



**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday**

**10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist  
In-Person and via Zoom  
September 12, 2021**

# Welcome!

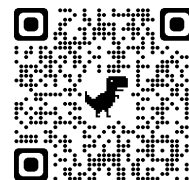
**Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.**

**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 ...*

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

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

### Prelude

*Variations on Wondrous Love*  
Samuel Barber

*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

## "Immortal, Invisible" Hymnal 834

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## 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

Cantor



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## 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.*

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A Amen.**

*The Assembly is seated.*

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

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**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

R A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

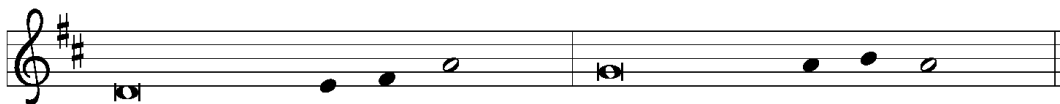
R Word of God, word of life.

**A Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 116:1-9**

*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."*

*Tone:*



*Refrain:*



I will walk in the pres - ence of the LORD.

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has <sup>1</sup>heard my voice,  
and listened to my <sup>1</sup>supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given <sup>1</sup>ear to me**  
**whenev- <sup>1</sup>er I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave <sup>1</sup>came upon me;  
I came to <sup>1</sup>grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD:**  
**"O LORD, I pray you, <sup>1</sup>save my life." R**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the <sup>1</sup>LORD and righteous;

our God is full <sup>1</sup> of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD watches o- <sup>1</sup> ver the innocent;  
I was brought low, <sup>1</sup> and God saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, <sup>1</sup> O my soul.  
for the LORD has dealt <sup>1</sup> well with you.

<sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my <sup>1</sup> life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my <sup>1</sup> feet from stumbling;**

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence <sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
in the land <sup>1</sup> of the living. **R**

## Reading from the New Testament

**James 3:1-12**

R A reading from James.

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

R Word of God, word of life.

**A Thanks be to God!**

*The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.*

## Gospel Acclamation



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

**A Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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.*



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;  
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;  
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;  
 nor think till death to lay it down;

for - sake the past, and come this day,  
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,  
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross  
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 to save your soul from death and hell.  
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

## The Rite of Holy Baptism

### Presentation

*Today we baptize Aleksander Robert and Thomas Harold Shearer, sons of Amy and Erik Shearer.  
The candidates for baptism, their parents, and sponsors gather at the font with the ministers.*

- P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*The sponsors presents the candidates.*

We present Aleksander Robert and Thomas Harold Shearer for baptism.

*The Presiding Minister addresses the parents.*

- P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

- P As you bring your sons to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:  
to live with them among God's faithful people,  
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in them hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture them in faith and prayer,  
so that they may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

*The Presiding Minister addresses the sponsors.*

- P Do you promise to nurture Aleksander Robert and Thomas Harold in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

*The Presiding Minister addresses the Assembly.*

- P People of God, do you promise to support Aleksander Robert and Thomas Harold and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**A We do.**

*The Assembly stands.*

## Profession of Faith

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

*The Assembly joins in the responses in renewal and reaffirmation of our own baptism.*

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**A I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**A I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**A I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**A I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**A 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**A 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P The Lord be with you.

**A And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Water is poured into the font as the Presiding Minister prays.*

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**A Amen.**

## Baptism

P *(Name)*, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A Amen.**

## Response

“Blessed Be God, the Source of All Life” **Hymnal 209**

Bless-ed be God, the source of all life, the word of sal -  
va-tion, the spir - it of mer - cy. Bless - ed be God, the source of all  
life, the word of sal - va-tion, the spir - it of mer - cy.

*Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized receives a baptismal garment.*

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*The Presiding Minister lays hands on the newly baptized and prays for him to receive the Holy Spirit.*

Sustain *(Name)* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**A Amen.**

*The Presiding Minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.*

P (Name), child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**A Amen.**

*A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized.*

L Jesus said, You are the light of the world.  
Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

## **Welcome**

*The Ministers and the baptismal group face the Assembly. The Assembly stands.*

L Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**A We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*The baptismal party returns to their seats. The Assembly remains standing for the prayers.*

✠ *Heartfelt blessings to the sponsors  
Kerstin & Andrew Litwin and Hal & Melisa Larson;  
and to the parents Amy & Erik Shearer  
as they support Aleksander Robert and Thomas Harold  
in their lives of Christian faith. ✠*

## Prayers of the People

L Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and Trusting God at work in and among us, we raise our hearts and voices in prayer for the needs of the world. *pause*

L For your work in the church, we give thanks. Plant and tend relationships among faith communities, both ecumenical and interfaith, that in faithful listening, speech, and action, our hands work to bear fruit for the sake of all in need. God of grace, we pray,

**A Hear us when we call.**

L 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, reopening team, and anti-racist task force. God of strength, we pray,

**A Hear us when we call.**

L For your work in creation, we give thanks. Sustain peoples and places affected by climate change, ecological devastation, and natural disasters. Prosper the work of creation-care ministries locally and globally, that with our minds and hearts opened, our hands work to lovingly care for the earth. God of life, we pray,

**A Hear us when we call.**

L For your work among the nations, we give thanks. Direct leaders in paths of honest service, that both their words and actions are carried out on behalf of those whom they serve. God of righteousness, we pray,

**A Hear us when we call.**

L For your work in places of need, we give thanks. Sustain all who are wearied by unemployment or lack of adequate food or housing, that we advocate for relief and just policy. Bring healing to all who are sick through the skillful hands and compassionate hearts of physicians, nurses, therapists and caregivers, we pray especially for, especially Steve Andes, Maren Baylaender, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Marlene & Jacques Chatain, Karen Davern, Babs Deacon, Lucas Forzley, Diana Gourguechon and her daughter Alexis, Jim Jung, John and Nancy, Judith Kratochvil, 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 [...]. God of restoration, we pray,

**A Hear us when we call.**

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 God of mercy, we pray

**A Hear us when we call.**

L For your work in our neighborhoods, towns, and cities, we give thanks. Guide our common life together so that children, youth, and adults of all ages flourish. Teach us to listen attentively to our neighbors, that any new endeavors consider those who may be left out or under served. God of wisdom, we pray,

**A Hear us when we call.**

L For your work in this worshiping community, we give thanks. Bless our donations to Interfaith Action, Connections to the Homeless and Grace Lutheran's Little Free Pantry. Bless the

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern in feeding the faith of students. Strengthen our faith, that we trust God moving in and among us. God of caring, we pray,

**A Hear us when we call.**

L For your work in feeding our faith, we give thanks. Surround Aleksander and Thomas with a network of support as they grow in faith and fulfill their baptismal covenant of dying and rising with Christ. May we all continue to grow deeper in ways that we can live out our faith. God of love, we pray,

**A Hear us when we call.**

*Here other intercessions composed for the local community or related to a local service project may be added.*

L For your work among those who came before us, we give thanks. We remember those who have died and are held forever in your loving hands, especially John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople; Helena, mother of Constantine; Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage; Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen; Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society. Hold us in your presence now and always. God of heaven and earth, we pray,

**A Hear us when we call.**

P Receive these and all our prayers, Gracious God. We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**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.*

**Meal:** *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ ...*

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**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

*If Ye Love Me*  
Thomas Tallis

John 14:15-17

*If ye love me,  
keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever,  
e'en the spirit of truth.*

## Presentation of the Gifts

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

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



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

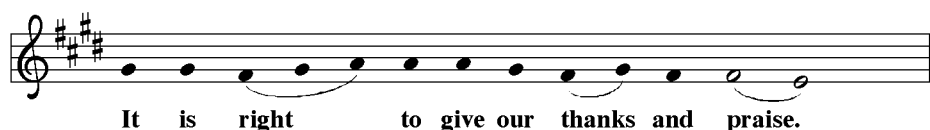
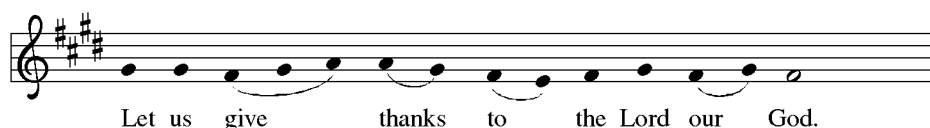
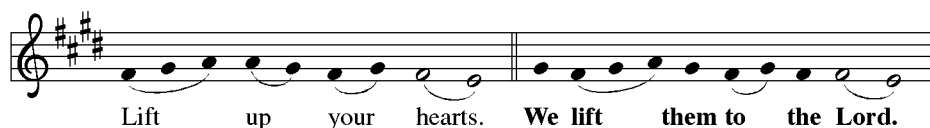
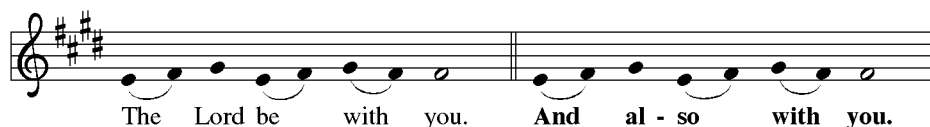
## Offering Prayer

- 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.*



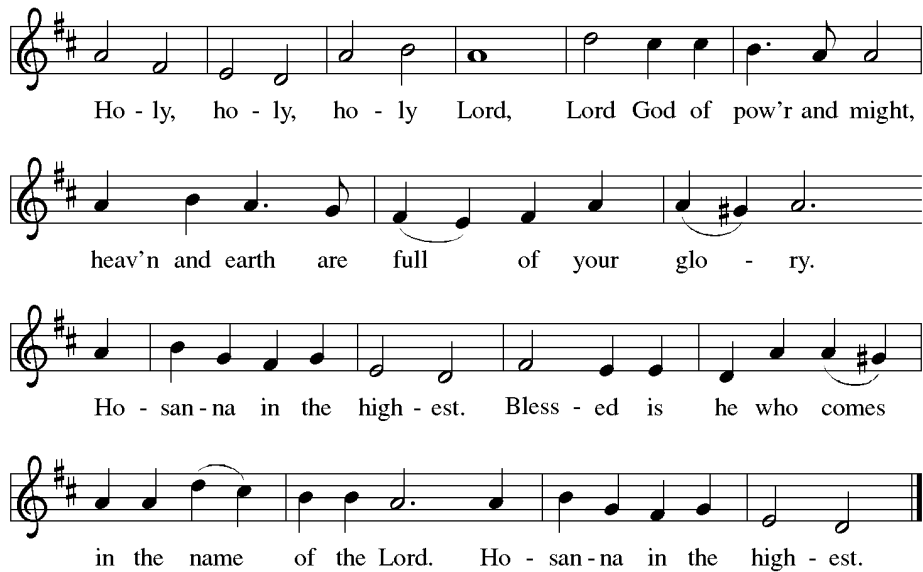
**Preface** *The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:*

- 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:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

P Holy God,  
 our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,  
 you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.  
 You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,  
 and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.  
 You sent your Son to eat with sinners  
 and to become food for the world.  
 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,  
 his life given for us

and his rising from the grave,  
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.  
By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:  
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now 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.*

*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.

*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**

L 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**

**Sending:** *God blesses us, and sends us in mission to the world ...*

**Sending Song**

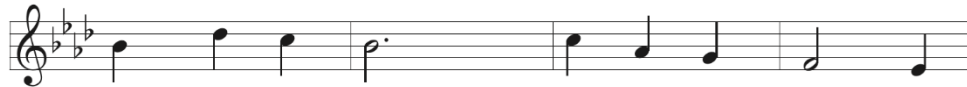
**"God's Work Our Hands"**



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.

## Blessing

P People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, † one God,  
bless you now and forever.

**A Amen.**

## Dismissal

L Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**A Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Variations on Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*  
Bach, et.al.

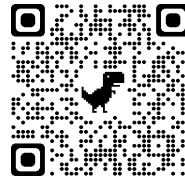
*Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall, as well as on Zoom.*

*Due to Covid-19 precautions, there will not be refreshments.*

*Zoom Participants, alas, you must provide your own refreshments.*

*Come enjoy one another's company and hear about all the opportunities for service and community! And learn more about today's activities for **God's Work Our Hands!***

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



## Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister .....	The Rev. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister .....	Kathryn Skelton
Cantor .....	Sara Krentz
Lector .....	Anne Heider
Organist .....	Greg Hummel
Music Director.....	James Morehead
Table Preparation.....	Kathryn Skelton
Zoom Host.....	Grace Yarnoff
Audio-Visual Technicians* .....	Tom Couch, Kevin McDaniel
Ushers.....	Steve Andes, Jim Rakowsky

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## **This Week's Commemorations**

### **John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407**

#### **Monday, September 13, 2021**

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

### **Holy Cross Day**

#### **Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

### **Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258**

#### **Thursday, September 16, 2021**

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

### **Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179**

#### **Friday, September 17, 2021**

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reprovved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

### **Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961**

#### **Saturday, September 18, 2021**

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

**Upcoming Events** – for details see the weekly e-blast, *Immanuel Newsfeeds*, or the website Calendar at [www.immanuelevanston.org](http://www.immanuelevanston.org).

Wednesday, Sept. 15	Midweek Adult Spiritual Discussion via Zoom	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 16	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Sunday, Sept. 19	Back Again! Adult Spiritual Formation Discussion	9:00 am
	Sunday Hybrid Worship	10:30 am
	Council Meeting	11:30 am
	New Community Church Worship	1:00 pm



## **Immanuel's Staff and Leadership**

The Rev. Mark Sloss .....	Pastor
Grace Yarnoff.....	Congregation President
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.....	Congregation Council Members
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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