



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
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 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 ...*

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as Bread of Life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

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 for the day

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.

Gathering Song

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” Hymnal 843



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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 the hymn consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody is written in the upper staff, and the bass line is in the lower staff. The lyrics are placed below the upper staff.

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

The second system of the hymn consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody is written in the upper staff, and the bass line is in the lower staff. The lyrics are placed below the upper staff.

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. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true Bread of Heaven and share this bread with all the world, 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

2 Kings 4:42-44

R A reading from Second Kings.

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 145:10-18

1. All flesh shall sing your right - eous deeds, Your
 2. Your works praise you, O God, and all Your
 3. That peo - ple ev' - ry - where may know Your
 4. In all your words you show your faith And
 5. The eyes of all are turned to you, You
 6. Your ways are al - ways right - eous, Lord, And

3
 good - ness call to mind; The Lord is gra - cious,
 ser - vants bless your Name; They speak the glo - ry -
 splen - dor and your pow'r; Yours is an ev - er -
 mer - cy in your deeds; For you up - hold the
 give to them their food; You op - en wide your
 just in all your deeds, For you are al - ways

6
 slow to wrath, Com - pas - sion - ate and kind.
 of your realm And tell a - broad your fame.
 las - ting who reign En - du - ring ev - er more.
 ones who fall And lift up those in need.
 hand and fill All their de - sires with good.
 near to those Who seek you in their need.

R A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

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

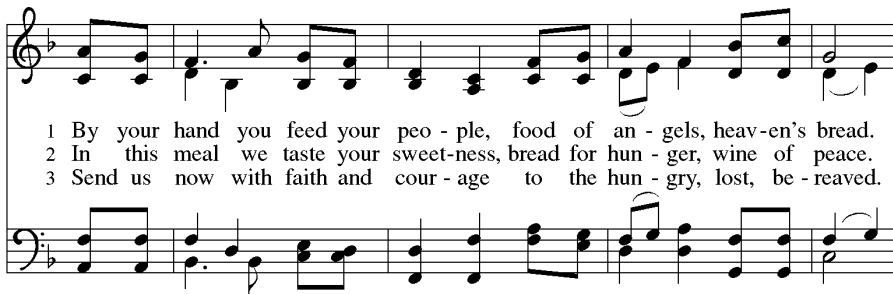
Sermon

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.

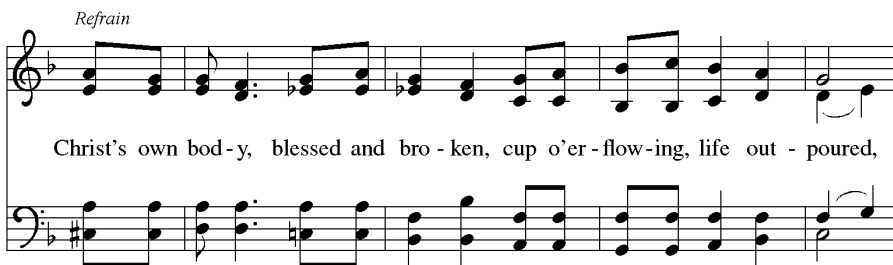


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

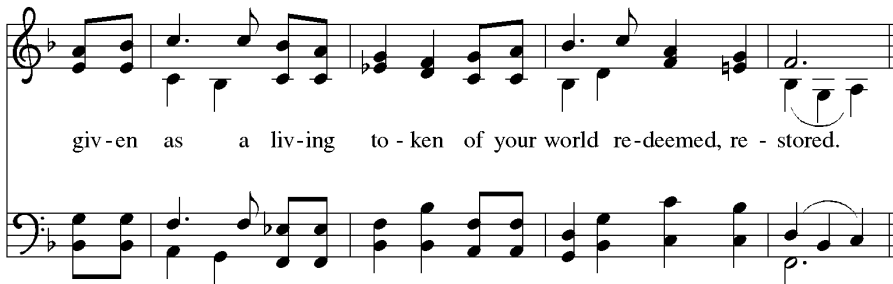


For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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 Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

L Loving God, we pray for all those who gather to celebrate the holy feast of Christ's body and blood. 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. Strengthen every member of your church in love, faith, and service. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Almighty God, we praise you for the beauty and abundance of your creation. Send sunshine and rain to nourish crops. Teach us to produce and distribute food with justice and generosity. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Loving God, you know every nation, every culture, and every people. Teach us to work together for peace and to love each other even when we cannot understand our neighbors. We pray for nations facing natural disasters, remembering especially the people of Greece, and the people of our own nation, remembering especially California. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Almighty God, you hear the cries of the hungry, the sick, and the downcast. Send food, healing, and comfort to all who are in need, especially Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Bob Fried, Kimberly Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Judy Hokenson, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, Joe Skelton, John and Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in our hearts [...]. Satisfy the desire of every living thing. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Loving God, we thank and praise you for this congregation. Teach us to be a holy family, Christ's body to and for one another. Unite us in love and faith. Teach us to feed the hungry both in body and soul. 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 Almighty God, we thank and praise you for the beloved dead who taught and fed us in Christian faith, especially Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany; and the blessed martyr Olaf, king of Norway. Hasten the feast that will reunite us. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

P Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 ...

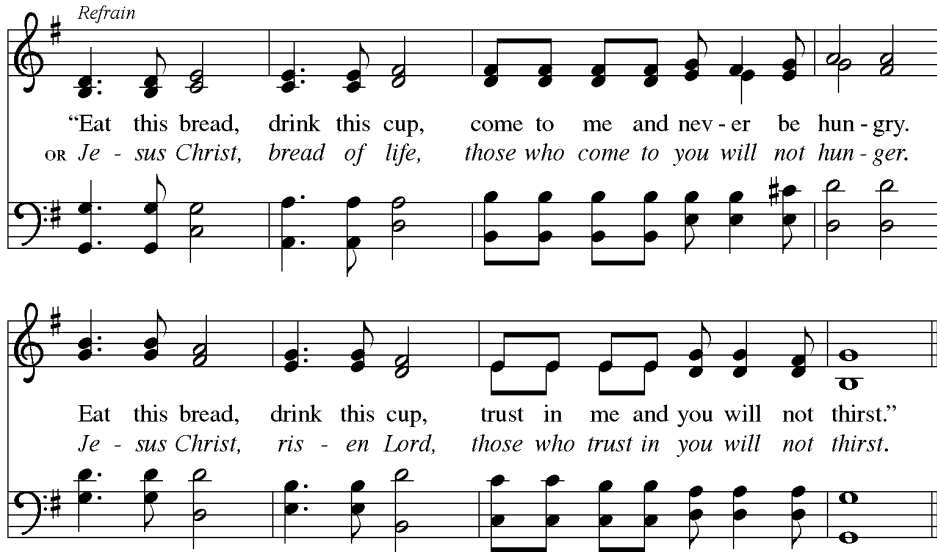
Offering *An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.*

Offering Music "Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness" *arr. Lynn Arthur Koch*

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

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

Refrain



The musical notation consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. 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 in G major and 4/4 time.

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 we are overwhelmed by the length and breadth, height and depth of your mysteries, your glory, and your love for us in Christ. You brought forth the earth and the heavens, and from tiny fragments you created a rich abundance to nurture and strengthen all who look to your hand.

In your Son, Jesus, you have given us the savior we longed for. Though he was crucified by the corrupt, you raised him to life, and he comes to us again, striding over chaos and death, dispelling our fears with a love beyond comprehension, strengthening us in our inner beings, and bringing us safely to the land of our destiny, a land of abundance where all will be fed.

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 Mary, Martha, Lazarus, Olaf, and with all your holy ones of all times and places. With earth and all its creatures, with sun, moon, and stars, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your Name, and join their unending hymn:

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

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 contains the piano 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 piano 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 piano 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 piano 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 continues the piano 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 in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of three staves each. The first system contains three lines of music with lyrics: 1. What does the Lord re - quire of you? 2. Jus - tice, kind - ness, 3. To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness. The second system contains three lines of music with lyrics: What does the Lord re - quire of you? walk hum - bly with your God. and walk hum - bly with your God. The score uses treble clefs and includes various note values and rests.

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 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" *(printed on following page)* **Hymnal 547**

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

Blessing

P I pray that, according to the riches of the Father's glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in + Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

A Amen.

Dismissal

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

A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" *arr. John Behnke*

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

Refreshments today are provided by Linda Edlund.

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

Serving in Worship today...

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Presiding Minister | Pr. Keith Fry |
| Assisting Minister | Anne Heider |
| Acolyte | Olivia Knoch |
| Lector | Kim Miller |
| Communion Minister | Kit McCarthy |
| Organist | Laurie Stivers |
| Table Preparation | Kit McCarthy |
| Communion Bread | TBA |
| Ushers | TBA |

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed,
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

This Week's Commemorations

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, d. 1030

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

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Hungry for Rescue

The miracle of multiplication began with a question. Jesus asked, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” (*John 6:5*). Then, like fragments of the improbable barley crusts and pieces of fish, the questions multiplied until the crowd was fed. In the moment, baskets full of leftover questions didn’t matter much. Maybe skeptics’ curiosities dozed off on full bellies.

Here’s a question: Did Jesus get in the boat or not?

Five thousand crowded the hillside. The gospel story doesn’t say they were hungry or that they expected to eat. Whatever Jesus had been doing for the sick—his signs—drew the crowd. As for a meal, all John tells us, and only in passing, is that the Jewish Passover, the sacred meal that recalled and celebrated the miraculous rescue from a life of slavery in Egypt, was near. That mattered; oppression occupied more than their memories. Rome occupied Palestine with a fist of misery. Jesus awakened hope. Burdened people paid attention. They were so worked up that, full of bread and fish, awestruck by all that was leftover, the crowd grew riotous, frantic to crown Jesus as their king.

Hours later, the disciples, muscling against fierce winds on a black night sea, suddenly became terrified. Was it the storm or was it the sight of Jesus walking on waves that spooked them? When Jesus said, “It is I; do not be afraid,” the disciples wanted him in their boat (*John 6:20-21*).

Here’s the question again. Did Jesus get in the boat or not? The episode ends with an undetailed report. The boat reached land. Period.

The crowds and the disciples are hungry for rescue. We will make you our king! We will take you in our boat!

Coming near, Jesus said “It is I; do not be afraid.” But did he get in their boat?

Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 2

Daytime Quilting 10:00 AM

Immanuel’s Staff and Leadership

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| 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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