

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist August 18, 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 1:00 P.M. 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.

The Word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the Eucharist we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

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

Pre-Service Music Variations on "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee" Bach, Bohm and others "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Manz

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.

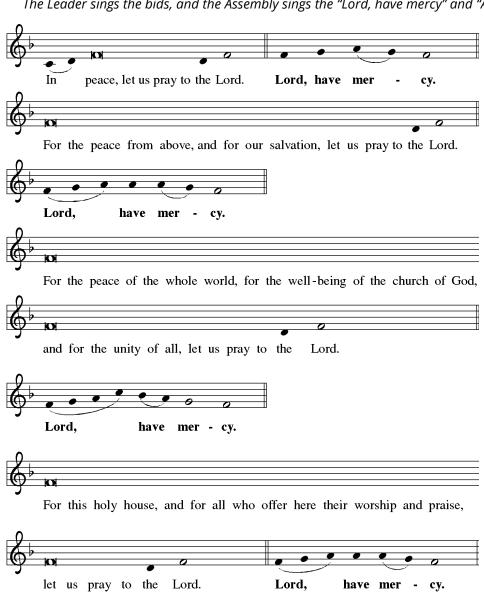
Gathering Song

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. O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

Welcome and Announcements

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 5:1-7

R A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The prophet sings about a beautiful vineyard, carefully planted and cultivated, that nevertheless yields wild grapes. The owner therefore determines to destroy the vineyard, which represents the sinful people of Israel and Judah.

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,

and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,

and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,

but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,

judge between me

and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard

that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,

why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you

what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,

and it shall be devoured:

I will break down its wall,

and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste;

it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;

I will also command the clouds

that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts

is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah

are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice,

but saw bloodshed;

righteousness,

but heard a cry!

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 82 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:



¹God stands to charge the divine coun- [|] cil assembled, giving judgment in the midst [|] of the gods:

²"How long will you | judge unjustly, and show favor | to the wicked?

³Save the weak [|] and the orphan; defend the hum- [|] ble and needy;

⁴rescue the weak [|] and the poor; deliver them from the power [|] of the wicked. R

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a- | bout in darkness; all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.

⁶Now I say to you, ¹ You are gods, and all of you children of ¹ the Most High;

⁷nevertheless, you shall [|] die like mortals, and fall like [|] any prince.'"

⁸Arise, O God, and [|] rule the earth, for you shall take all nations [|] for your own.

Reading from the New Testament

R A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God!

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

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



Hymnal p. 142

Hebrews: 11:29—12:2

Gospel Luke 12:49–56

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

Friday, August 23	Evening Quilters	7:00 PM
Sunday, August 25	Adult Spiritual Growth	9:00 AM
	Worship with Eucharist	10:30 AM



This Week's Commemorations

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, d. 1153

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns still beloved today, including "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" and "Jesus, the Very Thought of You."

Bartholomew, Apostle

Saturday, August 24, 2019

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

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.
- O God, you have given us your word. Like a fire, kindle its flame within and among us. 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. Empower us for the work of breaking down walls, reconciling the divided, and building faith. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L You formed the furthest reaches of the universe, yet your spirit dwells within each life. Be the companion and keeper of every creature, and redeem all your creation in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L You rise up to rule the nations. Bless grassroots movements and guide elected officials. Teach the nations to be good neighbors to each other. Inspire us all to share food, land, knowledge, and our arts for the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L You rescue those in any need. Be with surgeons, nurses, and all those who care for the sick. We pray for Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, Masuda and Azeem Mirzakhail, Joe Skelton, Alyssa Steinberg, Doris Strom, Verona Wilde, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...], Shelter all who need homes and feed all who are hungry. Comfort those who are bereaved. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L We thank you for the friendship, community, and witness of those gathered here today. Send us out to welcome those estranged from family or experiencing difficult separations. 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 We look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. We remember especially Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux; and the Blessed Apostle Bartholomew, and all those who have died in your love, and ask that at the last we might 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.

A Gospel of Division

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! . . . Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!" (*Luke 12:49, 51*). Jesus' words in today's gospel seem far different from the message of compassion and love we expect from him. Jesus shows us God's boundless love, but this is a message that provoked conflict. The message of Jesus led to his death at the hands of the religious and political authorities. His disciples feared the same fate—not without reason.

By choosing to become followers of Jesus, early Christians might have found themselves going against their own parents, siblings, or children. The Christian community became a new family, united as adopted children of God and siblings of Christ. Today, although faith and familial relationships exist in harmony for a large number of Christians in North America, the message of Jesus is still a source of division and conflict because of what the gospel calls us to do.

Jesus calls us into a kingdom unlike any of the kingdoms of this world. We are called to pursue justice for all people, to care for those on the margins, to seek God's will before our own. Jesus' message conflicts with our common cultural messages, which tell us to seek our own profit at others' expense, to look out for our own but not for those who are different. In a world that glorifies self-promotion and self-sufficiency, our Lord calls us to love.

Jesus did not come to bring a comfortable gospel. He came to bring a challenging gospel, one that calls us to oppose the powers of this world that harm, exclude, and instill hate. Following this gospel might even set us in opposition to our own friends and family. But the message Jesus brings is a message of salvation and of love for all people—and sometimes that requires taking a stand.

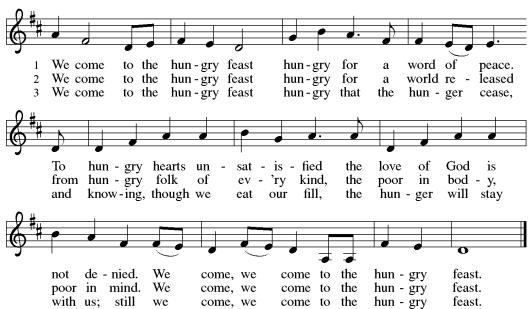
Offering An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.

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:*

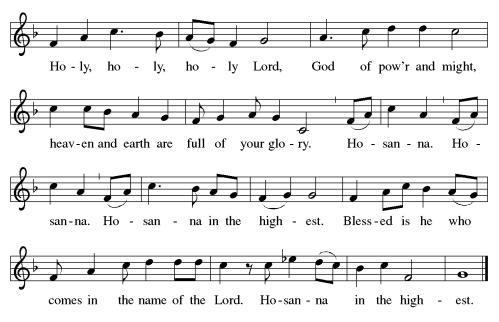
P It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for though our lives were a wasteland you cherished us and gave us life again. With a love-song, you sang the earth into existence, and led your people from slavery through the Red Sea. You planted them as a vineyard in a fertile land and looked for a harvest of justice and righteousness.

When we returned only bloodshed and torment, you sent your child, Jesus, to be the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. His preaching kindled a fire and divided the living from the dead. He endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and was baptized in suffering and death. You raised him to life and seated him at your right hand, and are now strengthening us for the race before us, so that with the faithful witnesses of all generations we may receive your promises and be made perfect.

Therefore, with hearts full of gratitude, we sing joyfully, giving thanks to you, who are both Father and Mother to us, at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We join our voices with Bernard of Clairvaux, the Blessed Apostle Bartholomew, and with all your holy ones of all times and places. With earth and all its creatures, with sun, moon, and stars, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your Name, and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy 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.







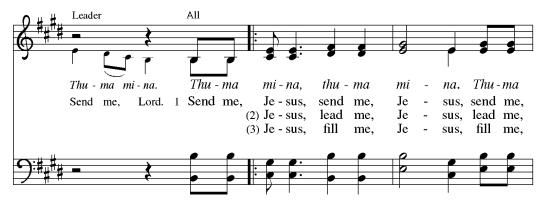
Blessing after Communion

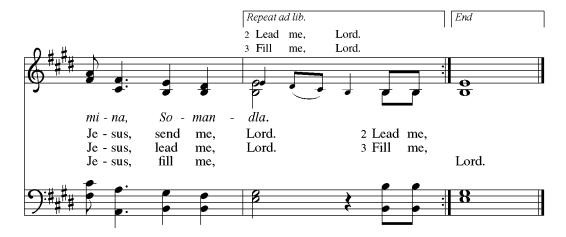
P May the body and blood of our + Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

A Amen.

Post-Communion Song

"Send Me, Lord: Thuma mina" Hymnal 809





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

"God of Grace and God of Glory" [printed on next page] Hymnal 705

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

Blessing

P Go now with your eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Lay aside the ways of sin, bring forth a harvest of justice and righteousness, and run with perseverance the race that is set before us, led by the example of those who have come before us, that "great cloud of witnesses" who surround us even as I speak.

And may God turn to you and cherish you; may + Christ Jesus surround you with the light of his presence; and may the Holy Spirit give you life and strength to run the race set before you.

A Amen.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Share the Good News!

A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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

Refreshments are provided by Hal and Melisa Larson.

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

Serving in worship today...

Presiding MinisterAssisting Minister	
Acolyte	
Lector	
Communion Minister	Caroline Nakic
Organist	
Table Preparation	Kim Miller
Communion Bread	
Ushers	Nicolai Schousboe

God of Grace and God of Glory



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