



**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist  
August 19, 2018**

# Welcome!

**Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.**

**We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.**

**We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.**

We're glad God has called you here today! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

## Facilities

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at any time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays, see the church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. On Sundays, additional parking is available across the street at the Holiday Inn or in Lot 6 on Lake St. across from the Police and Fire Headquarters. Parking meters are free on Sunday!
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by the elevator.
- We love having children in worship! There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome". Please use the Internet responsibly!

## About Our Worship

Our Sunday worship is organized around the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It has a familiar form each week, but the content changes for each service according to a calendar shared with many other Christians. Our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is organized so that page numbers for the liturgy are in the front part of the book, while hymn numbers are in the second part. The liturgy and hymns are printed in this bulletin, but page numbers are provided for those who wish to follow along in the hymnal.

## Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal, because Christ himself invites you! At the direction of the usher, come forward if you are able, and kneel at the altar rail, starting at the walls. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. (Gluten-free wafers are available. Just ask the pastor.) You may eat it immediately, then take the silver chalice and drink from it or, if you prefer, take a small cup from the tray. The cups in the outer ring contain wine. The cups in the center contain grape juice. As you return to your seat place your empty cup in the trays provided at the ends of the front pews. Return to your place via the side aisles after you have communed. If you need to have Communion brought to you, please sit on the aisle, and let either the pastor or an usher know before the service that you would like to commune at your seat. If you desire a blessing but not the sacrament, you are invited to come forward with everyone else and fold your arms over your chest to indicate this.

## Gathering: *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...*

*Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's Supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.*

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

### Pre-Service Music

"Praise and Thanksgiving" Various arrangers

### 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 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for  
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your  
 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with  
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -  
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the

songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,  
 heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,  
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;  
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—

for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

## 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.

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

## Canticle of Praise

## Hymnal 163

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. Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as Living Bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, 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 ...*

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## Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

**Proverbs 9:1–6**

R A reading from Proverbs.

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,

<sup>4</sup>"You that are simple, turn in here!"

To those without sense she says,

<sup>5</sup>"Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.

R Word of God, word of life.

**A Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 34:9-14

1. Fear God, you chosen ones, and then Your  
 2. Come, children, listen to my words, And  
 3. Your tongue must keep from evil speech, Your

wants and needs will be sup-plied; Young li- ons hun- ger,  
 I will teach you how to be fed; Who seeks to know pro-  
 lips from ly- ing words must cease; Turn back from e- vil

but God's own Lack De- noth- ing, nor will be de- nied,  
 spe- ri do- ty, good, Seek sires and long pur- sue the way of life and holds dear?  
 and peace.

Reading from the New Testament

Ephesians 5:15-20

R A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

John 6:51-58

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

**A Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**A Praise to you, O Christ!**

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

## Sermon

### Time of Silence

*A bell will chime to begin a time of silence for reflection.*

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

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

Hymn of the Day

"We Eat the Bread of Teaching" Hymnal 518

*Refrain*

We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are

giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-gether

joined, the great-est and the least, we all are

one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.

1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our  
 2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and  
 3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her

hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-gain  
 gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-rich-ness  
 now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-

ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.  
 par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.  
 bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

*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 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 O Lord, you build your church, the body of Christ, and sustain it with living bread. 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. Let wisdom guide your church, and teach all its members the way of righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L O Lord, bless the work of musicians, composers, writers, and all artists. Move us to even greater praise through their gifts of creativity. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L O Lord, we thank you for the diversity of the nations. Shower your wisdom and mercy upon all leaders and citizens. Give us all the courage to seek peace and pursue it. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L O Lord, send calm and perseverance to those who are in trouble or who live daily with great stress. Fill them with your Spirit and satisfy them with your presence, remembering 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 [...]. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L O Lord, we thank you for this congregation. Give us gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy, and inspire us to give thanks at all times. Give us wisdom as we seek your vision for our mission in this place. 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 O Lord, we bless you for family, friends, and sisters and brothers in Christ who have guided us in wisdom and insight, remembering especially Bernard of Clairvaux and the Blessed Apostle Bartholomew. Lead us into peace with all people until the day of Christ. 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 ...

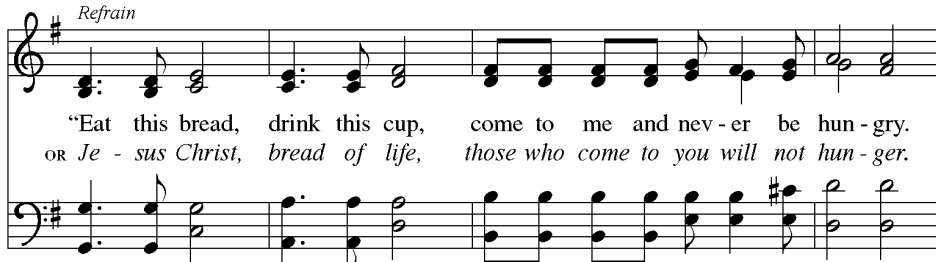
**Offering**      *An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.*

**Offering Music**      "Praise and Thanksgiving" [tune: "Bunessan"]      arr. Robert Powell


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

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

*Refrain*



“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.



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.

### 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, in the company of those who live with integrity, for you have given yourself to us as flesh and blood and you become the bread that nourishes us for eternal life. Your righteousness was established before time began and all you have created reflects your honor and majesty. You made a covenant with your people and gave yourself generously to all who seek your wisdom and walk in your ways.

In your great and steadfast love, you have come to redeem your people, offering us life in your Son, Jesus. Though his blood was poured out and his flesh sent to the grave, you raised him up to new life, and now he offers himself to us as the bread of heaven, so that all who eat and drink of him might live forever as one with him.

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 Bernard and the Blessed Apostle Bartholomew, 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 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 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 ...*

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**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 and Thanksgiving"

**Hymnal 689**

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

**Blessing**

P Go out, nourished by the bread of heaven, and take care to walk in the ways of wisdom. Discern carefully between right and wrong. Understand what the will of the Lord is. Feed on Christ and be filled with the Spirit.

And may God give you a wise and discerning mind;  
May + Christ Jesus fill you with life in all its fullness;  
and may the Holy Spirit overflow in you in songs of joy and praise forever.

**A Amen.**

**Dismissal**

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

**A Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

"Song of Praise" *arr. Charles Ore*

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

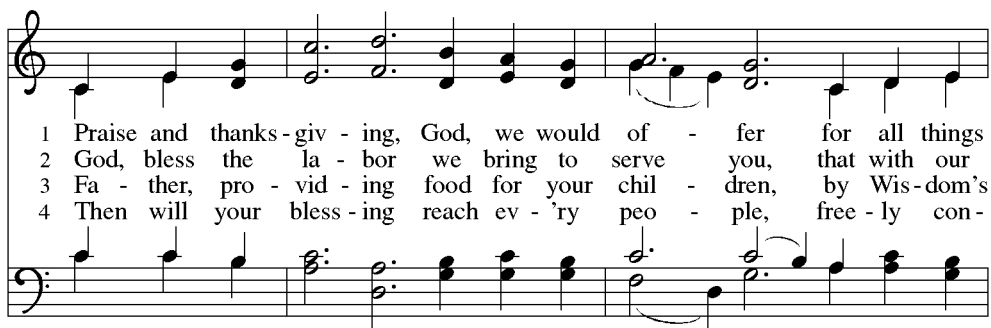
*Refreshments today are provided by the Simchaks.*

*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 ..... | Linda Edlund                    |
| Acolyte .....            | Tyler Knohl                     |
| Lector .....             | Scott Romans                    |
| Communion Minister ..... | Caroline Nacic                  |
| Organist .....           | Laura Stivers                   |
| Table Preparation .....  | TBA                             |
| Communion Bread .....    | Anne Heider                     |
| Ushers .....             | Steve Warner, Nicolai Schousboe |

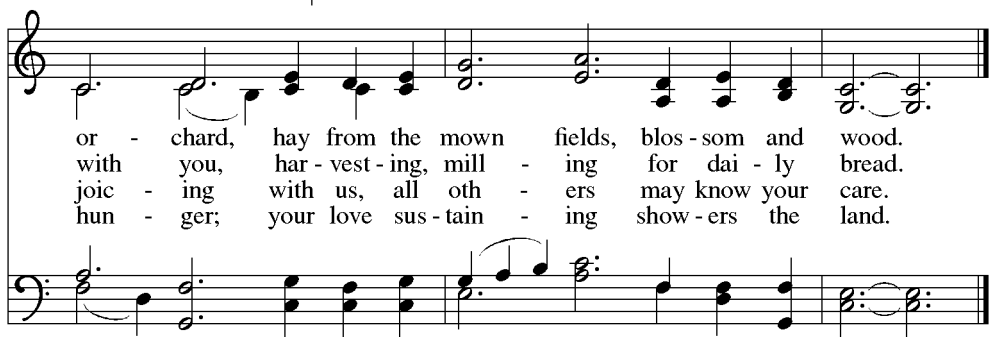
## Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

## **This Week's Commemorations**

### **Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, d. 1153**

#### **Monday, August 20, 2018**

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.

### **Bartholomew, Apostle**

#### **Friday, August 24, 2018**

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

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## Hungry for Meaning

The account of Viktor Frankl's survival in Nazi death camps, written in his famous memoir, *Man's Search for Meaning*, tells about the relentless days of wretched suffering. But most remarkable are his words about finding meaning in a grim wasteland of loss, the discovery of something that gives life in an existence pulsing with cruelty and death. Few of us face such horrors, but many of us do know what it is to rise into mornings that drift into hollowed out nights, days of empty passages.

During a long stretch of loneliness, the man paced vacantly through once joyful corridors that had become a maze of confused anguish. For anyone and no one to hear, he cried, shouted, "This is no life!" He wanted neither to live nor to die. Nothing—shopping, traveling, eating, drinking, going, coming, playing, working, hoarding, shedding—nothing had meaning.

Today, Jesus speaks of himself as living bread from heaven, his flesh for food and his blood for drink. The Gospel of John offers no details of the Lord's Supper, no instructions spoken over bread and wine, no "Do this for the remembrance of me." Instead, here, Jesus' invitation is to share in his way of abundant life, in a word, "abide."

Abide. You are not alone. Abide. Jesus is with you. Abide in communion with the one who hugs lepers, expels demons, breathes with the dead, rescues the far gone, goes to prison, wants the unwanted, loves the shamed, forgives the guilty, serves the servant, blesses the thieves, welcomes aliens, cancels debts, listens to children, gives the blind kaleidoscopes, the deaf symphonies, and the voiceless a song. May this be our prayer today: "When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me." (ELW 629)

## Upcoming Events

|                        |                            |         |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| Friday, August 24      | Evening Quilting           | 7:00 PM |
| Wednesday, September 5 | Choir Practice             | 7:30 PM |
| Sunday, September 9    | Choir Pre-Service Warm-ups | 9:30 PM |

## Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

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