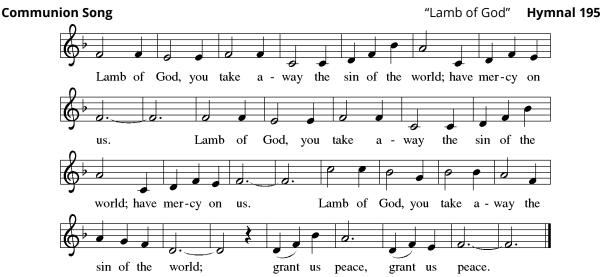
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### 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.



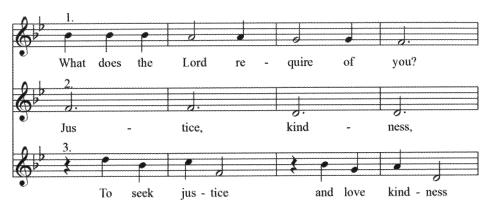
### **Blessing after Communion**

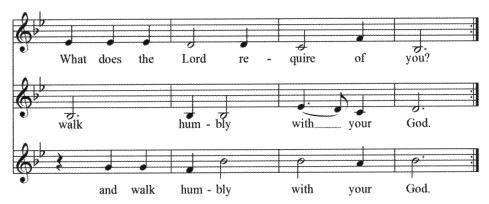
- P The body and blood of our + Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- A Amen.

# **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**

"Praise to You, O God of Mercy" (printed on following page) Hymnal 208

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 lives that glorify God. Act with integrity. Speak truth to power, and do it boldly. Do not sell yourself out to delusions or give your word deceitfully. Stand up for the truth and rejoice in the Lord.

And may God give you all the blessings of heaven;

May + Christ Jesus gather you into his family;

and may the Holy Spirit deliver you safely into the rich destiny prepared for God's people.

#### A Amen.

#### Dismissal

L Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve in Christ's name!

#### A Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** "Prelude and Fugue in C" Bach

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

Refreshments today are provided by Laura and Doug Ruther.

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	-
Acolyte	Caroline Nakic
Lector	Kathryn Skelton
Communion Minister	
Organist	Kathy Roderer
Table Preparation	Kim MIller
Communion Bread	
Ushers	TBA

# Praise to You, O God of Mercy



# Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

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

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