



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist
July 22, 2018**

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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 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 ...*

Mark's gospel makes clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

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

Pre-Service Music

Preludes on "Lobe den Herren" J.S. Bach and J. G. Walther

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.

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
 heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the

praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
 an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

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!

Kyrie

[Sing through twice, the second time a capella.]

Hymnal 154

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains four measures of music with lyrics underneath. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing four measures of accompaniment.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

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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 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.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, 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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

R A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 23

1. The Lord's my Shep-herd, all my need Will sure-ly be sup-plied;
2. The Lord re-vives me, guides my feet On path-ways that are right,
3. Your rod and staff both com-fort me; Be-fore my gath-ered foes,
4. Your good-ness and your mer-cy, Lord, Shall sure-ly fol-low me,

8 By qui-et streams and through green fields, The Lord will be my guide.
And I will fear no e-vil though I walk through dark-est night.
You feed me; you an-oint my head, And my cup ov-er-flows.
And I will dwell in God's own house For all et-er-ni-ty.

Reading from the New Testament

Ephesians 2:11-22

R A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—
¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

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

Gospel

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Gospel Acclamation is sung once again. The Assembly is then seated.

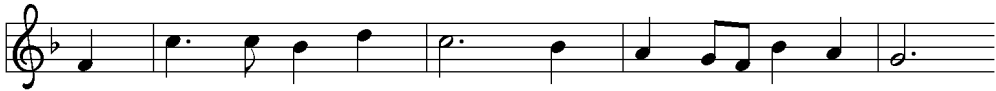
Sermon

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.



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain

We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
 the love, the word, the tide.
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
 praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

The Apostles' Creed

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

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

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

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the + resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

L 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, you are our cornerstone, giving your people a strong foundation of faith. 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 seek meaningful change in the world, and lead us to places of rest where you renew us for mission. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L God, you are our shepherd, leading us to green pastures and still waters for our use and pleasure. Renew the face of the earth. Guard the land and seas, the mountains and valleys, cultivated farmland and untamed wilderness. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L God, you are our righteousness, proclaiming peace to those who are far off and to those who are near. Remove hostility that divides nations. Make us no longer strangers or aliens but fellow citizens with all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L God, you are our compassion, bringing rest to all who seek treatments and diagnoses and are left without answers or energy. Restore the aching souls and bodies of those who seek comfort, 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, you are our creativity, creating joy and purpose through all artists in the church: composers, writers, visual artists, musicians, poets, and dancers. Open our hearts to experience your truth in new and beautiful ways through their work. 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, you are our future, leading us through the valley of the shadow of death and preparing a table for us with all of your saints, remembering especially the Blessed Apostles Mary Magdalene and James, and with Birgitta, Johann Sebastian Bach, Heinrich Schütz, and George Frederick Handel. Let your goodness and mercy follow us until we dwell in your house forever. 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.

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

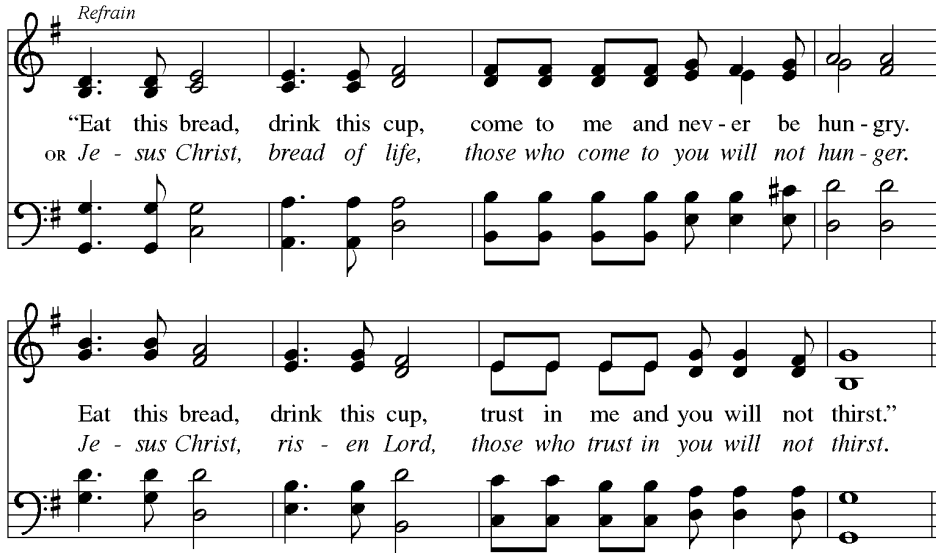
Offering *An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.*

Offering Music "O Jesu Christ, Thou Fount of Grace" *Bedrich Janacek*

Presentation of the Gifts "Eat This Bread" **Hymnal 472**

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

Refrain



The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn "Eat This Bread". Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The first system includes the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry. OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun-ger." The second system includes the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

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 you draw all things together in Christ and build us up as a holy temple to your glory. You created the world and made it your dwelling place. When you led your people out of oppression you travelled with them like a homeless refugee. You made a covenant with your servant, David, anointing him to shepherd your people and promising peace to those who followed your ways.

Your Son, Jesus, came, filled with compassion for all who were without hope. Though he preached peace and healed the sick and broken, he was ensnared and killed by the powers of this world. You raised him from the dead, and, in him, you prepared a new covenant—open to all people, near and far—a covenant that breaks down every wall of hostility, and reconciles us to you as one people.

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 the Blessed Apostles Mary Magdalene and James, Birgitta, Johann Sebastian Bach, Heinrich Schütz, George Frederick Handel, 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymnal, p. 193

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal melody with lyrics: "heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal melody with lyrics: "high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal melody with lyrics: "name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fifth and final system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal melody with lyrics: "high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The bass staff concludes the accompaniment.

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.*

Communion Song

"Lamb of God" Hymnal 195

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.

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 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.

The musical score is written for three voices on a grand staff (treble clef, one flat). It consists of two systems of three staves each. The first system contains three lines of music, numbered 1, 2, and 3. Line 1: 'What does the Lord re - quire of you?' Line 2: 'Jus - tice, kind - ness,' Line 3: 'To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness' The second system also contains three lines of music. Line 1: 'What does the Lord re - quire of you?' Line 2: 'walk hum - bly with your God.' Line 3: 'and walk hum - bly with your God.' The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second system.

Prayer after Communion

L 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: *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 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" *(printed on following page)* **Hymnal 645**

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

Blessing

P Go out, remembering all God has done for you. Break down the walls of hostility, proclaim peace, have compassion for all, and don't forget to take time for yourself also.

And may God be with you wherever you go;
May + Christ Jesus heal you and replenish you;
and may the Holy Spirit encircle you and strengthen you.

A Amen.

Dismissal

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

A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Toccata in F"

D. Buxtehude

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

Refreshments today are provided by Kim Miller.

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
Acolyte..... Judy Kratochvil
Lector..... Steve Warner
Communion Minister..... Anne Heider
Organist..... Kathy Roderer
Table Preparation..... Kit McCarthy
Communion Bread..... Anne Heider
Ushers..... TBA

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
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This Week's Commemorations

Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she was the first witness of the resurrection, and was sent to tell the others of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was apparently a woman of some means, who is presented in the Gospels as having an important role in financially supporting the work of Jesus and the Twelve. She was present both at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, d. 1373

Monday, July 23, 2018

Birgitta married at age 13 and had four daughters. Widowed at age 38, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.

James, Apostle

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (*Acts 12:1-2*).

Johann Sebastian Bach, d. 1750; Heinrich Schütz, d. 1672; George Frederick Handel, d. 1759; musicians

Saturday, July 28, 2018

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, *Messiah*, is a setting of scriptural texts.

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The Shores of Wilderness

Work colleagues wandered into one another's offices, often at the most overwhelmed and exasperated intersections of their days, to exhale fragments of frayed and patched agendas and deadlines. "What are we doing that matters?"

Today's gospel describes a busy, even frantic scene. Great crowds. All that they had done. Rushed. Taught. Healed. No leisure even to eat. Hurried. The sick. Sheep without a shepherd. Marketplaces. Great crowds.

Then, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile" (*Mark 6:31*). Jesus leads the way—away—to a deserted place, to the shores of wilderness where we can be close to ourselves, where we can receive rest.

Come away to rest with Jesus in a deserted place where what we do and who we are meet. Come away to rest with Jesus in the deserted place where giving and receiving bask in love for one another. Come away to rest with Jesus in the deserted place where the still small voice and the voice crying in the wilderness grace our silence.

Come away to rest with Jesus in the deserted place where visions beyond and dreams within awaken one another. Come away to rest with Jesus in the deserted place where the tree withers to bear new fruit.

Come away to rest with Jesus in the deserted place where yesterday's hour and tomorrow's hour are blessed in now's moment. Come away to rest with Jesus in the deserted place where extravagant abundance gladdens scarcity.

Come away to rest with Jesus in the deserted place where knowing lies down quietly as believing rises. Come away to rest with Jesus in the deserted place where shepherd and sheep come together. Come away to rest with Jesus in the deserted place where it matters.

And they did. They "went away in the boat to a deserted place" (*Mark 6:32*).

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