



Immanuel
Lutheran
of Evanston

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
with Blessing of the Animals**

**10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist
October 6, 2019**



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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.

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

A little faith goes a long way, is our Lord's point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the word (holy baptism), bread and wine (holy communion), the Word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving. And today we remember with gratitude our brother Francis of Assisi, as we give thanks for the goodness of creation and invite all to bring companion animals for a blessing.

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

Pre-Service Music

"Variation on Today's Hymns"

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the strength of our ancestors,
the host of this meal,
the builder of the city that is to come.

A Amen.

P If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence for reflection.

God our helper,

**A we confess the many ways
we have failed to live as your disciples.
We have not finished what we began.
We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.
We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.
Put your trust in these promises:
God will never leave you or forsake you.
You who were lost have been found!
For the sake of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice with the angels at this good news!

A Amen.

Gathering Song

"Let all Things Now Living" Hymnal 881

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



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Greeting

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

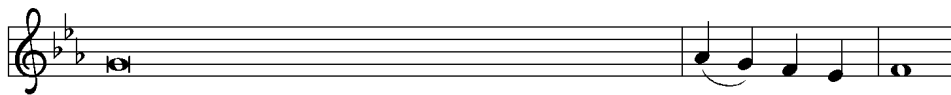
A And also with you!



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



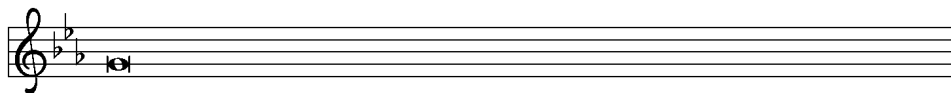
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



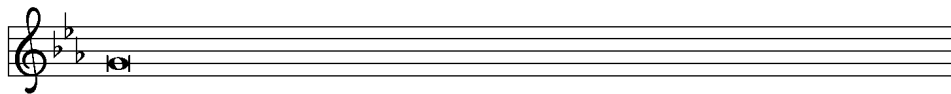
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.



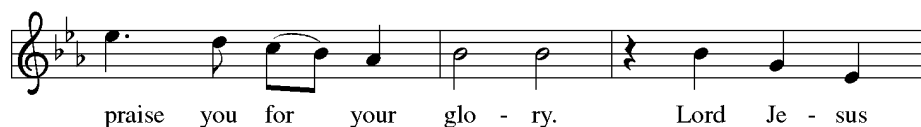
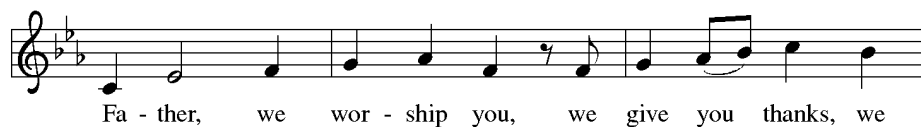
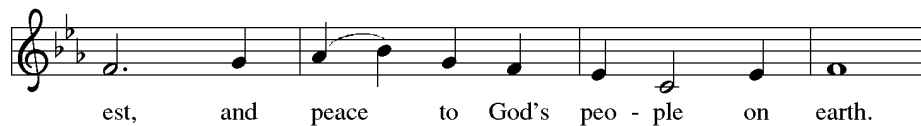
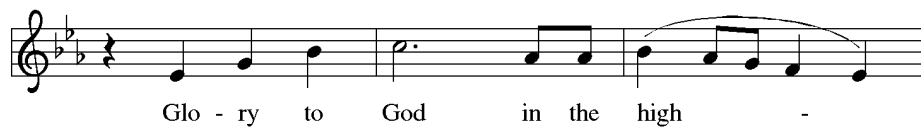
Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



[cont.]

God the Fa - ther. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Most high, omnipotent good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of your blessed servant, Francis of Assisi, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy. O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of all those who trust us to look after them. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

A Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Blessing of the Animals

The Assembly is seated.

At this time, those who wish to receive blessings for their animals are invited to bring them forward.

P Most high, almighty Lord, our Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor, and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon all these animals present here, and on all those everywhere. May our relationships with them mirror your love, and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy. Grant these creatures health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and God's servant Francis. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

A Amen.

P *[Name of animal]*, may you be blessed in the name of the Creator, in the name of the Redeemer of Creation, and in the name of the Spirit who breathes life into all living creatures. May you and *[name of guardian]* enjoy life together, and may you know the full joy of the God who created you.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2:1-4

R A reading from the Prophet Habakkuk.

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the wicked will perish, but the righteous will live by faith.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

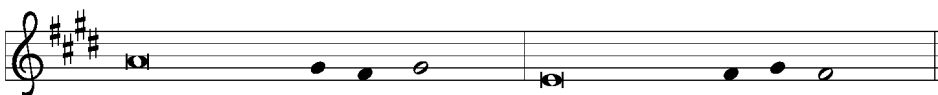
³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith."

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

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:**

Com - mit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD.

- ¹Do not be provoked by | evildoers;
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
- ²**For they shall soon wither | like the grass,
and like the green grass | fade away.**
- ³Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.
- ⁴**Take delight | in the LORD,
who shall give you your | heart's desire. R**
- ⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD,
and see what | God will do.
- ⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light
and the justice of your case like the | noontday sun.**
- ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.
- ⁸**Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**
- ⁹For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land. R

R A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

This message written from Paul to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

The word of the Lord en - dures forever. * That word is the Good News that was an - nounced to you.

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table?' ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?' ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Alleluia portion of 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.



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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 Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

L Increase the faith of your church. Give us courage when we are reticent in sharing your love. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Yehiel; for our pastor, Keith; for our president, Sara; for our Council; and for all those you have gathered here in your name. Renew in us your holy calling, according to your own purpose and grace. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Tend the garden of your creation that teems with all kinds of life. Restore us as caretakers of animals and plants, mindful of the generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Destruction and violence are ever before us, and strife and contention rise up in many nations. Draw to yourself all the people of the world, emboldening them to strive for peaceful and just solutions to conflict. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L You promise life and wholeness to those who wait patiently for you, and you hear those who cry out to you for help, remembering especially Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Judith Kratochvil, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, Joe Skelton, Alyssa Steinberg, Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...], Heal the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and attend to all in need of your care. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Rekindle your gift of love in this community. Bind together in Christ the weak and the strong, those with little faith and those with much. Help us to respond to one another with Christlike compassion. 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 remember with gratitude the faithful who have guided the next generations. Gather us and all your holy ones, remembering especially Francis of Assisi, William Tyndale, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, and Massie L. Kennard, into the eternal, risen life in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

P Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Reflection on Gratitude and Generosity

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.

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

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

Offering Music

"And With This Bread" Beverly Easterling

Presentation of the Gifts

"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal" **Hymnal 464**

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

1. Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2. Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3. Grant for - give - ness in the feast, Je - sus, feed us

Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the - least; feed us with your love.

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The music features a simple harmonic accompaniment with a melody line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The piece concludes with a final chord marked with a fermata.

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

A Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.

With them we offer ourselves to your service

and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption

of all that you have made,

for the sake of him who gave himself for us,

Jesus 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:*

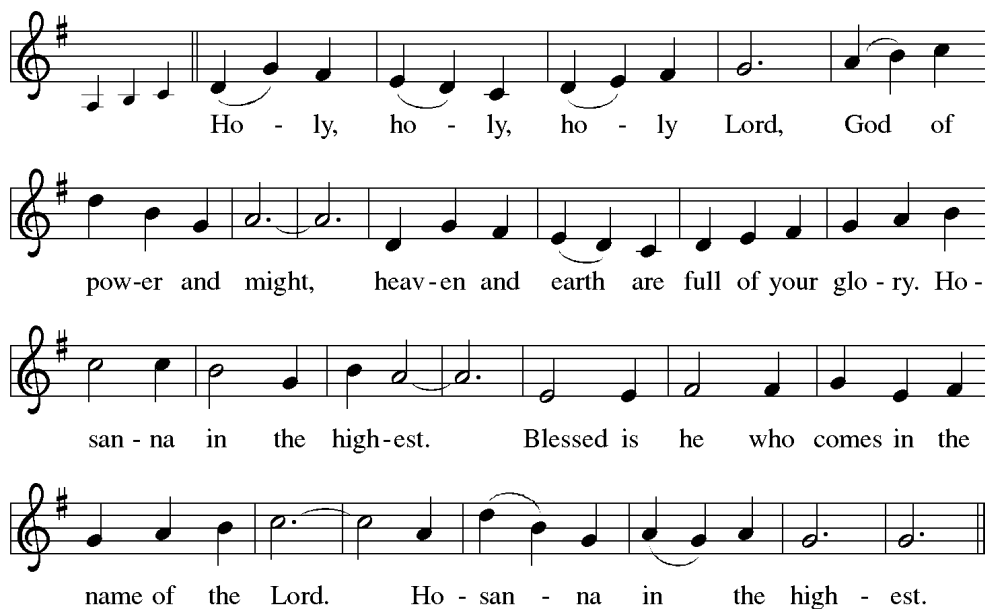
P We do indeed give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you saved us with a holy calling for the sake of the life that is in Christ Jesus. Before the ages began, your grace was at work, bringing all things into being according to your purpose. You pledged your steadfast love to your people, and even when they were in exile and suffering, your mercy was there new every morning.

In Christ Jesus you revealed the fullness of your grace, and came among us sowing seeds of faith and love. When he was betrayed by his friends and killed by enemies, you abolished death and raised him to life. Though we have done no more than we ought, you have honored every seed of faith, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, you rekindle our gifts and empower us with love.

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 Francis of Assisi, William Tyndale, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Massie L. Kennard, 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-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.
The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

A We praise you, O God!

P Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

A We bless you, O, God!

P We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

A We thank you, O, God!

P 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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 Taste and see that the Lord is good!

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.

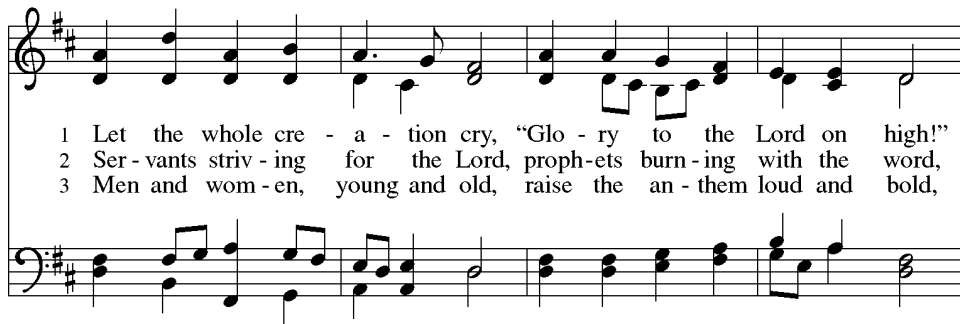
Communion Song

"Lamb of God" Hymnal p. 112

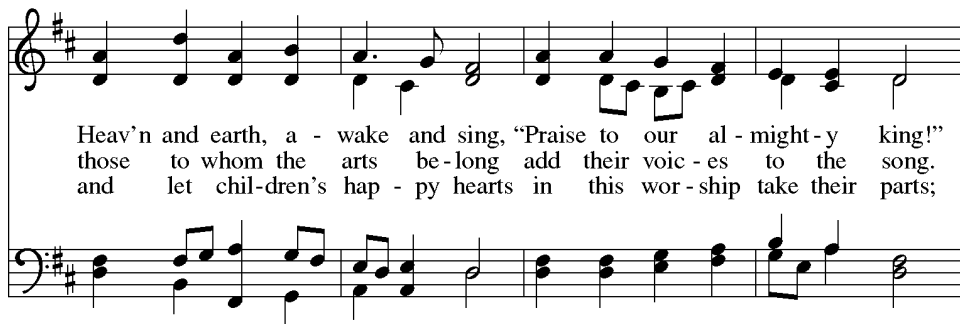


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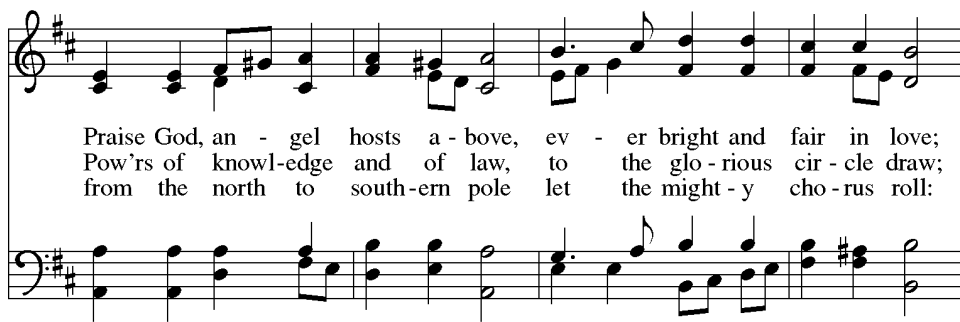
"Let the Whole Creation Cry" Hymnal 876



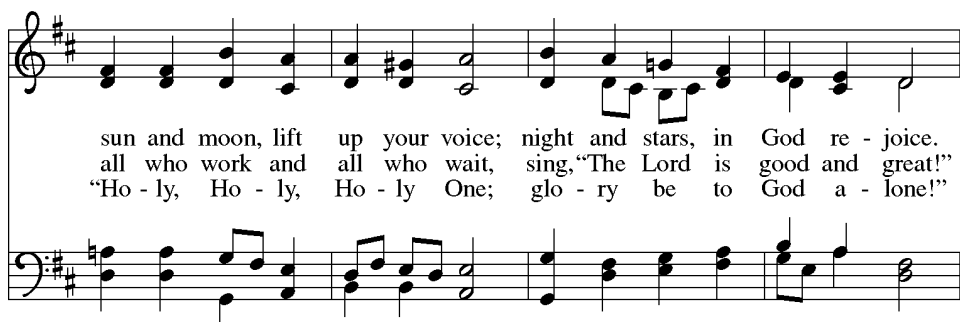
1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song;
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

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

"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing" Hymnal 544

The musical score is written on four staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Praise the Lord, rise up re-joic-ing, wor-ship, thanks, de-
Sins for-giv-en, up wrongs for-giv-ing, we go forth a-

vo-tion and voic-ing; glo-ry be-to, God on high!
lert and liv-ing in your Spi-rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas-sion shar-ing, by this eu-cha-
Part-ners in your new cre-a-tion, seek-ing peace in

rist de-clar-ing yours the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
ev-'ry na-tion, may we faith-ful fol-l'wers be.

Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

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

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

"For the Fruit of All Creation" *[printed on next page]* **Hymnal 679**

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

Blessing

P Go now, relying on the power of God. Guard the good treasure God has entrusted to you and hold firm to the teaching of the apostles. Remember one another in your prayers and continue to offer yourselves for the gospel.

And may God give you grace, mercy and peace;
may + Christ Jesus lead you into life and faith;
and may the Holy Spirit live within you and rekindle good gifts within you.

A Amen.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us!

A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Praise the Lord, Rise up Rejoicing"

arr. Kenneth T. Kosche

*Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.
Come enjoy one another's company and hear about all the opportunities for service and community!*

Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister.....	The Rev. John Lang
Assisting Minister.....	Kathryn Skelton
Acolyte.....	Kit McCarthy
Lector.....	Anne Heider
Communion Minister.....	Terri Hummel
Organist.....	Laurie Stivers
Table Preparation.....	Francis Bushhammer
Communion Bread.....	The Bread Bakers
Ushers.....	Nicolai Schousboe

For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

This Week's Commemorations

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, d. 1536

Sunday, October 6, 2019

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed his translation of the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, d. 1787

Monday, October 7, 2019

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, d. 1996

Thursday, October 10, 2019

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America, the denomination to which Immanuel belonged before the ELCA was formed. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 8	North Shore Squares	7:00 PM
Wednesday, October 9	Choir Practice	7:30 PM
Thursday, October 10	Daytime Quilters	10:00 AM
	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 PM
Sunday, October 13	Adult Spiritual Growth	9:00 AM
	Worship with Eucharist	10:30 AM

Humbly to the Table

“Increase our faith!” (*Luke 17:5*). This request from the disciples seems perfectly reasonable. They have seen Jesus cleanse and heal people, and even resuscitate a dead man. They have seen him calm a storm, cast out demons, and multiply loaves and fish. Not only have they seen Jesus do all this, but they have done some of it themselves. After Jesus sent seventy of the disciples out, they returned with joy and reported, “Even the demons submit to us!” (*Luke 10:17*). It is not surprising they would want to experience more.

Jesus’ response about faith the size of a mustard seed defies the disciples’ expectations of what an increase in faith looks like. He then shares a reflection about obedience and humility. An increase in faith, Jesus seems to be saying, does not come through supernatural demonstration of power but through humble obedience to what God has commanded.

As we gather in worship, we certainly hope for an increase in our own faith. Perhaps we, like the first disciples, have experienced God working through us in amazing ways. Maybe we have seen new life appear in the lives of people around us. Given these glimpses of grace, we find ourselves wanting more. Increase our faith!

Jesus’ answer to our request involves the same obedience and humility commended to the disciples. Though a simple invitation to service, this humble obedience can be difficult to put into practice. One way we are obedient to our baptismal call is by coming together around a table in remembrance of Jesus, receiving the body and blood of Christ in communion. Martin Luther’s *Small Catechism* reminds us that the words “given for you” and “shed for you” are essential words of forgiveness—including forgiveness for when we aren’t humble or obedient to God’s desires for us. In faith we serve as we are able. We then come humbly to the table to be served a gift of grace and forgiveness, given and shed for each of us.

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