



Immanuel  
Lutheran  
of Evanston

## The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist  
August 11, 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.

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

*Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

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

### Pre-Service Music

"Variations on Today's Hymn Tunes"

*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.**

## Gathering Song

## "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" Hymnal 327

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



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,



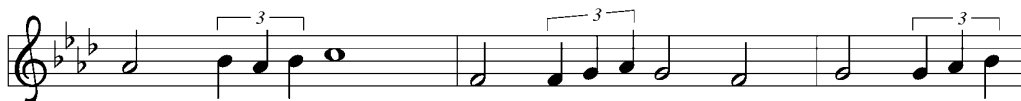
goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -  
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and  
from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the  
with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



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.  
shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

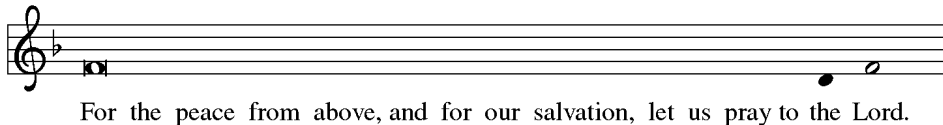
## Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

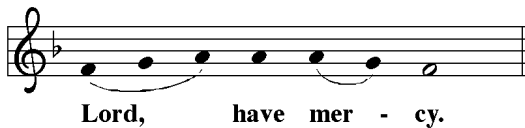
**A And also with you!**



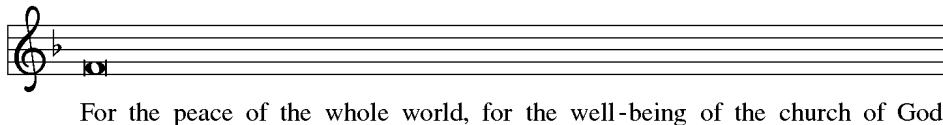
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



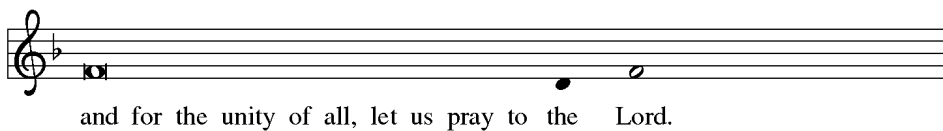
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



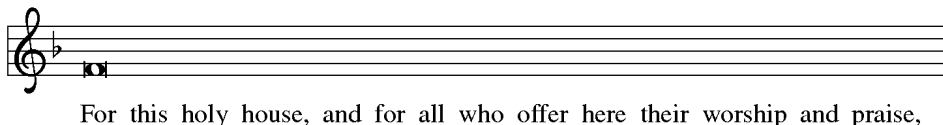
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



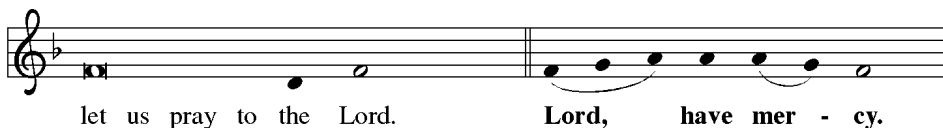
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



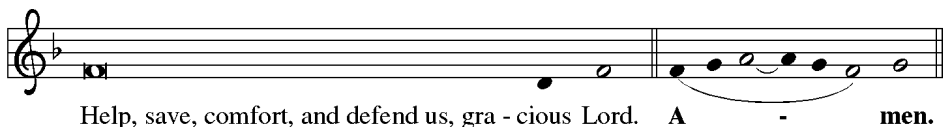
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



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, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A Amen.**

*The Assembly is seated.*

### Welcome and Announcements

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures**

**Isaiah 1:1, 10–20**

R A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

*Isaiah announces God's displeasure with the offerings and sacrifices of a people who are without compassion. He urges them instead to do justice and defend the oppressed. Indeed, if they repent, the Lord promises, they will be made as clean as new-fallen snow.*

<sup>1</sup>The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD,  
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup>What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.

<sup>12</sup>When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

<sup>13</sup>bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

<sup>14</sup>Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,  
I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup>When you stretch out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;  
even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.

<sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings  
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

<sup>17</sup>learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow. [cont.]

<sup>18</sup>Come now, let us argue it out,  
 says the LORD:  
 though your sins are like scarlet,  
 they shall be like snow;  
 though they are red like crimson,  
 they shall become like wool.  
<sup>19</sup>If you are willing and obedient,  
 you shall eat the good of the land;  
<sup>20</sup>but if you refuse and rebel,  
 you shall be devoured by the sword;  
 for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

R Word of God, word of life.

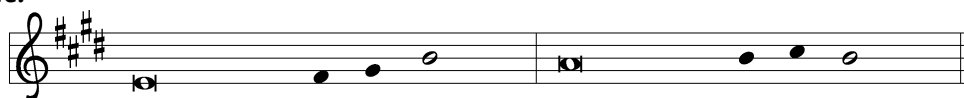
**A Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 33:12-22**

**ELW Psalm Tone 4**

*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."*

**Tone:**



**Refrain:**



<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God <sup>|</sup> is the LORD!  
 Happy the people chosen to <sup>|</sup> be God's heritage!  
<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks <sup>|</sup> down from heaven,  
 and sees all <sup>|</sup> humankind.**  
<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly en- <sup>|</sup> throned and watches  
 all who dwell <sup>|</sup> on the earth.  
<sup>15</sup>**God fashions <sup>|</sup> all their hearts  
 and observes <sup>|</sup> all their deeds. R**  
<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size <sup>|</sup> of the army,  
 nor are warriors rescued by <sup>|</sup> their great strength.  
<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain <sup>|</sup> hope for victory;  
 despite its great strength it <sup>|</sup> cannot save.**  
<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD,  
 upon those who wait for your <sup>|</sup> steadfast love,  
<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their <sup>|</sup> lives from death,  
 and to keep them alive in <sup>|</sup> time of famine. R [cont.]**



<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,  
our helper | and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,  
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,  
even as we place our | hope in you. **R**

## Reading from the New Testament

**Hebrews: 11:1-3, 8-16**

R A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them!

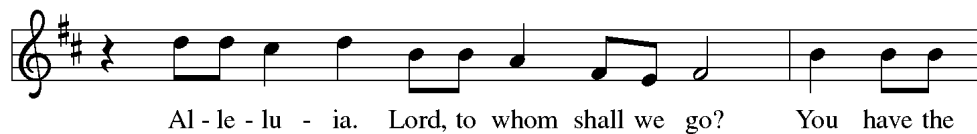
R Word of God, word of life.

**A Thanks be to God!**

*The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.*

## Gospel Acclamation

**Hymnal p. 142**



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

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

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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.*

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 18

Adult Spiritual Growth

9:00 AM

Worship with Eucharist

10:30 AM



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
 2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
 3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:  
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in-ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
 May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um-phant hour.  
 great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

## This Week's Commemorations

### Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, d. 1253

#### Sunday, August 11, 2019

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

### Florence Nightingale, d. 1910; Clara Maass, d. 1901; renewers of society

#### Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

### Maximilian Kolbe, d. 1941; Kaj Munk, d. 1944; martyrs

#### Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

### Mary, Mother of Our Lord

#### Thursday, August 15, 2019

The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title *Theotokos*, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry, and knocking the mighty from their thrones and sending the rich away empty.

## 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 Lord God, bless and send your church out from each place of worship to be a light to the nations. 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. Wherever we set out in faith, equip us to share our hope in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Bless and protect your creation, raising up stewards and innovators to nourish and sustain natural wonders too many to number. Protect bees and butterflies, and send sun and rain where they are needed. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Bless and govern the nations, uniting all humankind in seeking justice and peace. Fashion our hearts and guide our deeds in love. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Bless and comfort those in need, providing shelter to those without homes, food for those who hunger, companionship to those who are lonely, and health to the sick. We pray for Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, Joe Skelton, Alyssa Steinberg, Doris Strom, Verona Wilde, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...], Be their help and their shield. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Bless and sustain those wanting but unable to bear children, those in the adoption process, and children longing for parents. Welcome in love those who seek homes in a new community or country, and give us eyes to see and hearts to respond to the needs of our newest neighbors. 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 Keep in your care the faithful loved ones who have died in Christ, remembering especially Clare, abbess of San Damiano, Florence Nightingale, Clara Maass, the Blessed Martyrs Maximilian Kolbe and Kaj Munk, and Mary, the Theotokos, until we join them in the everlasting city, whose architect and builder is God. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

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.*

## Get Ready!

What does readiness look like? It can mean having your bags packed and your tank full of gas so you can leave on vacation. Being ready can mean having jumper cables in the trunk of your car in case of a dead battery. Being ready can mean leaving a light on for a family member returning home late at night.

There are many things we do in life to be ready. Sometimes readiness anticipates something good happening, and sometimes it anticipates something bad. In today's reading from Luke 12, Jesus compares the coming of the Son of Man to something positive—the expected arrival of the head of the household—and to something negative—a thief coming in the night.

The arrival of the Son of Man will be unexpected. We have to be ready because it could happen tomorrow—or years from now. We must be dressed for action, like the Israelites waiting for their escape from Egypt, eating their Passover lambs with their shoes on and their staffs in hand. When the moment came, they were ready to leave.

What does readiness look like for Christians awaiting the coming of the Son of Man? It's gathering in community for prayer and praise. It's eating our sacred meal of communion together frequently. It's making time for God in our daily lives. This is what it means to have our lamps lit, to be dressed for action.

But what if this coming frightens us? What if the very unknowable-ness of the day, the hour, or what exactly will happen makes us anxious and afraid? When this coming happens, will it be a good thing or a bad thing? Will we even recognize it? Into our uncertainty, into our unknowing-ness, Jesus speaks these tender words: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

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

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

**Offering Music** Antiphonal Improvisation on "Wareham" *arr. Max Sinzheimer*

**Presentation of the Gifts** "We Come to the Hungry Feast" **Hymnal 479**

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



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

**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 it is your good pleasure to open the Kingdom to us. The worlds were created by your Word and the heavens testify that you are just. Through your law and prophets you called your people from their hypocrisy, refusing to accept our offerings or hear our prayers until we showed a willingness to obey you.

Through Jesus Christ, your Child and our Savior, you called us to travel lightly as strangers and foreigners on the earth, putting our hopes in you alone and always being ready to welcome your future. When he was killed, you raised him to new life so that he might prepare a new world for those who put their faith in your promises, giving away their riches on earth and treasuring heaven in their hearts.

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 Clare, Florence Nightingale, Clara Maass, Maximilian Kolbe, Kaj Munk, and the ever-blessed Mary, God-Bearer, 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** *The Assembly joins in singing:*

**Hymnal, p. 144**

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 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,  
even to giving his 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.

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



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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!**

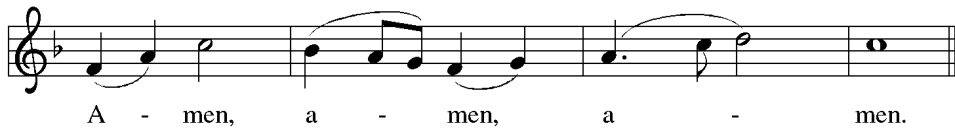
P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**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!

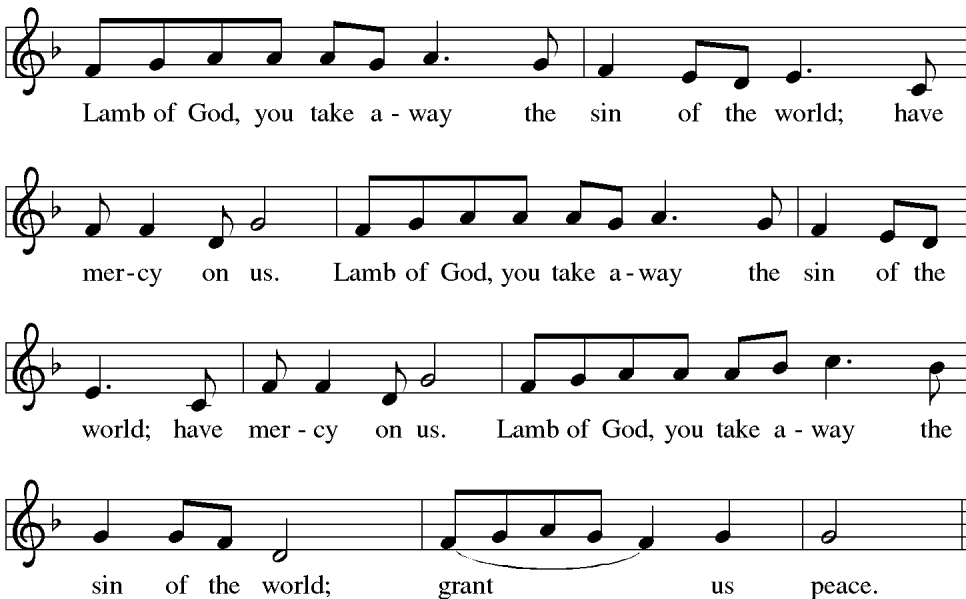
**A Thanks be to God!**

### 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.*

### Communion Song

"Lamb of God" Hymnal p. 146



The Assembly stands when directed by the Presiding Minister.

## Blessing after Communion

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

Leader All

Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma  
Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,  
(2) Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,  
(3) Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,

*Repeat ad lib.* *End*

2 Lead me, Lord.  
3 Fill me, Lord.

mi - na, So - man - dla.  
Je - sus, send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,  
Je - sus, lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,  
Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

## 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:** *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**

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age" *[printed on next page]* **Hymnal 729**

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

**Blessing**

P Go now like those prepared for the Lord to return. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed. Give freely to those in need and let your treasure be in the things of heaven

And may God not be ashamed to be called your God;  
may + Christ Jesus find you attentive and well prepared;  
and may the Holy Spirit give you the assurance of all that has been promised to you.

**A Amen.**

**Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Share the Good News!

**A Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

"Voluntary" *Gordon Young*

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

*Refreshments are provided by Bert Mount.*

*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.....	Kit McCarthy
Acolyte .....	Scott Romans
Lector .....	Linda Edlund
Communion Minister .....	Linda Edlund
Organist .....	Laurie Stivers
Table Preparation .....	Kit McCarthy
Communion Bread .....	Audrey Moy
Ushers.....	Jim Rakowsky

## The Church of Christ, in Every Age

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

### Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Keith Fry.....	Pastor
Sara Krentz.....	Congregation President
Linda Edlund.....	Congregation Vice President
Susan Ross.....	Congregation Secretary
Tom Couch, Greg Hummel, Melisa Larson, Kevin McDaniel, Scott Romans, Erik Shearer, Jim Skelton, Grace Yarnoff.....	Congregation Council Members
Joe Simchak.....	Treasurer
Mary Ann Kearns.....	Financial Secretary
Elizabeth Stegner.....	Assistant Financial Secretary
James Morehead.....	Music Director
Greg Hummel.....	Organist
Laurie Stivers.....	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu.....	Parish Administrator

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