

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist August 4, 2019

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 until 1 pm 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! Activity bags are available from the greeters. 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! There is no specific age requirement for Communion. If you would like your child to commune, please let the pastor know. At the direction of the usher, come forward if you are able, and kneel or stand 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 or near 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.

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all of us who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him, and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's Supper and the encouragement of God's word.

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

Pre-Service Music

"Prelude in Classic Style" Gordon Young

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

A Amen.

P Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

God of mercy,

- A we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us + all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

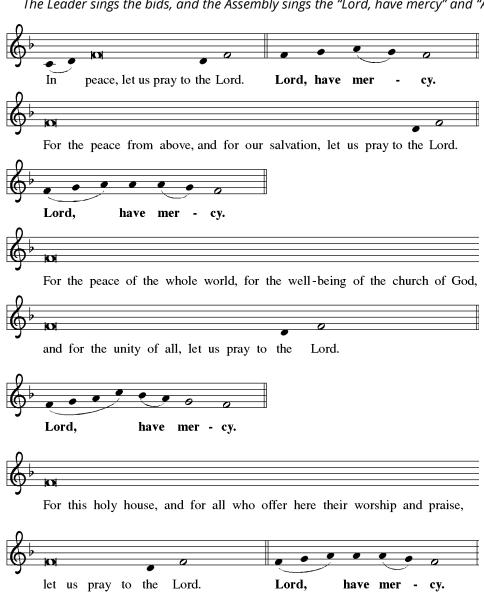
A Amen.

The Assembly turns to face the back doors. You may reverence the cross as it passes you.



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!



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A

men.

Canticle of Praise Hymnal p. 139



Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

Welcome and Announcements

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Hosea 11:1-11

R A reading from the Prophet Hosea.

Hosea compares God's love for Israel to the love parents have for their children. Whether teaching toddlers to walk or dealing with a child's rebellion, good parents continue to love their children as they try to lead them to life. In the same way, God's love will not let Israel go.

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
 The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴I led them with cords of human kindness,

with bands of love.
I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.

I bent down to them and fed them.

⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.

⁶The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes.

⁷My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call,

but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

⁹I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim;

for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. *[cont.]* ¹⁰They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.

- ¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD."
- R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 49:1–12 ELW Psalm Tone 3

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 the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses.

All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."



Refrain:



¹Hear this, [|] all you peoples;

give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,

²you of high de- | gree and low, rich and | poor together.

³My mouth shall [|] speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on [|] understanding.

⁴I will incline my ear | to a proverb and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp. R

⁵Why should I be afraid in [|] evil days, when the wickedness of those at my [|] heels surrounds me,

⁶the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess, and boast of | their great riches?

⁷One can never re- | deem another, or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;

 $^{8}\text{for the ransom of a life}\ ^{|}$ is so great

that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,

⁹in order to live forev- | er and ever and never | see the grave.

¹⁰For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to ¹ generation, though they had named lands af- ¹ ter themselves.

¹²Even though honored, they cannot | live forever; they are like the | beasts that perish. R

R A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

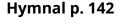
⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

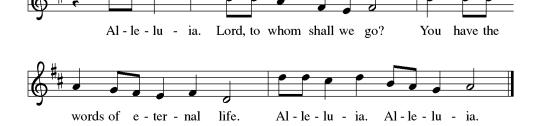
R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation





Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 11 Adult Spiritual Growth 9:00 AM
Worship with Eucharist 10:30 AM

Gospel Luke 12:13–21

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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 sound to signal a time of silence for reflection.

During this time, you may want to meditate on one word 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 with song.

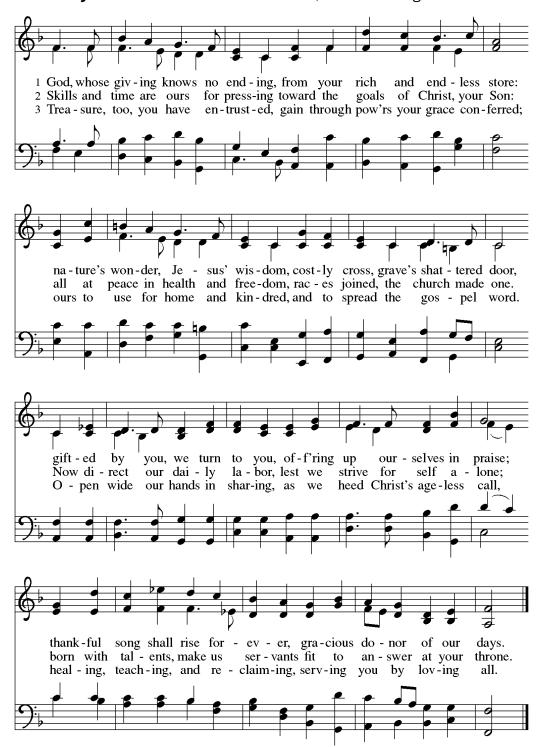
This Week's Commemorations

Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), d. 1221 Thursday, August 8, 2019

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans), devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

Lawrence, deacon, martyr, d. 258 Saturday, August 10, 2019

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the Emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged Emperor had him put to death.



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 Treasuring God's promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.
- L Your people struggle with the weariness and toil of living in a broken world. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Wayne, and our bishop-elect, Yehiel; for our pastor, Keith; for our president, Sara; for our Council; and for all those you have gathered here in your name, that you might work through your church to restore justice and mercy, and send rest and comfort to all who are bowed down. Trusting in God, our abundant provider, let us pray.

A Have mercy, O God.

L Your creation longs for generous care. Give growth to the fields, strength to farmers, ranchers, and laborers who toil in summer's heat, and wisdom to us to respect earth's bounty. Trusting in God, our loving creator, let us pray.

A Have mercy, O God.

L Your world reflects your image in billions of unique ways. Touch every life—low and high, rich and poor—and sway every heart toward your merciful will. Trusting in God, our Sovereign, let us pray.

A Have mercy, O God.

L Your people in this assembly praise you and pray for your almighty help. Comfort those who suffer from anxiety, depression, or stress. Provide for those in need. We pray for Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, Megan Lopes, Alyssa Steinberg, Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...], Trusting in God, our purpose and goal, let us pray.

A Have mercy, O God.

L Your communities near and far lack basic resources. Supply work, food, and health care for all who are in need. Bring relief to those who are overworked. Trusting in God, our help, let us pray.

A Have mercy, O God.

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 Trusting in the God who hears us, let us pray,

A Have mercy, O God.

L Your saints who have died now rest in your merciful care. Comfort us in faith and love as we continue our labor on earth. We remember especially today Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers, and Lawrence, deacon and martyr. Trusting in God, who gives life to the dead, let us pray.

A Have mercy, O God.

P All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

A Amen.

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

A And also with you.

Greet one another in the peace of the Risen 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.

The Meaning of Life

The book of Ecclesiastes in the Hebrew Bible is full of situations the author describes as "vanity" and "chasing after wind." The author is troubled by these situations, which seem unfair or absurd. He laments over a wise man who must leave all his possessions to a foolish heir (Eccles. 2:21), and over a rich man who loses everything on a bad venture (Eccles. 5:13–14). The author of Ecclesiastes believes that hard work and wisdom should be fairly rewarded, but notes that reality often turns out differently.

One might see today's parable from the Gospel of Luke fitting neatly alongside Ecclesiastes' cynicism. A rich man, blessed by an abundant harvest, tears down his barns to build bigger ones—but he dies before he can enjoy the fruit of his labor. This, too, is vanity and a chasing after wind!

But Jesus doesn't tell this parable as a commentary on the absurdity of human existence. Rather, he is teaching an important lesson about what we value.

All too often, we place trust first in ourselves, thinking we can achieve success and happiness all on our own. Or we believe we will be happy if only we get that latest gadget or that new car; we put our faith in blind luck, trusting that the harvest will be good, or that the stock market will continue to go up. And yet we find ourselves disappointed again and again.

"One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions," Jesus tells us. Wealth and material success will not give our lives meaning. Instead, we should be "rich toward God" (Luke 12:21). What does this mean? We are "rich toward God" as we build up our relationship with our Creator through prayer and studying scripture, through worship and acts of service. Such an endeavor is surely not vanity or a chasing after wind.

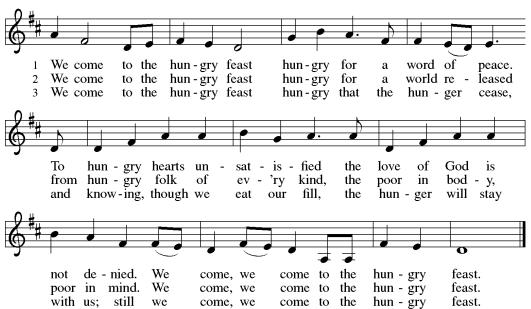
Offering An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.

Offering Music

Presentation of the Gifts

"We Come to the Hungry Feast " Hymnal 479

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



Offering Prayer

- L Let us pray.
- A Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine.

 Transform us to be the Body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; 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 up to the Lord!
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!
- A It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Preface The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:

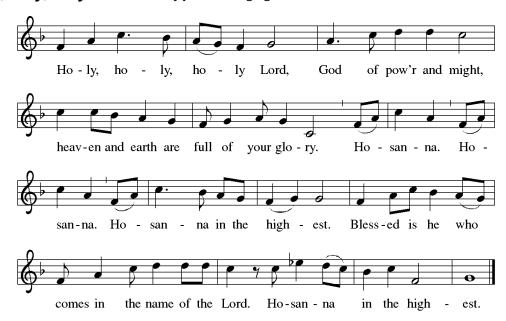
P It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you gather us up in your arms and hold us like a child to your cheek, healing us, even before we know it. You created the earth and chose yourself a people, snatching them from danger and leading them to a land where they could settle. When disobedience and idolatrous greed were our only response to your loving call, your heart was still warm and compassionate towards us, and you recoiled from punishing your children.

You came to us in love and mercy in Christ—the Holy One in our midst—showing us the path to renewal in your image. When he was put to death, you raised him in glory. Now our lives are hidden in his, ready to be revealed in glory when all is fulfilled and Christ is all and in all!

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 Dominic and Lawrence, 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 *The Assembly joins in singing:*

Hymnal, p. 144



Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages,
the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will,

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.

even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:



P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

A Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

- P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
- A Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



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.

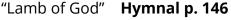
The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

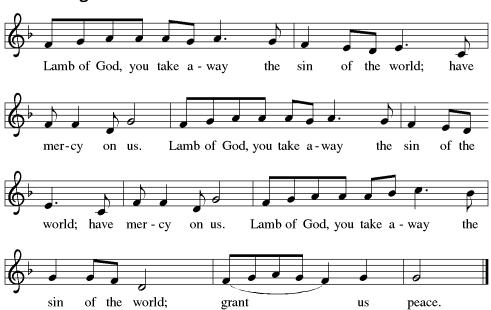
- L Christ invites you to this table of bounty. Come! The banquet is ready!
- A Thanks be to God!

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.







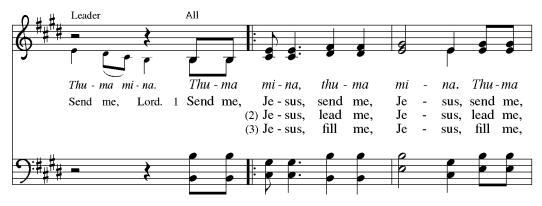
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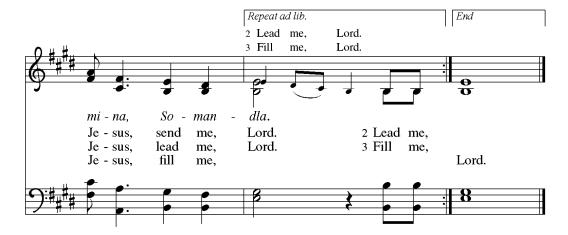
P May the body and blood of our + Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

A Amen.

Post-Communion Song

"Send Me, Lord: Thuma mina" Hymnal 809





Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table.

Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

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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

"In Christ There is No East or West" [printed on next page] Hymnal 650

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

Blessing

P Go now as those raised with Christ, wondering at God's great love and telling the story of your salvation. Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, and set your minds on the ways of heaven.

And may God reach out to you and nourish you; may + Christ Jesus renew you in the image of your creator; and may the Holy Spirit lead you with cords of kindness and love.

A Amen.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Share the Good News!

A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Grand Dances for Organ"

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck, arr. Joh Leavitt

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

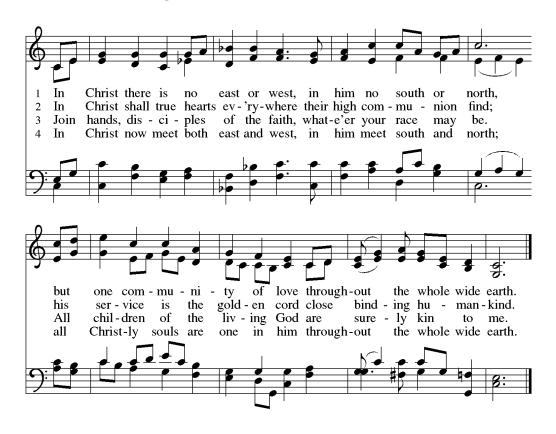
Refreshments are provided by Jean Kantner and Kim Miller.

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

Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Keith Fry
Assisting Minister	Linda Edlund
Acolyte	Caroline Nakic
Lector	Linda Edlund
Communion Minister	Kit McCarthy
Organist	Laurie Stivers
Table Preparation	TBD
Communion Bread	Linda Edlund
Ushers	Joe and Terri Simchak

In Christ There Is No East or West



Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Keith Fry	Pastor
Sara Krentz	
Linda Edlund	
Susan Ross	Congregation Secretary
Tom Couch, Greg Hummel, Melisa Larson, Kevin McDaniel, Scott Romans, E	
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Joe Simchak	Treasurer
Mary Ann Kearns	Financial Secretary
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Greg Hummel	Organist
Laurie Stivers	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu	Parish Administrator

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