

Festival of the Reign of Christ

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist November 24, 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.

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the "King of the Jews." It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.

P: Presiding Minister L: Leader/Assisting Minister R: Reader A: Assembly

+ All may make the sign of the cross.

Pre-Service Music

"Sonata II, Allegro, Adagio" William Croft Sara Mauk, Daniel Hickox-Young, Trombonists "Grande Pièce Symphonique" César Franck

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

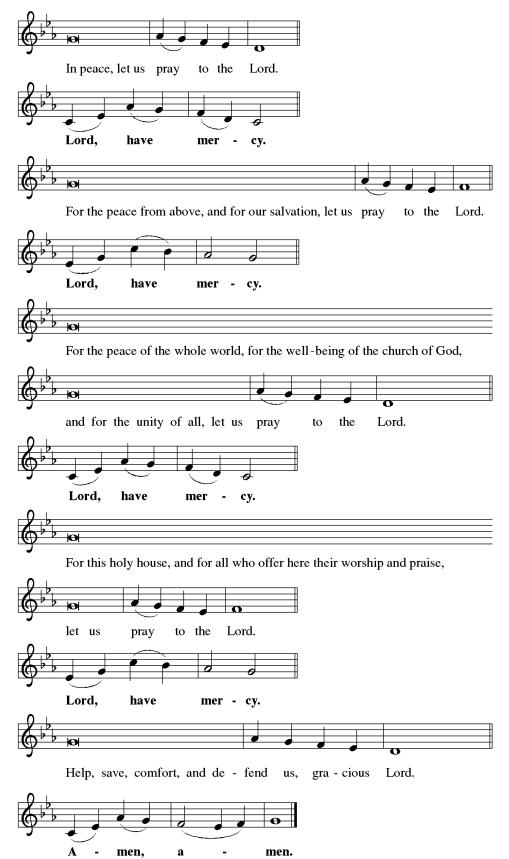
The Assembly turns to face the back doors. You may reverence the cross as it passes you, then turn to face forward.



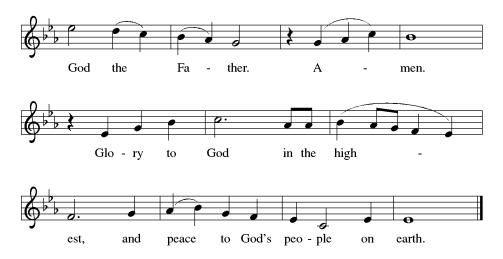
- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

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!







Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray. O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- A Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

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

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Jeremiah 23:1-6

R A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Today's reading builds on the common ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, the Lord will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

- R Word of God, word of life.
- A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 46

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."





Reading from the New Testament

R A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

- 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

Gospel

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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 Nicene Creed

L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

A We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the + resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. 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 God, you are our righteousness. 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. Fill us with the hope of steadfast love and shine light on places that were invisible to us, so that we see your kingdom made visible on earth. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L God, your reign extends from the black holes of the universe to a single grain of sand. Guide us to sustain and restore all of your creation, and to live in peace with this planet. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L God, you are exalted among nations. Protect the people in countries ravaged by violence, warfare, and hatred, and raise up wise and generous leaders to find their strength in you. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L God, you are our help in times of trouble. Like a shepherd who guards the sheep, watch over your flock: those who are sick and hurting in body, mind, or spirit, those who are mocked, and those who are lonely, especially the family of Ellen Abrahamson, 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, Tom Rowan, Darryl Simchak, Alyssa Steinberg, 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 God, you call us forth from this place to lives of service. Equip the outreach ministries of this congregation. We pray also for discernment as your Spirit leads us to name the new Council leaders who will serve us in the coming year. 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 Almighty God, the beginning and the end, we rejoice that one day we will share in the inheritance of the saints. In thanksgiving, we remember those who have gone before us, remembering especially Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, pastors in North America; Isaac Watts, hymnwriter; and the Blessed Apostle Andrew. 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

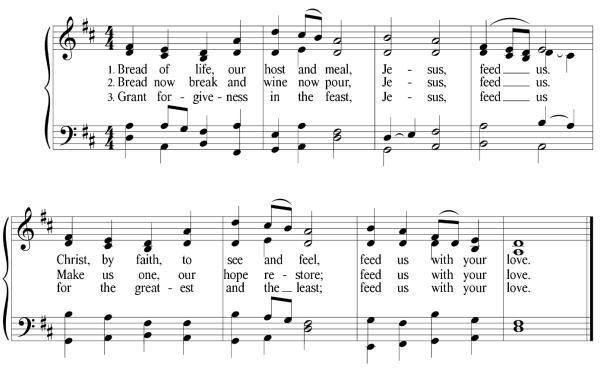
Wie bin ich doch so herzlich froh, Daß mein Schatz ist das A und O, Der Anfange und das Ende; Er wird mich doch zu seinem Preis Aufnehmen in das Paradeis, Des klopf ich in die Hände. Amen! Amen! Komm, du schöne Freudenkrone, bleib nicht lange, Deiner wart ich mit Verlangen. "Wie bin ich doch so herzlich froh" J. S. Bach Dana Barron, Flautist

What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we love is first and last, the end and the beginning! He will one day, oh glorious grace, transport us to that happy place beyond all tears and sinning! Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning for the day of your returning.

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

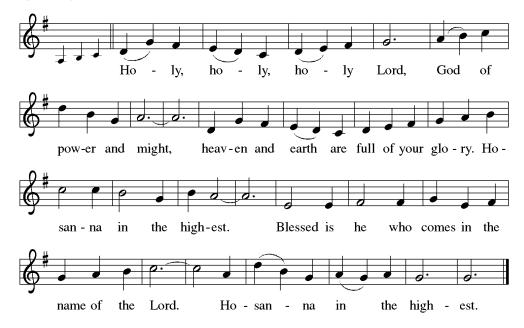
Dialogue

- 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 are the Ruler of the Universe and you reign with justice and righteousness. You created all things in heaven and on earth, and through your holy prophets in ages past you promised to save us from enemy hands and free us from corrupt and negligent rulers. Out of your deepest mercy you have come to us in fullness in Jesus the Christ, your Anointed One who rules wisely, shepherding your people and setting them free. Though he is your visible image, he was crucified as a criminal. You raised him as the firstborn from the dead, and through him you are reconciling all things to yourself. Now you are reaching out to all who honor you and recognize your Chosen One in the agony of death, and you welcome them into the paradise of your presence.

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 Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, William Passavant, Isaac Watts, and the Blessed Apostle Andrew, 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:



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.

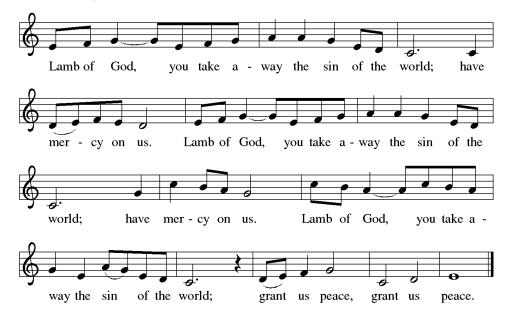
Forgive us foday our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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.





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

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 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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" [printed on next page] Hymnal 855

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

Blessing

P Go now, joyfully giving thanks to the one true Ruler. Prepare a pathway for the Lord; endure everything with patience, and teach people of salvation through the forgiveness of sins.

And may God gather you into safety; may + Christ Jesus strengthen you with glorious power; and may the Holy Spirit guide your feet on the way of peace.

A Amen.

Dismissal

- L Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us!
- A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

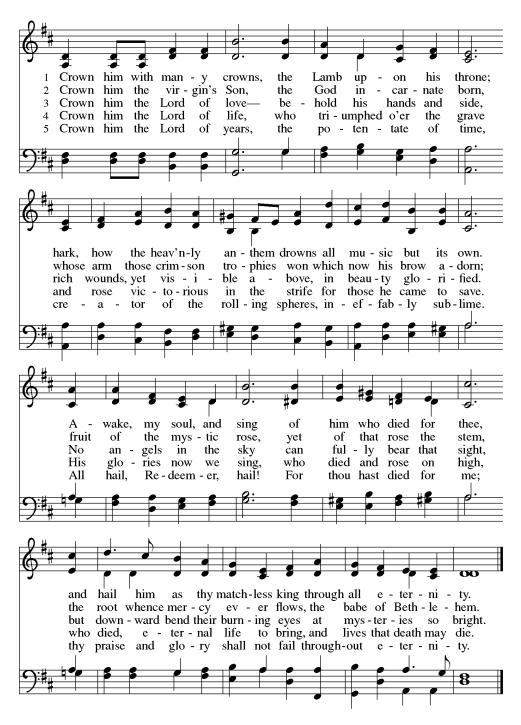
Sonata II, Allegro William Croft Sara Mauk, Daniel Hickox-Young, Trombonists

Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments are provided by Elora Kloster and Maren Baylaender. Come enjoy one another's company and hear about all the opportunities for service and community!

Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister Assisting Minister	
Acolyte	
Lector	
Communion Minister	
Organist	Greg Hummel
Music Director	James Morehead
Trombonists	
Flautist	Dana Barron
Table Preparation	Kim Milller
Communion Bread	Anne Heider
Ushers	Nicolai Schousboe

Crown Him with Many Crowns



This Week's Commemorations

Justus Falckner, d. 1723; Jehu Jones, d. 1852; William Passavant, d. 1894; pastors in North America Sunday, November 24, 2019

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, d. 1748 Monday, November 25, 2019

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

Andrew, Apostle

Saturday, November 30, 2019

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Nov. 26	North Shores Squares	7:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 27	Choir Practice	7:30 PM
Thursday, Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day	
Friday, Nov. 29	Community Warming Center	2:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 1	First Sunday of Advent	
	Café Immanuel	9:00 AM
	Adult Spiritual Growth	9:00 AM
	Worship with Eucharist	10:30 AM

A Ruler's Power

Rulers are defined by their power over others. They can levy taxes, conscript youth into armies, open or close borders, and enforce policies that direct the daily lives of the people in their realm. When Pilate interviews Jesus, he says to him, "Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" *(John 19:10).* It is something a ruler would say. In the farflung outpost of the Roman Empire that is Judea, Caesar's power resides with Pilate.

As he is crucified, Jesus wields two powers that belong to kings. First, he offers pardon. He prays for the forgiveness of those responsible for his death. As God answers his prayer, those who have meant Jesus harm are absolved. It is just as if a judge, a president, or a monarch had pardoned them. They walk free.

Jesus also exercises the noble power of welcome. Who may come into a country? Rulers of each country decide the answer to this question. In our day, they enact their decisions with paperwork: passports, visas, and the like. Jesus exercises the power to welcome another into the rule of God. He spent his ministry welcoming people into that reign as he shared with them healing, forgiveness, food, and love. On the cross, he welcomes someone else. For the thief who asks, "Remember me when you come into your kingdom" *(Luke 23:42)*, Jesus authorizes a visa into paradise.

Christ the King's pardon is for us. We begin our worship acknowledging our sin and hearing the news that God has forgiven us. The Ruler's welcome is ours as well. We come to the table, received by Christ himself. Today we join him, the thief on the cross, and all the saints in a foretaste of the paradise to come. The Spirit sends us into the week ahead renewed in the knowledge that we are citizens of the reign of God and that our true Ruler is the one who welcomes and pardons: the crucified and risen Christ.

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Keith Fry	Pastor	
Sara Krentz	Congregation President	
Linda Edlund	Congregation Vice President	
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