

Reign of Christ, November 22th, 2020

Zoom Service 10:30 AM

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Prelude Beautiful Savior, ELW 838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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 power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Sermon

HYMN: Crown Him With Many Crowns, ELW 855

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

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 those in need, responding muted or unmuted to each petition with, "Your mercy is great."

Sovereign of all, train the eyes of our hearts to listen to your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless the social ministries of the church through which we seek to love as we are loved, and serve as we are served. We pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, pastor Kim, our president Scott, our council, call committee, and reopening team. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

May we remember and celebrate that your name is hallowed in the diversity of your children and those of us who identify as transgender. Forgive us for ways we have fallen short and failed your transgender children even unto death; for the times we turned away, or did not care; for the times we laughed or judged; for the times we have misspoken, asked too much, or failed to hear. Grant that those of us who identify as transgender, and our transgender neighbors and loved ones, might have their daily needs met, find gainful employment without discrimination, access to medical care without fear, live with rights and lives protected, and find loving communities and communities of faith to belong to and call their own, for your love is manifest in all our lives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages, in far away lands and here at home. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring us 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 as we rejoice in news of vaccines. Be a powerful presence with those in quarantine, those who feel isolated, and with all students, teachers and staff in academic communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Direct our stewardship and use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Assist us in recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those in need. Send health and medical care to all the sick, especially the tens of thousands contracting the coronavirus each day. Give food, housing, and comfort to those struggling to live. 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, George Stewart, Leslie Thais, Scott Weidler, and those whose names we call out to you here, muted or un-muted: . . . *A brief silence.* Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

And now, siblings, for what else shall we pray, silent or spoken aloud? *A longer period of silence.* Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

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 Anthem: They Follow Me, by Leland B Sateren

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: Ingathering and Dedication of Pledges

KATHY: God and Christ our Sovereign, even as you have gathered us in, even as we celebrate your harvest home, today we gather and lay before you whatever it is that we have to bring from the rich store of what you have first given us.

We dedicate our offerings, our plans for giving, and our hopes for the new year ahead, for the sake of the one who offered himself for us.

Guide our leaders as they help us prepare financially for mission and ministry unfolding. Help us to remain alive in the Spirit and active in mission and so share in the glory you have prepared for us.

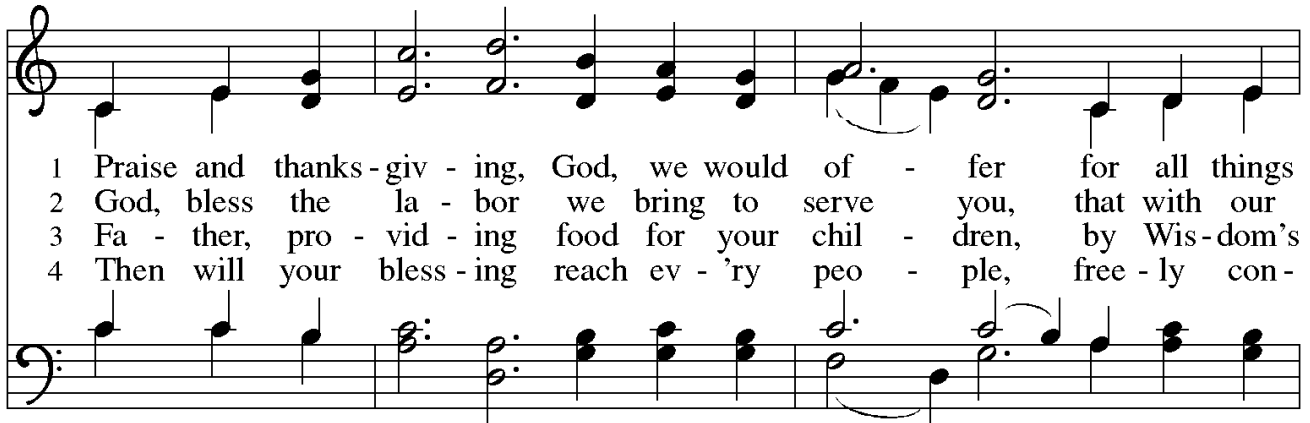
Help us dream your dreams for the world.

Make of what we have, a gift of your shalom for all creation.

Encourage us to see that we are all ministers called into the Body of Christ. Use us in our service in our fellowship and in all our daily lives. We sing our response in prayer and praise:

Offertory Hymn: Praise and Thanksgiving, ELW 689

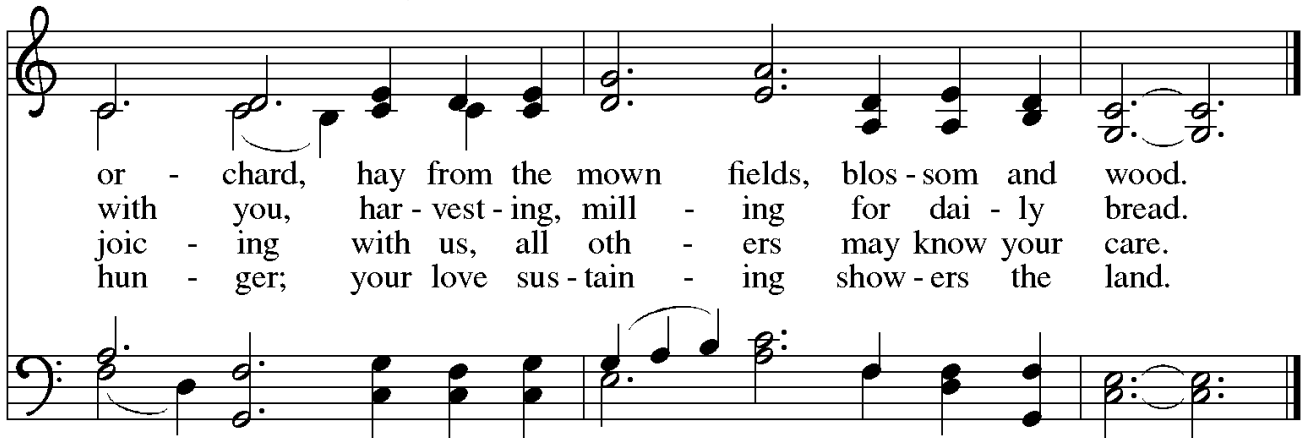
Sing verses 2 and 4



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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Bless these our gifts in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
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* is concluded and celebrated in our ingathering and dedication of pledges today. These estimates of giving, and your plans to share of your resources, help our household of faith make decisions about how best we can support the core mission of Immanuel we heard about in our temple talks: worshiping God, welcoming everyone, building community, and working for social justice. If you haven't had a chance to submit your estimate of giving for this year, there is still time to do so! If you haven't pledged before, we'd like to invite you to consider doing so this year. Any estimate for your sharing you can make will help Immanuel plan in an uncertain time.

Transgender Day of Remembrance is celebrated November 20th and we are just concluding the week of awareness, celebration, and remembrance of those who have died as a result of prejudice and fear. Reconciling Works offers this helpful tool to help us be aware of the diversity in the lgbtqia+ and specifically trans community:

TRANSGENDER is an identity many people use whose self-experienced gender does not match the sex they were assigned at birth. For example, a transgender person might be someone who identifies and lives as a woman but whose birth-assigned sex was male. Other transgender people identify as somewhere in between the societally recognized genders of man and woman, as neither, or as one gender at some times and another gender at other times.



TRANS can be an umbrella term used to refer to transgender, genderqueer, non-binary, and gender non-conforming people. The colors of the transgender flag are incorporated in this graphic.

GENDER NON-CONFORMING people who hold gender identities that are the same as their birth-assigned sex, but do not express their gender identity in ways that conform to societal and/or cultural expectations.

GENDERQUEER can describe a person who does not subscribe to conventional gender distinctions but identifies with neither, both, or a combination of male and female genders.

CISGENDER describes a person whose birth-assigned sex and gender identity are the same. For example, a person whose assigned sex is female and who identifies as a woman is cisgender.

PEOPLE OVER DEFINITIONS: When someone shares their identity, honor that self-understanding by using the words, pronouns, and identity terms they provide.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Thanksgiving Eve Midweek Gathering on Zoom:

7 pm Wednesday

Our plans may have changed for this Thanksgiving, but we have many things for which to give thanks. This informal worship will include some favorite Thanksgiving hymns, Thanksgiving

prayers, and a time to hear and reflect on scripture and offer community at this time of Thanksgiving. Join us for this time of Midweek Worship and Fellowship

NEXT SUNDAY AT IMMANUEL

Advent Begins! A New Year of Grace!

We will begin reading from the Gospel of Mark. Mark's gospel is considered the earliest of the four Gospels.

How are you fixed for Advent Wreath possibilities?

This year we're going to be lighting our candles and anticipating the gift of salvation.... just like always! But we'll have a new opportunity to light our candles in our zoom worship areas at home this year! If you need five battery tea lights to fix yourself up and pray down our Savior, let Pastor Kim know!

LOOKING AHEAD

Midweek Gatherings on Wednesdays in Advent will be Holden Evening Prayer, with a brief meditation and time for reflection. Fellowship will follow the end of the evening prayer as we share the peace.

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 St. Mark's Episcopal Church opens its doors to guests at the Interfaith Action Council Hospitality Center for the Homeless. They get support from a job coordinator, make calls about jobs or apartments, learn computer and other job skills, and find a place of welcome. Your gift makes it possible to bring 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:

<https://interfaithactionofevanston.networkforgood.com/projects/112313-hospitality-center-fund>

or send 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.