



**The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist  
November 10, 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.

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

*We worship on the first day of the week because our Savior was raised on that day. Every Sunday is in some way a "little Easter." This Sunday will perhaps feel more like Easter than many, as the appointed scripture texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's Day! Our God is the God of the living! And on this day, as a sign of gratitude for God's good gifts, we bring our commitments of giving for the year to come.*

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

### Pre-Service Music

*Selections from Franck's Masterworks*

*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.**

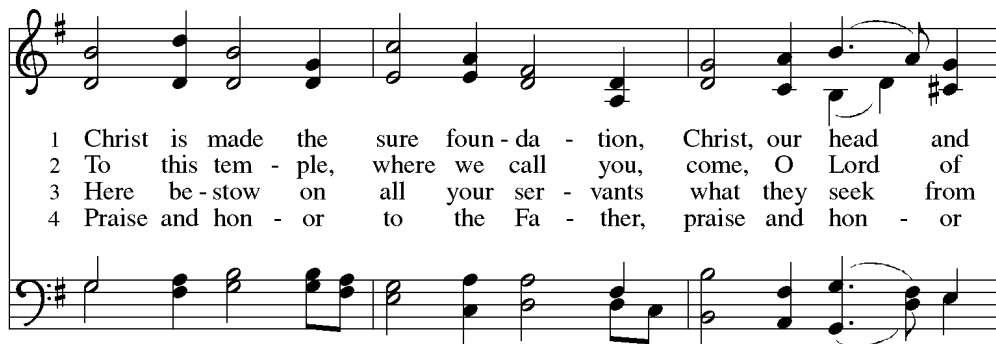
P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.  
Put your trust in these promises:  
God will never leave you or forsake you.  
You who were lost have been found!  
For the sake of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice with the angels at this good news!

**A Amen.**

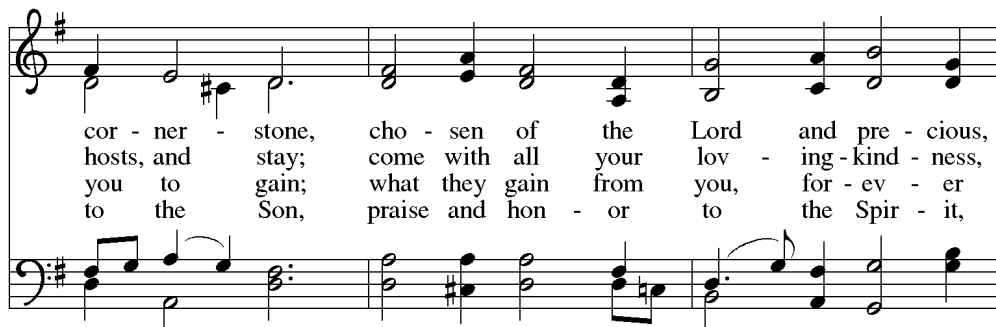
## Gathering Song

## "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" Hymnal 645

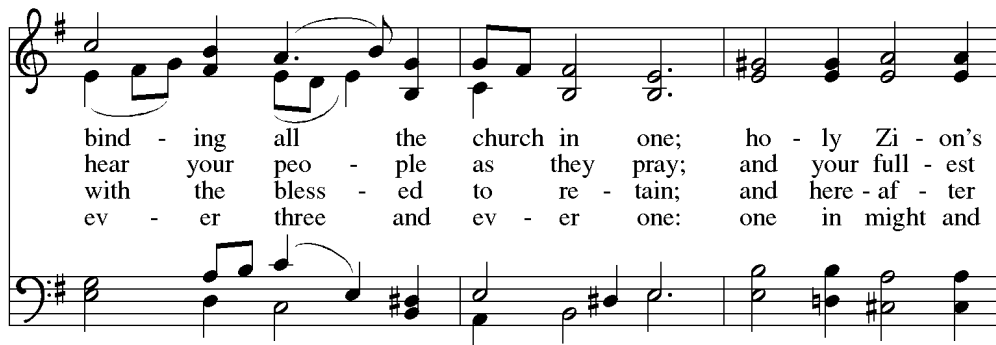
*The Assembly turns to face the back doors. You may reverence the cross as it passes you.*



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

## Greeting

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

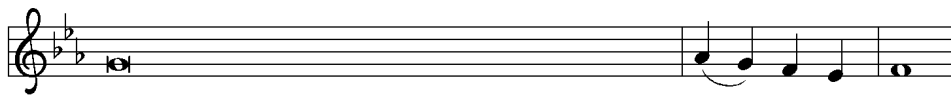
**A** **And also with you!**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



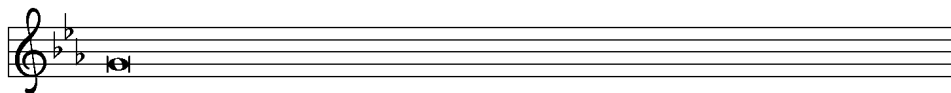
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



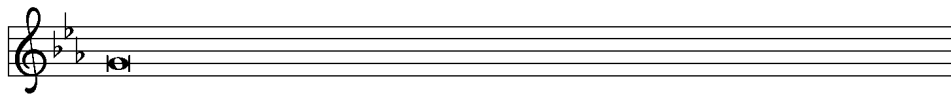
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.



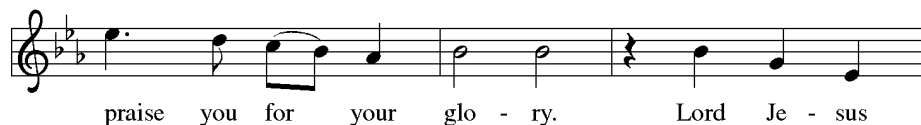
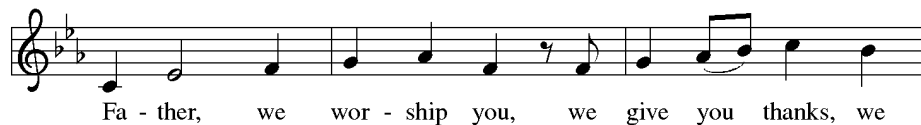
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



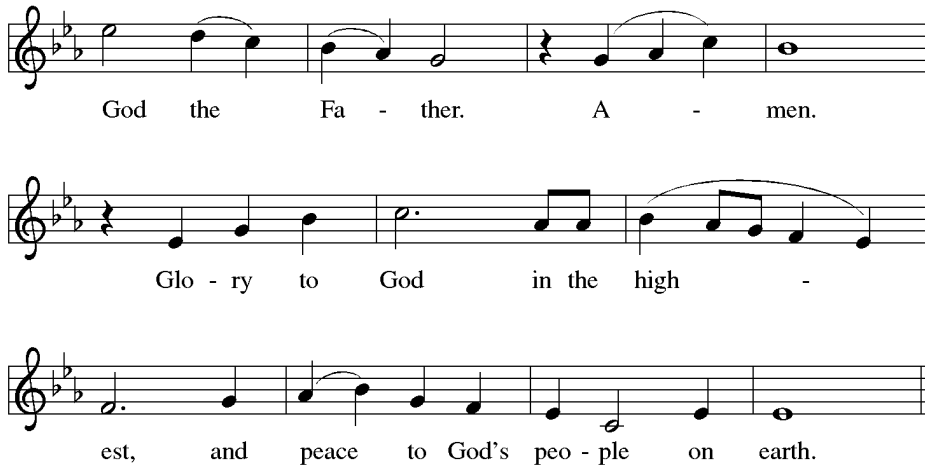
A - men, a - men.

# Canticle of Praise

Hymnal p. 99



[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. O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A Amen.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Word:** *God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song*

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures**

**Job 19:23-27a**

R A reading from the Book of Job.

*Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.*

<sup>23</sup>"O that my words were written down!  
 O that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup>O that with an iron pen and with lead  
 they were engraved on a rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
 and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
<sup>26</sup>and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
 then in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27a</sup>whom I shall see on my side,  
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

R Word of God, word of life.

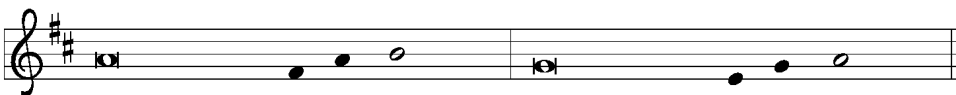
**A Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 17

## ELW Psalm Tone 1

*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:



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;



hide me un - der the shad - ow of your wings.

- <sup>1</sup>Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed | to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;  
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.**
- <sup>3</sup>Examine my heart, visit | me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.
- <sup>4</sup>**I have not regarded what | others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent. R**
- <sup>5</sup>My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;  
and my feet | do not slip.
- <sup>6</sup>**I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;  
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.**
- <sup>7</sup>Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.
- <sup>8</sup>**Keep me as the apple | of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow | of your wings,**
- <sup>9</sup>from the wicked | who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies | who surround me. R



R A reading from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians.

*Paul writes to encourage the church at Thessalonica in a time of confusion and opposition. Here, the confusion concerned the return of Christ. Paul writes to those who were allowing their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.*

<sup>1</sup>As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup>He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup>But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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**

Jesus Christ is the firstborn | of the dead; \* able to judge the | of the heart.  
thoughts and intentions

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

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

*The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.*

<sup>27</sup>Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup>and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup>then the second <sup>31</sup>and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup>Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup>Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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.*

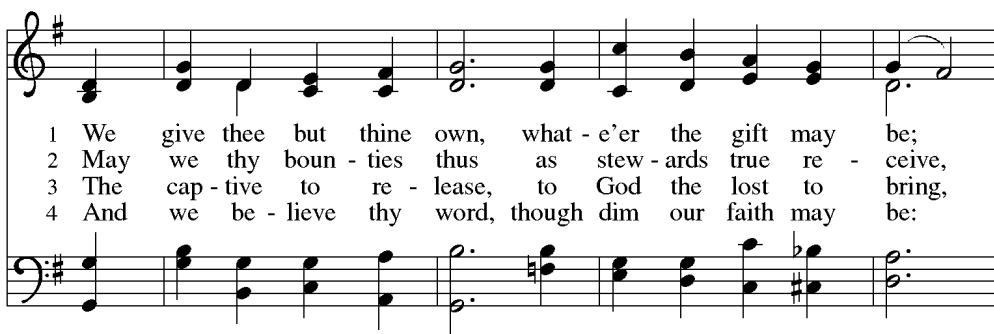
**Reflection on Gratitude and Generosity**

*The Assembly stands to respond to the Word in song.*

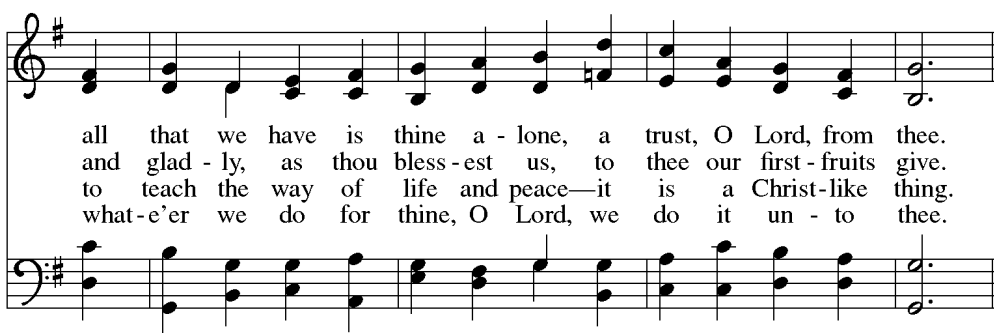
## Hymn of the Day

## "We Give Thee but Thine Own" Hymnal 686

*During the singing of the hymn, all those wishing to make a commitment of gratitude and generosity for the coming year are invited to come forward as you are able and place your commitment cards in the baskets provided at the altar.*



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

## 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 United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

L Loving Redeemer, by grace you have chosen us to live boldly as resurrection people. 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, that you might strengthen us to stand firm and proclaim the Good News of life to the world. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Maker of All, you bless us with the change of seasons. Create safe pathways as plants and animals prepare for winter, and make us good stewards of your bountiful creation. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Divine Judge, your justice and mercy are revealed to us in your steadfast love. Grant rest and peace to our faithful veterans, and give courage to government officials who lead, serve, and protect. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Listening God, your beloved people call to you and you answer them. Hear the cries of those who are poor and unemployed, those who seek refuge, those who suffer from addiction, and all who are sick or grieving, especially Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Babs Deacon, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Judith Kratochvil, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, the Moy family, Alyssa Steinberg, David Smith, Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. Guard and keep them in your loving care. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Generous Teacher, you look upon your children with a loving heart. Bless the ministries of those who work with, serve, teach, and lead children. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

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 Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L God of the Living, to you all are alive. We give thanks for those who have died in the faith, remembering especially Martin, Bishop of Tours, and Søren Aabye Kierkegaard. Give us joy in knowing that our Redeemer lives, and that we will be united with the faithful in a resurrection like his. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

P Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

**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.*

**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

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Thomas Morley

*Text from Job 19:25-27a:*

*I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.*

*And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.*

## 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.

## 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 chose us as the first fruits for salvation to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the first of your wonderful deeds you created the heavens and earth, sea and land, and every age proclaims your love and justice. Your faithful ones have endured in every age, convinced that they would see your redemption with their own eyes.

Through your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Good News was proclaimed and we were called from death to life. When he was killed, you raised him to new life, and through him, you are making us children of the resurrection and sanctifying us by your Spirit so that when he comes again we might all be gathered together to him, never to die again.

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 Martin of Tours, Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, 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!

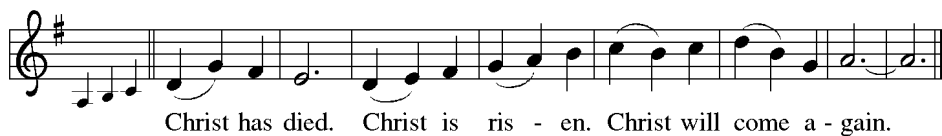
P We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

### 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.

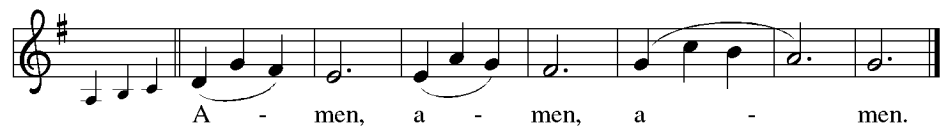
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P 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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



## Communion Song

"O Day of Peace" Hymnal 711



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.  
as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease,  
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.  
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

*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 image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "Praise the Lord, rise up re-joic-ing, wor-ship, thanks, de- Sins for-giv-en, wrongs for-giv-ing, we go forth a-vo-tion and voic-ing: glo-ry be-to-rit, God strong on and high! lert and liv-ing in your Spi-rit, God strong and high! Christ, your cross and your 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 ...*

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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**

*"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" [printed on next page] Hymnal 547*

*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 courage, for God is with you. Do not let anyone deceive you, but hold fast to the traditions of the Apostles and put your trust in the God of the Living, the one who will be your Redeemer from all that would destroy you.

And may our + Lord Jesus Christ and God our Loving Parent, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts through the Holy Spirit and strengthen them in every good work and word.

**A Amen.**

**Dismissal**

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

**A Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

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

*Refreshments are provided by Jacques and Marlene Chatain.*

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

**Serving in worship today...**

Presiding Minister.....The Rev. Keith Fry  
Assisting Minister..... Linda Edlund  
Acolyte .....Caroline Nakic  
Lector .....Mary Ann Kearns  
Communion Minister ..... Kit McCarthy  
Organist..... Greg Hummel  
Table Preparation.....Francis Bushhammer  
Communion Bread.....Anne Heider  
Ushers..... Steve Warner

# Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

## **This Week's Commemorations**

### **Martin, Bishop of Tours, d. 397**

#### **Monday, November 11, 2019**

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

### **Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, d. 1855**

#### **Monday, November 11, 2019**

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

## **Upcoming Events**

Monday, Nov. 11	Veterans Day	
Tuesday, Nov. 12	North Shores Squares	7:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 13	Choir Practice	7:30 PM
Thursday, Nov. 14	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 PM
Sunday, Nov. 17	Adult Spiritual Growth	9:00 AM
	Worship with Eucharist	10:30 AM

## Beyond the Imagination

In the late 1990s at a one-hundredth birthday party, someone asked the guest of honor, "What is the most remarkable invention you have seen in your lifetime?" to which the new centenarian replied, "The ballpoint pen." Those gathered found it hard to imagine a time without the ballpoint pen. The current age—whenever it happens—is defined by things that are so much a part of life that we cannot imagine how the world ever existed (or ever will exist) without them. Whether we are talking about ballpoint pens or legal bonds between spouses, we think, "That's just how things work."

In our gospel today, some Sadducees come to Jesus with a question. Their intent is to embarrass the teacher and to demonstrate how ridiculous the notion of resurrection is. Who could imagine such a thing? The scene they paint features would-be husbands lining up and waiting, like contestants on *The Bachelorette*, to see "Whose wife will she be?"

Jesus answers the question by speaking about a whole new age: the reign of God. When this new age is present in its fullness, those who have died will be alive, and they will be identified by their status not as a spouse, but as a son or a daughter. "They ... are children of God," Jesus says, and "children of the resurrection" (*Luke 20:36*).

While we do not yet experience the new age in its fullness, it has indeed broken into our history and our lives: Christ is risen! In Holy Baptism Christ shares his risen life with us so that in our own time, "this age" and "the age to come" overlap. Christ's reign brings about a new world beyond our imagining: we, too, are children of God and children of the resurrection.



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