

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist October 13, 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.

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of Holy Baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in Holy Communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we return to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the Good News.

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

Pre-Service Music

Variations on hymns of the day

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.

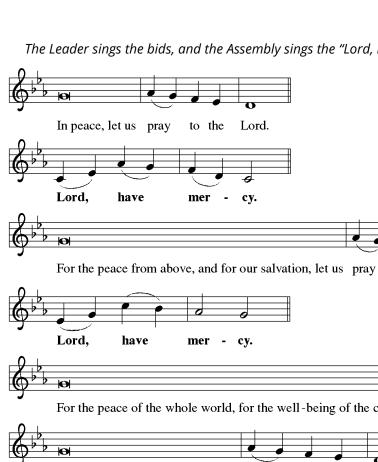
Gathering Song

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!

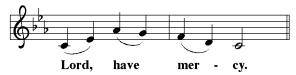


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

to the

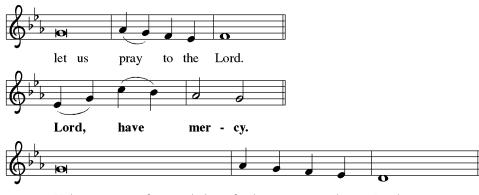
Lord.







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



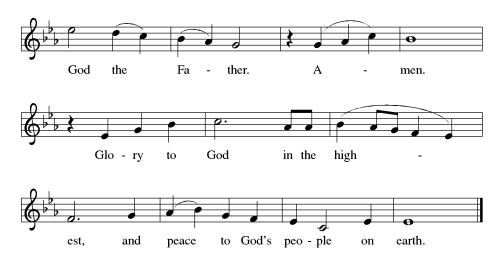
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



Canticle of Praise Hymnal p. 99



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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

2 Kings 5:1-3; 7-15c

R A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 111 ELW Psalm Tone 5

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:



¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with [|] my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the [|] congregation.

²Great are your | works, O LORD, pondered by all who de- | light in them. R

³Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds, and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴You cause your wonders to | be remembered; you are gracious and full | of compassion.

⁵You give food to [|] those who fear you, remembering forev- [|] er your covenant.

⁶You have shown your people the power | of your works in giving them the lands | of the nations. R

⁷The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice; all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

⁸They stand fast forev- | er and ever, because they are done in | truth and equity.

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever; holy and awesome | is your name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the begin- [|] ning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- [|] dures forever. R

R A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, he reminds Timothy that the word of God is never shackled or confined. He encourages his young friend to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

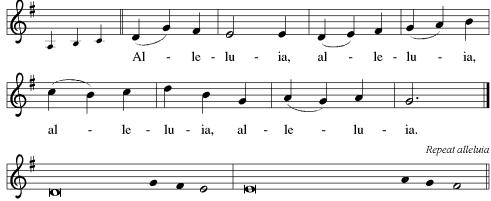
R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Hymnal p. 102



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

Gospel Luke 17:11–19

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus' mission includes making the unclean clean again. Unexpectedly, a cleansed Samaritan leper becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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.



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 O God, you promise your church: if we die with you, we will also live with you; if we endure, we will also reign with you; even when we are faithless, you remain faithful. 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. Strengthen us to believe your gracious promises. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Great are your works, O Lord, and we delight in the wonder and majesty of creation. As the earth brings forth its fruit, renew your creation so that all creatures are sustained and nourished. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L The heritage of nations belongs to you and your Spirit fills the earth. Bless presidents, prime ministers and chancellors; lawmakers, judges, governors, and county officials, that they may reflect your faithfulness and uprightness in their work for the people. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L You wash us and we are made clean. In your compassion, immerse all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in your care, remembering especially Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Judith Kratochvil, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, Jim and Kathryn Skelton, David Smith, Alyssa Steinberg, Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...], Heal us, even when there may be no cure, and give us thankful hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L You called a people to be your own and yet you have shown limitless love and mercy to people of every nation. Open our hearts so that, like you, we welcome the stranger in our midst. 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 With love and thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in you, remembering especially Teresa of Ávila; Ignatius, bishop of Antioch; and the Blessed Evangelist Luke. Give us certainty to trust the salvation that is in Christ Jesus. 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

"How Can I Keep from Singing?" arr. Mark Schweizer

Presentation of the Gifts

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

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





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:

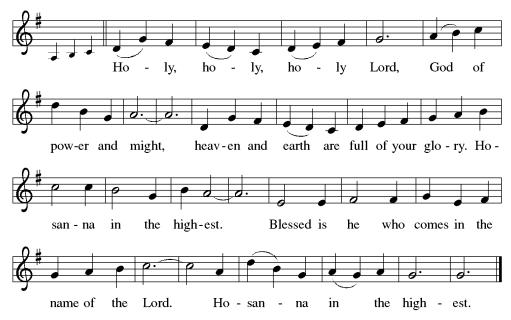
P It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you rule forever in faithfulness and in you is salvation with eternal glory. With awesome power you created the heavens and the earth, and through water and fire you saved for yourself a people. You made your salvation known first to your people Israel, and through them to all the nations of earth, bringing healing even to their sworn enemies.

In Jesus the Christ, your Word settled among us, meeting us in our brokenness and suffering and, in mercy, bringing healing and a way to wholeness. He was chained like a criminal and crucified, and when he died, we died with him, but you raised him from the dead so we might also live with him, forever shouting the wonder of your deeds and singing the glory of your name.

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 Teresa of Ávila, Ignatius of Antioch, the Blessed Evangelist Luke, 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, 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:



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.



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!

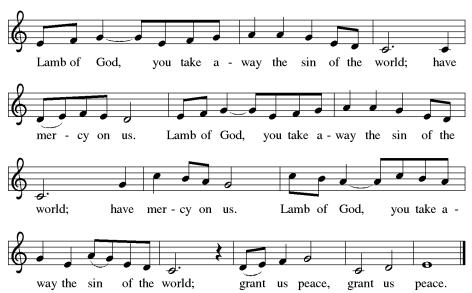
Distribution of Holy Communion

The Assembly is seated. Please come forward as the ushers direct, and as you are able.

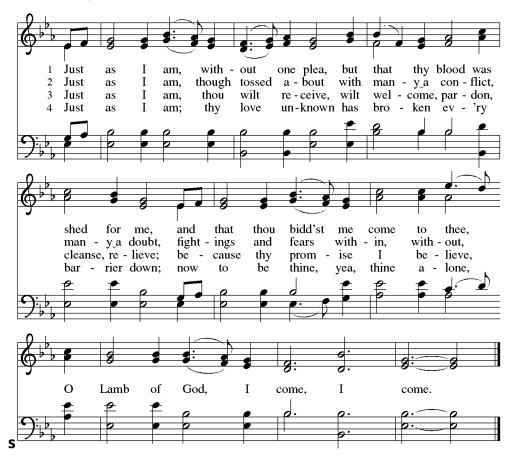
See the inside front cover for instructions concerning Holy Communion.

Communion Song

"Lamb of God" **Hymnal p. 112**



Communion Song



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



Prayer after Communion

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 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

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" [printed on next page] Hymnal 833

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

Blessing

P Go now, and live fruitfully where God has placed you. Pray and strive for the welfare of those you live among, and do your best to present yourselves to God as faithful workers with no need to be ashamed. Return always with hearts full of gratitude for what God has done.

And may God open the pathways before you; may + Christ Jesus cleanse you and make you whole; and may the Holy Spirit keep your spirits alive and your feet from stumbling.

A Amen.

Dismissal

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

A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Variation on "Praise to the Lord"

David Cherwein

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

Refreshments are provided by the Kloster Family.

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 | Anne Heider |
| Acolyte | |
| Lector | Susan Ross |
| Communion Minister | Kit McCarthy |
| Organist | |
| Table Preparation | |
| Communion Bread | |
| Ushers | |

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices



This Week's Commemorations

Teresa of Ávila (Teresa de Jesús), teacher, renewer of the church, d. 1582 Tuesday, October 15, 2019

A mystical writer and reformer of the Carmelites, the monastic order to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, d. ca. 115 Thursday, October 17, 2019

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

Luke, Evangelist

Friday, October 18, 2019

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

Upcoming Events

| Tuesday, Oct. 15 | North Shore Squares | 7:00 PM |
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| Wednesday, Oct. 16 | Choir Practice | 7:30 PM |
| Thursday, Oct. 17 | Wilmette Band Rehearsal | 7:30 PM |
| Saturday, Oct. 19 | Installation of Bishop Curry | 2:00 PM |
| Sunday, Oct. 20 | Adult Spiritual Growth | 9:00 AM |
| | Worship with Eucharist | 10:30 AM |
| | Council Meeting | 12:30 PM |

Close-by Jesus

The lepers kept their distance. They kept their distance from Jesus as they shouted to him their pleas for mercy. They are not the only lepers we find in the story of Jesus. Matthew 8 begins with a leper coming near to Jesus and kneeling before him to ask for healing, which comes at the touch of Jesus' hand. In Mark 14 we hear that Jesus is eating at the house of Simon the leper. Lepers do not always keep their distance from Jesus, but these ten did. What keeps them from getting too close to Jesus?

There is a running joke in some congregations that Lutherans do not sit in the first several rows of the worship space. We may seek the front-row seats at concerts, sporting events, and elementary school award ceremonies. We like to be close to the action. Yet, when the action is the word of God read and proclaimed or Holy Communion broken and shared, we sometimes find a way to keep our distance. We do not occupy those prime seats. Closeness implies intimacy. Is there something we fear about being too close to Jesus?

All of the lepers are healed as they go on their way. Nine of them continue to keep their distance from Jesus. Only one returns, doing everything *but* keep his distance. Falling on the ground at Jesus' feet, the leper is full of praise that Jesus chose to heal, to come near, when the leper was distant. Though we may try to keep our distance from Jesus, Jesus does not keep his distance from us.

Like the ten, we, too, cry out for mercy in the Kyrie. Like the one, we then sing praise to the close-by Jesus, the Jesus who comes near to us in the water of the font, in the sharing of the peace, and in the breaking of the bread.

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