



10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist In-Person and via Zoom October 31, 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.

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.

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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

Prelude

Suite pour Quatour by F. Luzzatto

The Assembly stands when directed.

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, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.
- A Amen.
- P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P God, our comforter,
- A like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
 We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
 We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
 We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
 Free us from our sin, gracious God.
 Listen when we call out to you for help.
 Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.
- P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
 By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
 Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
- A Amen.

Gathering Song

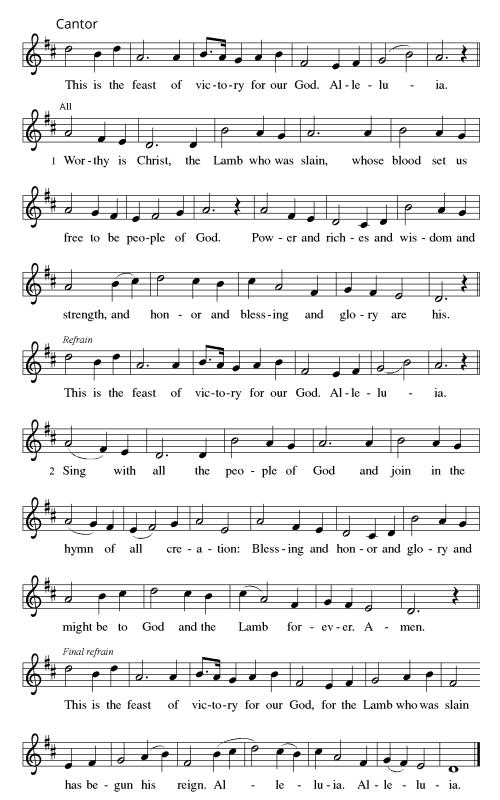
"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (EIN FESTE BURG) ELW 504



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 Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

Stewardship 2021 - "Building a Culture of Generosity"

Instructions about our Commitment Cards.

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

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Jeremiah 31:31-34

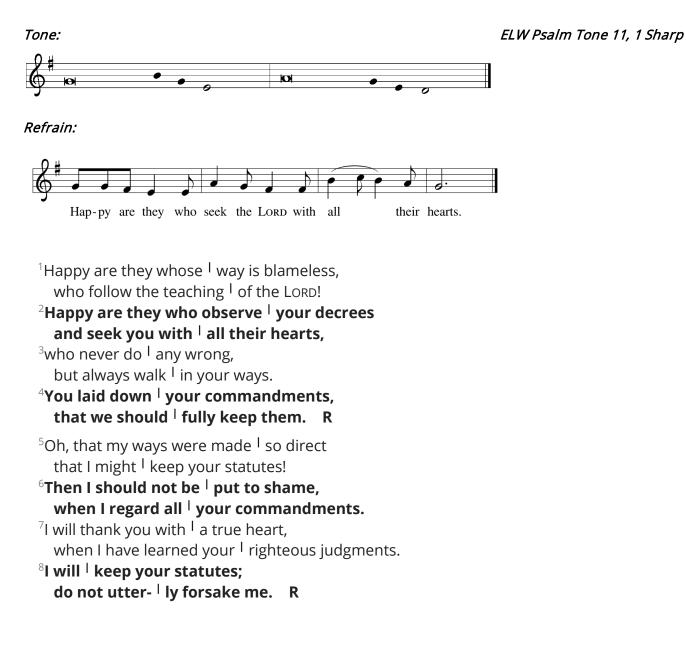
R A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 119:1-8

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."



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Choir Anthem Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort, Musae Sionias Part IX (1610): Nos. 169, 170, 171 By Michael Praetorius

- 1 Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort, Und steure deine Feinde Mord, Die Jesum Christum, deinen Sohn, Stürzen wollen von seinem Thron.
- Beweis dein Macht, Herr Jesu Christ,
 Der du Herr aller Herren bist;
 Beschirm dein arme Christenheit,
 Dass sie dich lob in Ewigkeit.
- Gott Heilger Geist, du Tröster wert,
 Gib dein'm Volk einerlei Sinn auf Erd,
 Steh bei uns in der letzten Not!
 G'leit uns ins Leben aus dem Tod!
- Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich, Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten;
 Es ist doch ja kein andrer nicht,
 Der für uns könnte streiten,
 Denn du, unser Gott, alleine.
- 5 Gib unsern Herrn und aller Obrigkeit Fried und gut Regiment, Dass wir unter ihnen Ein geruh'g und stilles Leben führen mögen In aller Gottseligkeit und Ehrbarkeit. Amen.

Preserve us, Lord, with your word, and control the murderous rage of your enemies, who would want to cast down Jesus Christ, your son, From his throne.

Show your might, Lord Jesus Christ, you who are the Lord of lords; protect your poor Christian people, so that they may praise you forever.

God, the holy spirit, you precious comforter, Give to your people unity of purpose on earth, Stand by us in our last agony! Lead us out of death into life!

Grant us peace, in your mercy, Lord God, in our time; there is indeed no one else can fight the fight for us except you alone, our God.

Grant to our rulers and all those in authority peace and good government so that we among them may lead a calm and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty. Amen.

Reading from the New Testament

Romans 3:19-28

R A reading from Romans.

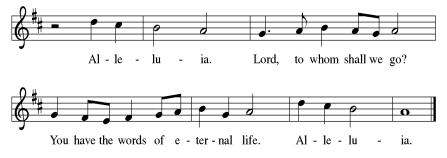
¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

John 8:31-36

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

- 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.



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 Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation. *pause*
- L We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. Hear us, O God.
- A Your mercy is great.
- L We pray for your work in our leaders, we give thanks. We pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Grace, our council, and anti-racism task force. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

- L We pray for your creation, for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, homesteads, and neighborhoods. Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. Hear us, O God.
- A Your mercy is great.

L We pray for all who aspire to public office and for all who will vote on Tuesday at local polling places. Pour wisdom and understanding upon all who govern so that communities of justice and peace may thrive. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit, especially Steve Andes, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Karen Davern, Babs Deacon, Jim Jung, Judith Kratochvil, the family of Chris Knohl, Edgar Krentz, John and Nancy Lang, Jim and Elaine Morehead, Veronica Repasz, Lorrie Roche, Darryl Simchak, Lloyd Stivers, the family of Leslie Thais, Grace and Alex, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts *[...]*. Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. Guide teaching and learning in confirmation, small groups, Sunday school, youth groups, schools, seminaries, and universities. 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 We give thanks for all the saints and reformers who have gone before us who dwell in your holy habitation especially Martin Luther and Martin de Porres, renewer of society. Give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

P Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

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. The offering will be collected. You scan this code with your smartphone camera to make your financial offering online.

Offering Music



By Grace By David and Susan Palo Cherwien

By grace you are saved. It is God's gift. Through faith you are saved, not of yourselves. It is the gift of God. By grace.

Therefore, be like God, follow God, As beloved children and walk in the way of love, as Christ loved us. By grace. By grace you are saved. It is God's gift.



Offering Prayer

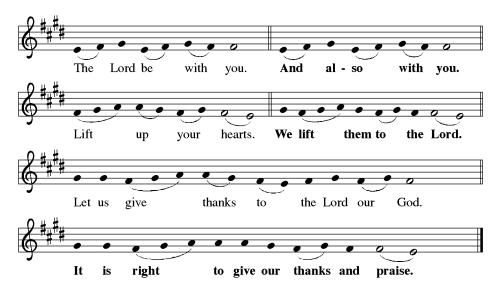
- L Let us pray.
- L God of abundance,

you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

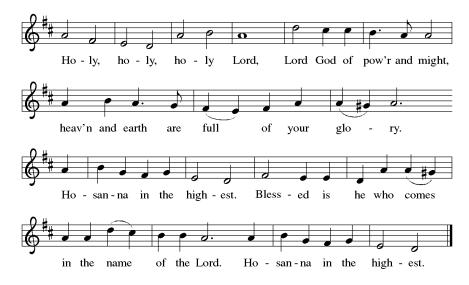
Dialogue The Assembly sings the boldfaced responses.



Preface The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, That we should at all times and in all places Give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, Through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave. And by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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, Holy The Assembly joins in singing:



Thanksgiving at the Table

 P We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our lover, our keeper, for seas and forests and fields, for creatures seen and unseen, for our ancestors and godparents from around the globe, and for the places we humans call home,

We praise you for your covenant people, and for centuries of faithful Christians, for Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, for Luther, Melanchthon, Muhlenberg, and Fedde, for Katie Luther and Cranach, Bach and Nicolai, Nommensen and Kierkegaard, Bonhoeffer and Hammarskjöld, for all servants of the Reformation.

We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ, who saves us from sin and from evil, embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free, who on the night before he died, 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.

And so we remember your Word, his life, his death, and his glorious resurrection, his presence in this meal around the world, and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

A Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P We pray, O God, for your Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom, your law, your grace, your freedom.
Bless this meal and all those who share it; inspire your people for service; and continue the reformation of your churches; We praise you, all-holy God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, mighty Fortress, victorious Champion, powerful Shield, today, tomorrow, and forever.

A 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 Behold what you are.

A May we become what we receive.

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.*

The Assembly stands when directed by the Presiding Minister.

Table Dismissal

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

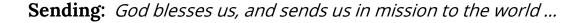
Prayer after Communion

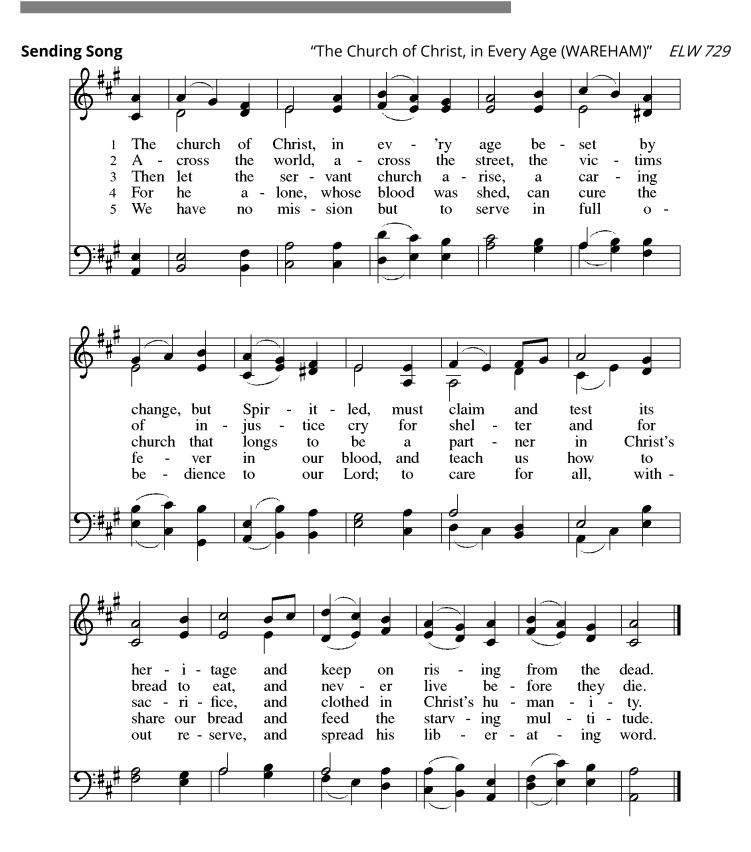
Let us pray:
 Lord of life,
 in the gift of your body and blood
 you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
 Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
 bearing witness to the abundance of your love
 in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen

Stewardship 2021 - "Building a Culture of Generosity"

A basket will be passed to collect the Commitment Cards and will be brought forward during singing of the hymn.





Offering of Our Commitments

Ρ Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These intent cards are but tokens of the abundant gifts that have been given to us and they are commitments in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become. Continue to walk with us, inspire our growth in the joy of generosity, grant us great vision, and help each of us do our part to make today's dreams become tomorrow's reality. And as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, may we see our very selves being part of this offering. It is us on the table, living sacrifice to you.

A Amen.

Blessing

- A Amen.

Dismissal

- L Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
- A Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Variations on A Mighty Fortress is Our God and Lord keep Us Steadfast By J.S. Bach and Buxtehude

Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall, as well as on Zoom. Due to Covid-19 precautions, there will not be refreshments. Zoom Participants, you may provide your own refreshments. 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.



This Week's Commemorations

Reformation Day Sunday, October 31, 2021

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

All Saints Day

Monday, November 1, 2021

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639 Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed black slave from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister	Linda Edlund
Cantor	Sara Krentz
Lector	Susan Ross
Organist	Greg Hummel
Music Director	James Morehead
Musicians	Kim Lawson, Hillary Bayley, Violin; Merrick Jones, Cello
Table Preparation	Kit McCarthy
Zoom Host	Grace Yarnoff
Audio-Visual Technicians*	
	Nicolai Schousboe, Steve Warner

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

Monday, Nov. 1	All Saints Day	
	First Day of American Indian Heritage Month	
Tuesday, Nov. 2	Midweek Adult Spiritual Discussion via Zoom	7:00 pm
	All Saints Remembrances Forms Due to Church Office	
Wednesday, Nov. 3	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Nov. 4	Daytime Quilters	9:00 am
	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Sunday, Nov. 7	Feeding One's Faith Discussion	9:00 am
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	Sunday Hybrid Worship	10:30 am
	New Community Church Worship	1:00 pm

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Mark Sloss	Pastor
Grace Yarnoff	
Melisa Larson	Congregation Vice President
Scott Romans	Congregation Secretary
Susan Ross	Congregation Treasurer
Dana Barron, Tom Couch, Linda Edlund, Bert Mount, Jim Skelton, Steve Warner	
Mary Ann Kearns	Financial Secretary
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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