



Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist
November 18, 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 ...*

November begins with All Saints Day and ends near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, the Letter to the Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

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

Pre-Service Music *Var. on "Now Thank We All Our God" & "Be Thou My Vision" Bach, Sinzheimer, others*

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the + holy Trinity, the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

A Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Source of all life,

**A we confess that we have not allowed
your grace to set us free.**

We fear that we are not good enough.

**We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward.**

Forgive us. Stir us.

**Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right,**

**act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven,

God's love is unconditional,

and we are raised up as God's people
who will always be made new,

in the name of + Jesus Christ.

A Amen.

Gathering Song

"Come, Ye Thankful People" Hymnal 693

Please turn to face the doors. You may reverence the cross as it passes you.

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.

All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
wheat and tares to-gether sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of-fen-s-es purge a-way;
Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,

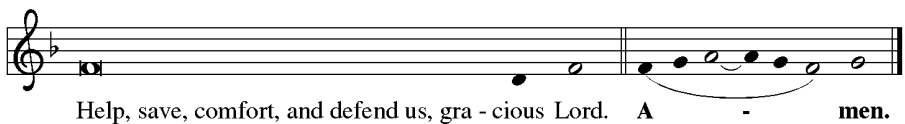
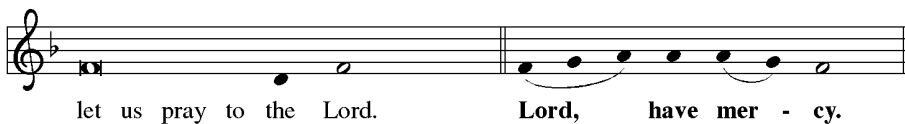
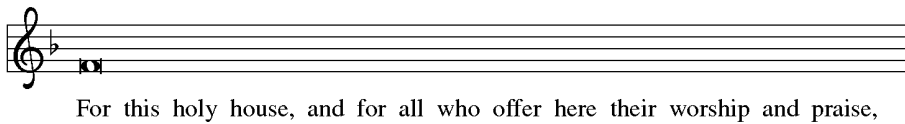
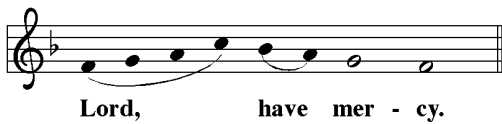
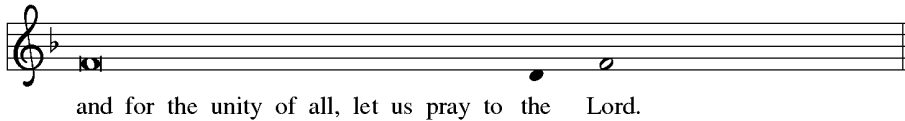
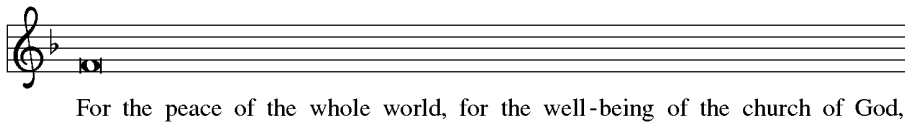
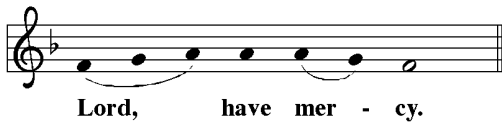
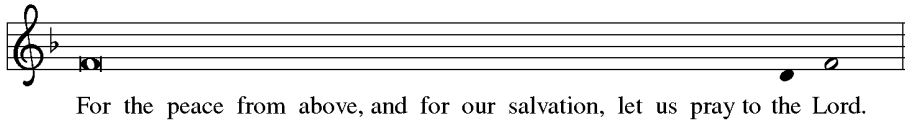
God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.

Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

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.**





Glory to God in the highest, 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. Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Generous Giving Moment

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

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Daniel 12: 1-3

R A reading from the Prophet Daniel.

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

R Word of God, word of life.

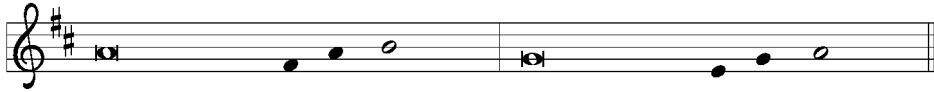
A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 16

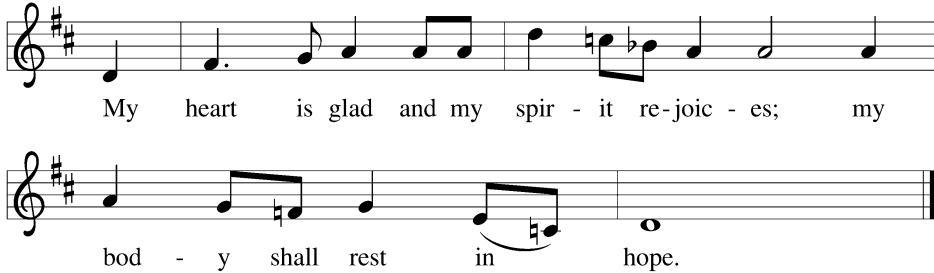
ELW Psalm Tone 1

The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through. The right side of the Assembly sings lightface verses to the tone, and the left sings boldfaced verses. All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."

Tone:



Refrain:



- 1Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other."
- 2**All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**
- 3But those who run after | other gods
shall have their troubles | multiplied.
- 4**I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,
never take their names up- | on my lips. R**
- 5O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- 6**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**
- 7I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.
- 8**I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken. R**
- 9My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.
- 10**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**
- 11You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- |
evermore. R

R A reading from Hebrews.

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," ¹⁷he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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 p. 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Mark 13: 1–8

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

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 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

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 With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

L Gracious God, you made the church through the working of the Holy Spirit, and you provide the assurance of faith through your Son. 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. Guide us in our proclamation of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L You created all things and said your creation was good. Protect land and water from harm, cause all living things to thrive, and raise up stewards for the well-being of creation. We pray especially for all people and creatures affected by fire in California. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L You desire peace for the whole world. Provide refuge for those in harm's way, bring an end to war, and instill in political leaders the love for all that comes from you. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L You reveal your compassion through caregivers, advocates, and medical professionals. Heal the sick, deliver the suffering, bind up the brokenhearted, provide shelter for the homeless and food for the hungry. We pray especially for Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Bob Fried, Jennifer Grethe, Judy Hokenson, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, Joe Skelton, John and

Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in our hearts [...]. Deliver them from their struggles into havens where they can find healing and faithful companionship. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L You bless us in our coming and our going, in our waking and our sleeping, and in our daily work. Make our love and good deeds a reflection of the freedom you give us in Christ Jesus. 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 You grant us everlasting life. We remember especially this week Clement, Bishop of Rome, Miguel Agustín Pro, Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant. Through the witness of your saints who now rest in the Lord, inspire us in our lives of faithful service. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

P Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, 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.

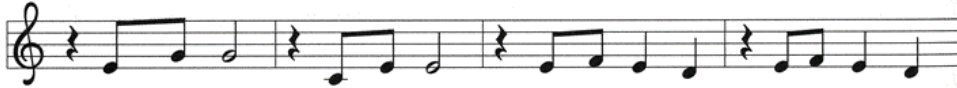
Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ ...

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

Offering Music "Be Thou My Vision" *arr. Edward J. Tipton*

Presentation of the Gifts "Here is Bread" **Hymnal 483**

The Assembly stands and sings as the gifts are brought forward and the Table is prepared.



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

A **God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth,
these resources of our life and our labor.
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.
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.

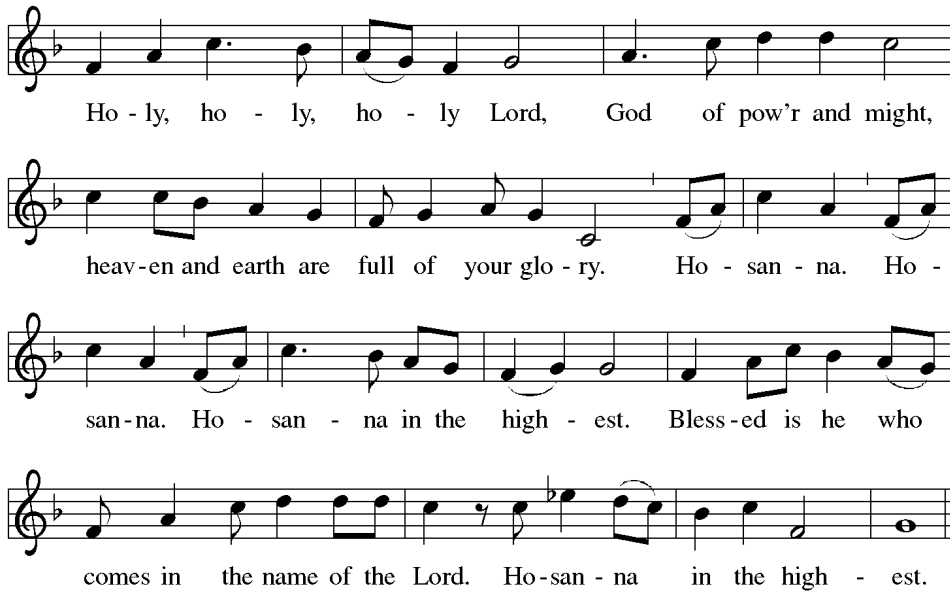
A It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you raise up the broken and humiliated and seat them in honor at your banqueting table. The whole universe is yours, for you made it; you set the earth in place and filled it with life. Through your law and prophets you promised that those who learn your wisdom will shine like the stars.

When we failed to live according to your wisdom, you sent your child, Jesus, among us to establish a new covenant, leading us in the way of faithfulness and writing your laws on our hearts. As a great priest, he offered a single sacrifice for all sins, and was thrown into the land of the dead, but you raised him to new life, opening for us a new and living way into your presence, and convulsing the earth with the birth pangs of the new age of your glorious justice.

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 Clement of Rome, Miguel Agustín Pro, Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, William Passavant, 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'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P O God most mighty, O God most merciful,
 O God our rock and our salvation,
 hear us as we praise,
 call us to your table,
 grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,
 you formed order and beauty.
 When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
 you sent them a child;
 When the Israelites were enslaved,
 you led them to freedom.
 Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
 and the psalmists cried out for healing,
 and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

He was born among the poor,
 he lived under oppression,
 he wept over the city.
 With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 Remembering his death, we cry out "Amen!"

A Amen!

P Celebrating his resurrection, we shout "Amen!"

A Amen!

P Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead "Amen."

A Amen.

P O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, 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 Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

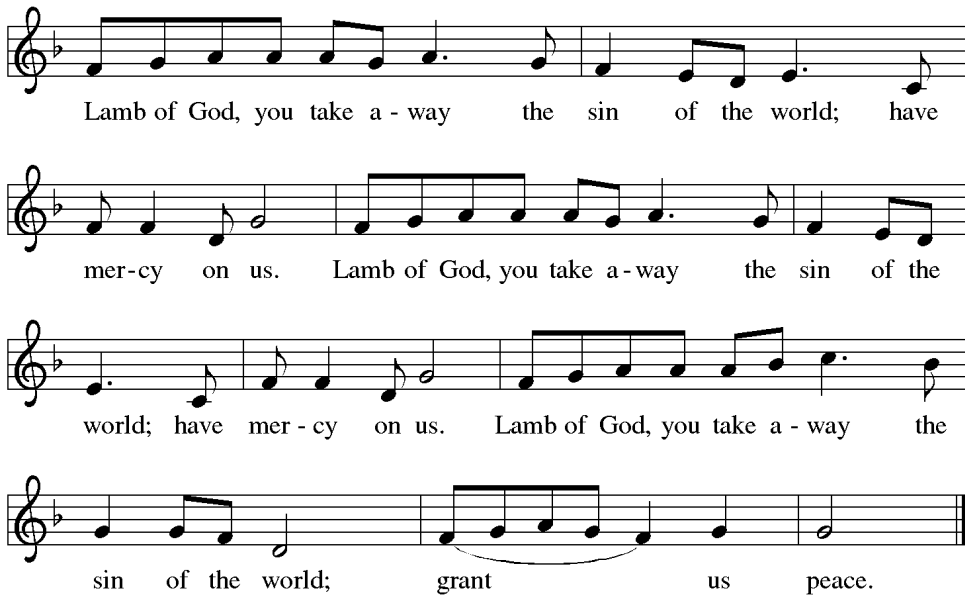
A **Thanks be to God!**

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 146**



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.

Communion Song *The Choir will lead us in singing simple Communion songs. Please feel free to join in!*

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

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” (*vv. 1 and 3 only*) **Hymnal 494**

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the remaining four lines. The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (Bb).

Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

A Amen.

Sending: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world ...*

Sending of Communion

P 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 “Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow” *(printed on next page)* **Hymnal 327**

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

Blessing

P Go out in peace, for the Lord has heard your prayers. Do not allow anyone to lead you astray, but hold fast to the hope you have claimed. Continue to meet together, encouraging and provoking one another to put love into action.

And may God make you to shine like the stars;
May + Christ Jesus usher you into the presence of God;
and may the Holy Spirit write the laws of life on your hearts.

A Amen.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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

Refreshments today are provided by the Hummel/Knohl Families.

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	Judy Kratochvil
Communion Minister	Kit McCarthy
Music Director	James Morehead
Organist	Greg Hummel
Table Preparation	Kim Miller
Communion Bread	Scott Romans
Ushers	Joanne and Erik Shearer

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
 ter - ror, bright - ning all the path we tread. One the
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
 glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -
 come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing
 ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.
 for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.

This Week's Commemorations

Clement, Bishop of Rome, d. ca. 100

Friday, November 23, 2018

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, d. 1927

Friday, November 23, 2018

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

**Justus Falckner, d. 1723; Jehu Jones, d. 1852; William Passavant, d. 1894; pastors in North America
Saturday, November 24, 2018**

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

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Constant Presence

Chapter 13 of the Gospel of Mark is not an easy read (read the whole chapter sometime today). In today's gospel, at the beginning of the chapter, a disciple gushes over the size and grandeur of the temple in Jerusalem. He is impressed and enthusiastic. Jesus, however, openly mocks what the disciple has so praised.

A small group of disciples pleaded with Jesus for more information later that evening, and his message now seemed even bleaker. Jesus spoke about wars, famines, and social unrest that would disrupt everyone and everything. And that temple over which they had been fawning? Jesus knew that the massive stones of this towering monument to the Hebrew faith would be yet another helpless casualty if the Roman Empire got angry enough. He could give them no comfort, only a firm, unyielding truth: life was about to become a nightmare for everyone. If his disciples wished to make it through this time in one piece they needed to continue to remember his words and follow him.

Jesus warns against being led astray. This is what chaos does. This is what fear does. There is hardly a better way for evil to spread than through chaos. There is hardly a feeling more corrosive to all that is good and holy than fear. In the midst of chaos and fear, Jesus filled the disciples, and fills us, with the power of the Spirit. This Spirit-power helps us navigate the dangers and fears we will surely face in life. These threats, these rumors of wars, earthquakes, and famines? They were not just back then. They are now, taking many forms. They are constant, unyielding. But mercifully, Jesus is yet even more constant and unyielding—in ages past right up to this moment. Thanks be to God.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Nov. 17	First Farmers' Market	7:30 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 21	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, First Congregational	7:00 PM
Thursday, Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Day	

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Keith Fry	Pastor
Sara Krentz.....	Congregation Council President
James Morehead	Music Director
Greg Hummel	Organist
Laurie Stivers	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu	Parish Administrator

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