

23rd Sunday After Pentecost, November 8th, 2020

Zoom Service 10:30 AM

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Prelude Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending, LBW 27

1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
3 Those dear to - kens of his Pas - sion
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

Once for fa - vored sin - ners slain; Thou - sand thou -
Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty; Those who set
Still his daz - zling bod - y bears, Cause of end -
High on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior, take

sand saints at - tend - ing Swell the tri - umph of
at nought and sold him, Pierced and nailed him to
less ex - ul - ta - tion To his ran - somed wor -
the pow'r and glo - ry, Claim the king - dom as

his train: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ship - ers. With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
thine own. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us unmute ourselves, or, remaining muted, confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

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 of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Stewardship Temple Talk: “We Welcome Everyone” by Ayla Pizzo

Reading from the New Testament, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Psalm 70



¹Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O Lord, make | haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"

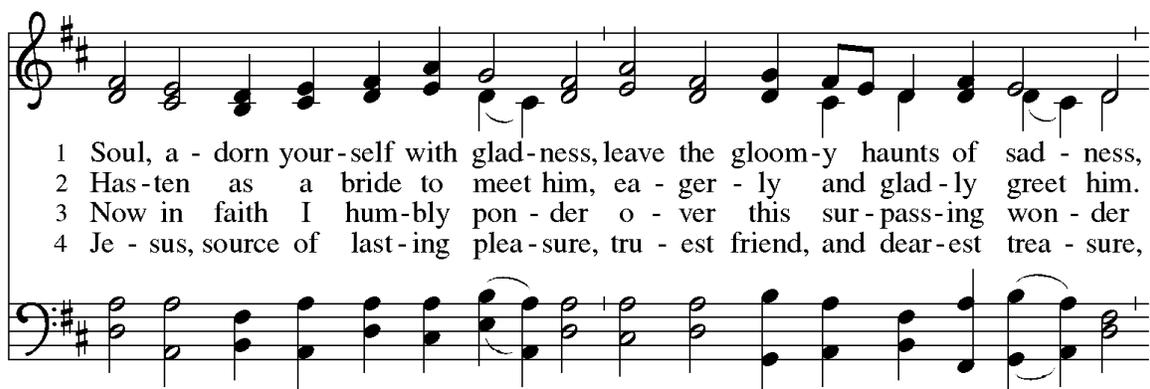
⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, | do not tarry.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

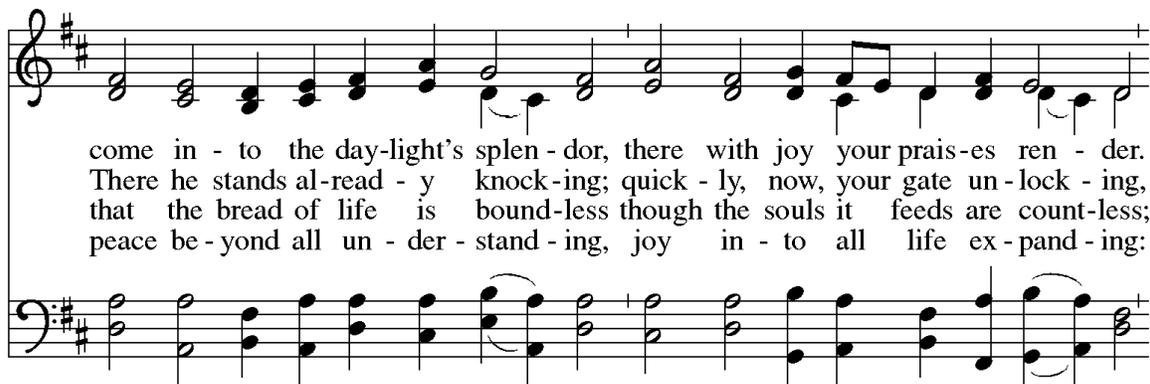
[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Sermon

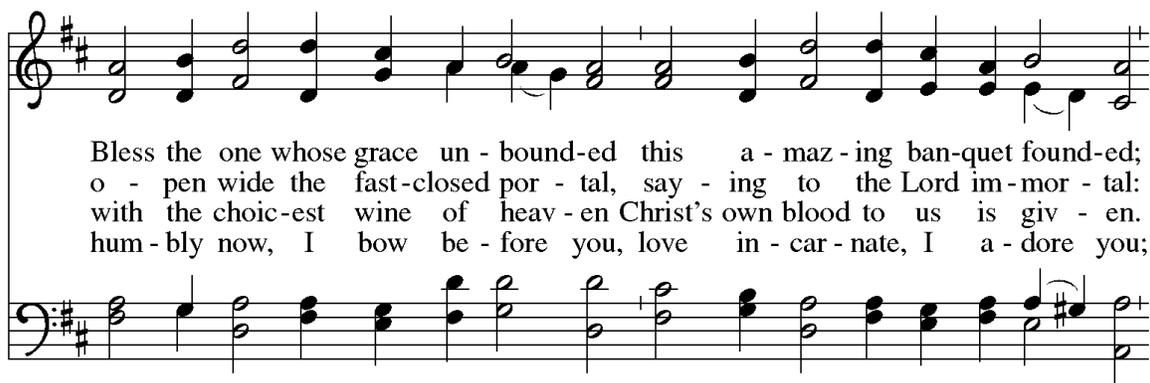
HYMN: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness, ELW 488



1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
There he stands al-read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

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Prayers of the People

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need, responding muted or unmuted to each petition with words from today's psalm, "O Lord, make haste to help us."

Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather week by week. Sustain the work of all church musicians and lay members who lead us in heartfelt song and prayer. We pray for our church leaders, our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, pastor Kim, our president Scott, our council, call committee, and reopening team. Be pleased, O God, to deliver us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Holy Creator, you delight us with the autumn beauty of your earth. At this change of seasons, make us mindful of what the earth and its creatures need for survival. Be pleased, O God, to deliver us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Holy Peacemaker, give peace to all nations and their peoples, and to our conflicted country. Quell all attempts at violence. Cure us from prejudice. Teach us how to abide as one diverse people. Restore families and friendships torn apart by political differences. Be pleased, O God, to deliver us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Holy Sovereign, grant that all newly elected officials of government will work faithfully for the common good. Give them wisdom, honesty, and humility and illumine their convictions with a spirit of cooperation. Be pleased, O God, to deliver us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Holy Savior, we pray for relief from the pandemic. Bring meaningful work to those furloughed. Guide and watch over all first responders and essential workers. Surround with your presence family and friends who are anxious for those on the front lines of crisis. Inspire healthcare workers and medical researchers. Be a powerful presence with those in quarantine and all students, faculty and staff in academic communities. Be pleased, O God, to deliver us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Holy Companion, console those who are sick, or who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. We pray especially for Steve Andes, Maren Baylaender, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Babs Deacon, Laura Burdick, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, John and Nancy, Judith Kratochvil, Ernie LeVon, Elaine Nelson, Veronica Repasz, Darryl Simchak, Alyssa Steinberg, Leslie Thais, Scott Weidler, and those whose names we call out to you here, muted or un-muted: . . . *A brief silence.* Be pleased, O God, to deliver us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Holy Protector, as we observe Veteran's Day, bring armistice to areas of conflict and keep safe the troops who serve in harm's way. Give to all armed forces a dedication to defend the common good. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Be pleased, O God, to deliver us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

And now, siblings, for what else shall we pray, silent or spoken aloud? *A longer period of silence.* Be pleased, O God, to deliver us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died in faith, and especially troops and civilians who died in armed conflicts. In numbering our own days teach us to dedicate them in your service. Be pleased, O God, to deliver us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you reign forever. **Amen.**

Peace

Offertory: It Is Well with My Soul, arr Mark Schweizer

We worship God with our offerings. We give thanks for those who support Immanuel's life and mission. [We invite you to do that online](#) or by mail, and with your presence, prayer, and talents.

Offertory Prayer

As we mute or unmute ourselves for the Great Thanksgiving, we pray:

Merciful God,

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.**

**Receive them for the sake of the one who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer at the Table

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
Surrounded by evil and bordered by death
We appeal to you; our sovereign, our wisdom, and our judge.
We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace
And promised an end to injustice and harm.

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, therefore, The sacrifice of his life and death
And the victory of his resurrection,
We await with all the saints
His loving redemption of our suffering world.
And for this we pray: **Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine
And on all who share in the body and blood of your son:
Teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.
And for this we pray: **Amen! Come, Holy Spirit!**

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
In your holy church,
Both now and forever. **Amen**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
A Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

Come for all things are now ready; the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

This is the body of Christ, given for you.

All communing may receive their bit of bread from God's hand, and may share with others in their household also using these words.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

All communing may drink of the cup they have prepared, and may share with others in their household also using these words.

For those fasting, receive this prayer of blessing in God's presence:

May God who loves you be truly present with the Spirit of grace, mercy and joy, uplifting and blessing you in the promise of your baptism.

Table Dismissal

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

Benediction

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen.

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Coffee hour/Announcements

TODAY AT IMMANUEL

Our stewardship campaign: Alive in the Spirit and Active in Mission continues today with a temple talk by Ayla Pizzo "We Welcome Everyone".

Special coffee hour follows worship: to hear about our congregation's financial stewardship here at the end of the 3rd quarter of this year's mission and ministry support.

Today is Agenda Sunday: items for discussion are due immediately following worship and reports for council are also due today if possible to VP Lisa Larson.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

White Fragility Book Discussion

7:00 pm Tuesday on zoom

Property Committee

7:30 pm Tuesday on zoom

Midweek Adult Spiritual Growth

7 – 8:15 pm Wednesday – Join us to look at our texts for next Sunday's worship

NEXT SUNDAY AT IMMANUEL

Stark Mission Fund Grants will be dedicated to the glory of God and blessed on their way to communities and organizations

Immanuel Congregational Council

12:30 pm Sunday on zoom

LOOKING AHEAD

We conclude our Stewardship Season by dedicating pledges as we celebrate the Reign of Christ. This is the "New Year's Eve" of our church year, and we plant the seeds of our offerings of ourselves, our time and our talents. that we pray will sustain and bring harvest in the year ahead.

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Free Little Pantry At Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Church has received a grant to support an existing Little Pantry, modeled after the Little Libraries. While we're a bit distant from Grace, if you run into people who might benefit from the free food offered there, or if you have any questions please contact conniewood44@gmail.com or 847.869.2289

Invitation to Contribute to Interfaith Action Council Hospitality Center for the Homeless

Every weekday morning, St. Mark's Episcopal Church opens its doors to guests to the Interfaith Action Council Hospitality Center for the Homeless. There they get support from a job coordinator, make phone calls about jobs or apartments, learn computer and other job skills, and, most important, find a place that welcomes them. To make needed improvements to the Hospitality Center - upgrade bathrooms, reconfigure the space to better accommodate guests and their needs - St. Mark's is conducting a capital campaign. The funds raised are earmarked for the Center, as well as for a new elevator, which will improve accessibility to the Center. Your gift will make it possible to enhance the welcoming environment of the Hospitality Center

and further our mission of bringing people together to serve hungry and homeless people, pursue interfaith dialogue, and engage in advocacy that promotes social justice.

You can make a contribution through Interfaith Action by going to our website at <https://interfaithactionofevanston.networkforgood.com/projects/112313-hospitality-center-fund>

or sending a check to Interfaith Action of Evanston, P.O. Box 1414, Evanston IL 60204. Be sure to put St. Mark's in the subject line.