

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist In-Person and via Zoom July 25, 2021

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.

Please keep your masks on during the worship service and when moving to and from your place in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Announcements, celebrations, and time to socialize with one another will take place after worship during coffee hour in the fellowship hall. You're welcome to attend the coffee hour in-person, or via Zoom. After worship Scan this QR code with your smartphone camera to join the coffee hour via Zoom

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 is printed in this bulletin. We will use the hymnal for hymns.

Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal because Christ invites you! There is no specific age requirement for Communion. For safety we have individually packaged communion with either wine or grape juice that you can pick up at the entrance of the sanctuary. We will commune all together in the pews at the designated time. Please deposit the cups and wrappers in the trash receptacles as you leave the sanctuary.

The Offertory

To practice safe social distancing, offerings and donations may be placed in the offering plate either as you enter the sanctuary or as you leave, after worship service.

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

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

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

Prelude

*Like the murmur of the dove's song and Draw us in the Spirit's tether*James Biery

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- A Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P God, our provider,
- A It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

- P In Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- A 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!

Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

P Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

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

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

2 Kings 4:42-44

- R A reading from 2 Kings.
 - ⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.
- R Word of God, word of life.
- A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 145:10-18

The organ will play the tone through once. The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses.

Tone:



- ¹⁰All your works shall praise ¹ you, O LORD, and your faithful ¹ ones shall bless you.
 - ¹¹They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom and speak | of your power,
 - ¹²that all people may know ¹ of your power and the glorious splendor ¹ of your kingdom.
- $^{\rm 13} \mbox{Your kingdom}$ is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- $^{\rm I}$ out all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.

- ¹⁴The Lord upholds all [|] those who fall and lifts up those who [|] are bowed down.
- ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD, and you give them their food | in due season.
- ¹⁶You open ¹ wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every ¹ living thing.
- ¹⁷You are righteous in ¹ all your ways and loving in ¹ all your works.
- ¹⁸You are near to all who [|] call upon you, to all who call up- [|] on you faithfully.

Reading from the New Testament

R A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation





Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel John 6:1-21

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Assembly is 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.

Hymn of the Day



The Apostle's 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 Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. *pause*
- L We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations (especially). Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing, especially Steve Andes, Maren Baylaender, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Marlene & Jacques Chatain, Babs Deacon, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Jennifer Grethe, Jim Jung, John and Nancy, Judith Kratochvil, Elizabeth and Ernie's family, Veronica Repasz, Lorrie Roche, Darryl Simchak,

Alyssa Steinberg, George Stewart, Leslie Thais, Grace and Alex, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with the apostle James, Johann Sebastian Bach, Henrich Schutz, George Frederick Handel, musicians; Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany, Olaf, King of Norway, and all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. 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.

P We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 in an appropriate safe gesture as you speak peace to your neighbors.

Offering

An offering for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need. Offering may be placed in the offering plate either before or after you exit the sanctuary. You scan this code with your smartphone camera to make your financial offering online.



Offering Music

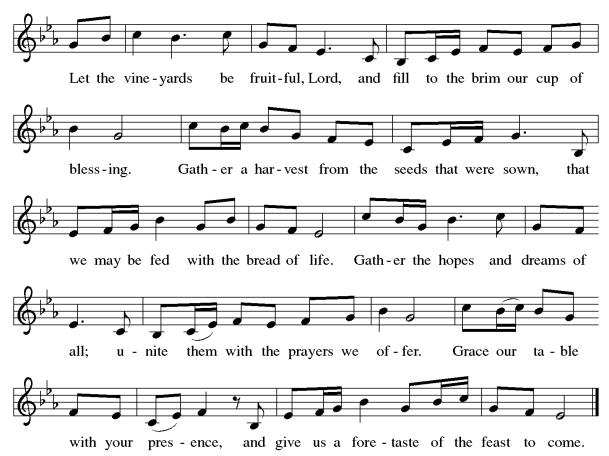
Break now the bread of life

Marilyn Biery

Presentation of the Gifts

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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



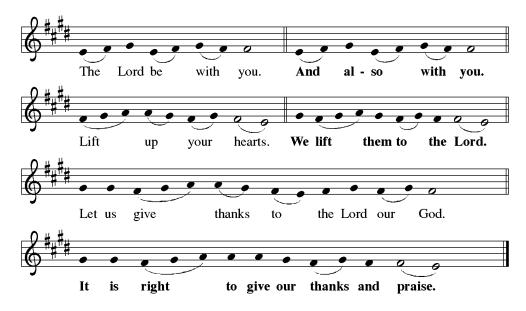
Offering Prayer

- L Let us pray.
- L Jesus, Bread of life,
 you have set this table with your very self,
 and called us to the feast of plenty.
 Gather what has been sown among us,
 and strengthen us in this meal.
 Make us to be what we receive here,
 your body for the life of the world.

A Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

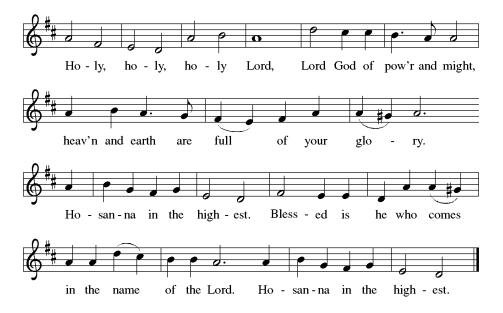
Dialogue The Assembly sings the boldfaced responses.



Preface The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:

P It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you have sent us bread from heaven to give life to the whole world. You are above all and through all and in all, and by your word all things were created. You fed your people with manna from heaven, and even when they defied you, if they turned from their callous ways, you fed them again with your wisdom and truth. In your Son, Jesus Christ, you have offered yourself to us as the bread of life that we might be nourished and built up as one body in the bond of peace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy The Assembly joins in singing:



Thanksgiving at the Table

P O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song: The earth is full of your glory.

A The earth is full of your glory.

P O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.

Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.

Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

A The earth is full of your glory.

P We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth. 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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song: The earth is full of your glory.

A The earth is full of your glory.

P O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.

- A The earth is full of your glory.
- P Amen, and amen.
- A Amen, and amen.

The Lord's Prayer

- 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.

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

A Thanks be to God.

Distribution of Holy Communion

The Assembly is seated.

P This is the body of Christ, given for you.

All communing may partake of the bread

P This is the blood of Christ, shed for you. *All communing may drink of their cup.*

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

P May God who loves you be truly present with the Spirit of grace, mercy and joy, uplifting and blessing you in the promise of never-failing love God makes to God's children.

Table Dismissal

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

A Amen.

Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray:
 Jesus, Bread of life,
 we have received from your table
 more than we could ever ask.
 As you have nourished us in this meal,
 now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
 In your name we pray.

A Amen

Sending Song "Rise, O Church Like Christ Arisen" Hymnal 548 Rise, O like church, Christ a en, Rise, trans formed, and choose to fol low Rise, mem - ber well the re fu ture Ser vice be our sure VO ca tion; from this of meal love and grace; though af Christ, wound - ed, whole; ter God ceive; has called us to re cour age be our dai ly breath; through such may we love sion en vi shared, our ken, lives lowed bro are hal lov - ing des - ti by God's ture, pres ent nur mer be our tion сy na whose whose, praise. we are, and our sole. to re lease and to con Spir it ed then let live. us from this day and death. un to lu al Al le ia, le lu ia; Αl le lu ia, al le lu ia; Al le lu ia, al le lu ia; Al le lu ia, al le lu ia. O

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Blessing

- P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.
- A Amen.

Dismissal

- L Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- A Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Come, thou Fount of every blessing
Marilyn Biery

Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall, as well as on Zoom.

Zoom Participants, alas, you must provide your own.

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

To join coffee hour via Zoom on a smartphone scan with your camera to get the link



Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister
Assisting Minister
Cantor
Lector
Organist
Music Director
Table Preparation

Zoom Host

Ushers

The Rev. Mark Sloss
Anne Heider
Sara Krentz
Dana Baron
Christine Kraemer
James Morehead
Kathryn Skelton
Grace Yarnoff
Bert Mount, Nicolai Schousboe

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This Week's Commemorations

James, Apostle

Sunday, July 25, 2021

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany Thursday, July 29, 2021

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030 Thursday, July 29, 2021

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

Upcoming Events – for details see the weekly e-blast, *Immanuel Newsfeeds*, or the website Calendar at www.immanuelevanston.org.

Wednesday, July 28	Our Pilgrimage to Montgomery Debriefing via Zoom	7:00 PM
Saturday, July 31	Evanston Go Club Tournament	All day
Sunday, August 1	Sunday Hybrid Worship	10:30 am

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Mark Sloss Pastor Congregation President **Grace Yarnoff** Congregation Vice President Melisa Larson **Scott Romans** Congregation Secretary Susan Ross Congregation Treasurer Dana Barron, Tom Couch, Linda Edlund, Bert Mount, Jim Skelton, Steve Warner **Congregation Council Members** Financial Secretary Mary Ann Kearns Elizabeth Stegner **Assistant Financial Secretary** James Morehead Music Director **Greg Hummel** Organist Laurie Stivers **Associate Organist** Christine Kraemer **Associate Organist** Jane Kaihatsu Parish Administrator

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