



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist
In-Person and via Zoom
September 26, 2021**

Welcome!

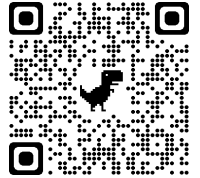
Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

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 ...*

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

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

Prelude

Variations on Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
Bach and Buxtehude

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

"O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True" Hymnal 675

1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,

those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
 lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and

gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

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.*

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of 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

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

R A reading from Numbers.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?' ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

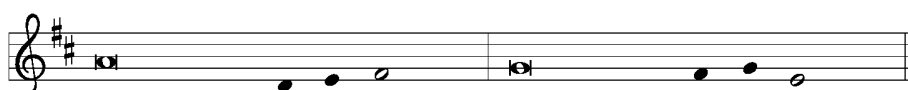
R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 19:7-14

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:



The com-mand-ment of the LORD gives light to the eyes.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | jice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R**

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over
me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your
sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. R**

Reading from the New Testament

James 5:13-20

R A reading from James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Assembly is seated.

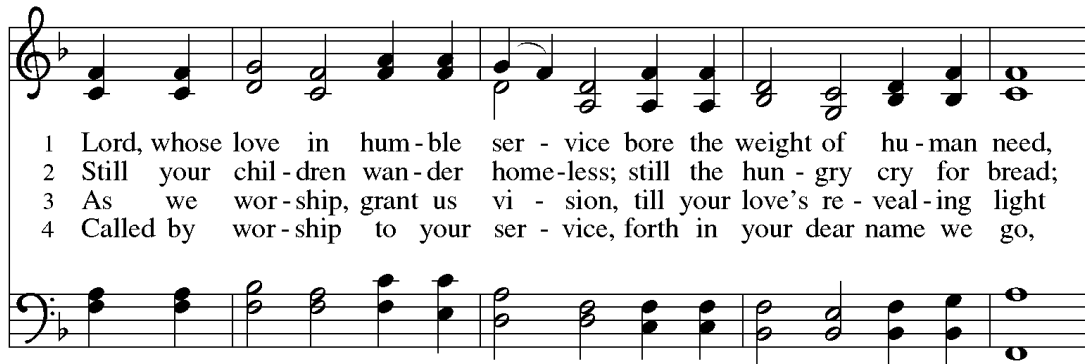
Sermon

Time of Silence

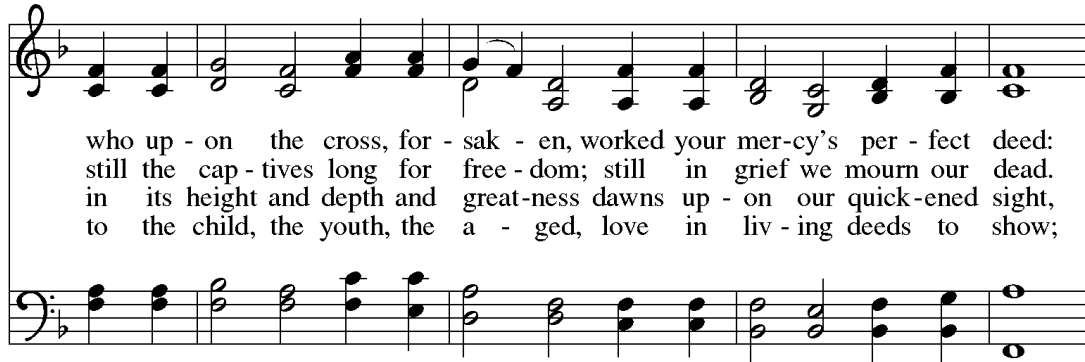
A bell will sound to signal a time of silence for reflection.

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.

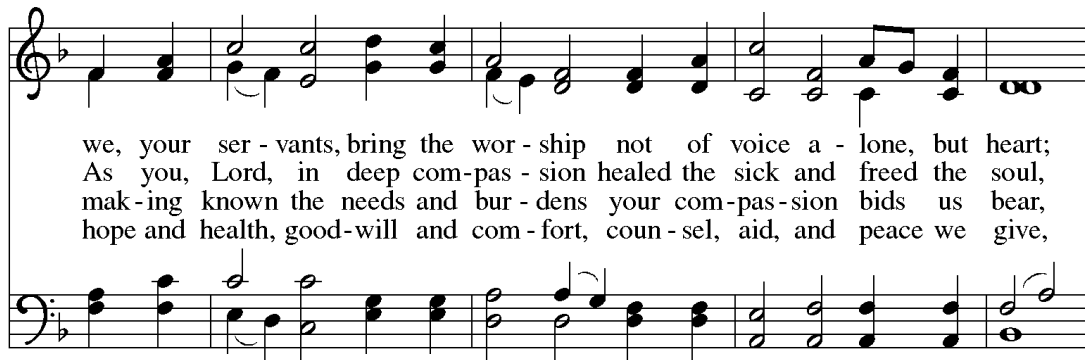
When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word with song.



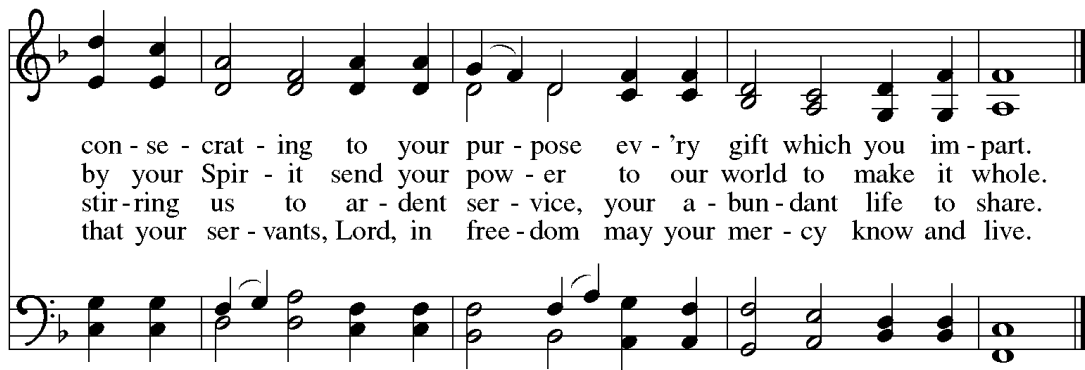
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed;
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

The Rite of Holy Baptism

Presentation

*Today we baptize Sienna Mae Hewitt, daughter of Anny and John Hewitt.
The candidate for baptism, her 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 candidate.

We present Sienna Mae Hewitt 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 child baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

P As you bring your daughter to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she 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 child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The Presiding Minister addresses the sponsors.

P Do you promise to nurture Sienna Mae in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her 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 Sienna Mae and pray for her in her 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 Sienna Mae, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A Amen.

Response

“You Belong to Christ” **Hymnal 212**

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn "You Belong to Christ". The first system consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. Below the treble staff, the lyrics "You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized." are written. The second system also consists of a treble clef staff with the same key signature and time signature. The melody continues with the lyrics "al - le - lu - ia." above the staff and "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." below the staff. The bass line for both systems is a simple accompaniment consisting of chords and single notes.

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 her to receive the Holy Spirit.

Sustain Sienna Mae 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 Sienna Mae, 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.**

Response

“You Belong to Christ” **Hymnal 212**

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The top staff is the vocal line, and the bottom staff is the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized."

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

† *Heartfelt blessings to the sponsors
Amanda Hartman and Jeff Bennett;
and to the parents Anny & John Hewitt
as they support Sienna Mae
in her life of Christian faith.* †

Prayers of the People

L Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *pause*

L We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,

A Hear our prayer.

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. Lord, in your mercy,

A Hear our prayer.

L We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy,

A Hear our prayer.

L We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy,

A Hear our prayer.

L We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. We pray especially for 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, Edgar Krentz, 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 [...]. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy,

A Hear our prayer.

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 Lord in your mercy,

A Hear our prayer.

L We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, readers, acolytes, and ushers. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Lord, in your mercy,

A Hear our prayer.

L We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place, including Michael and All Angels; and Jerome, translator, teacher. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

A Hear our prayer.

L For your work in feeding our faith, we give thanks. Surround Sienna Mae with a network of support as she grows in faith and fulfills her baptismal covenant of dying and rising with Christ. May we all continue to grow deeper in ways that we can live out our faith. Lord, in your mercy

A Hear our prayer.

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; 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.

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

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

Spirit, Come!
Arr. Evelyn R. Larter

*Spirit, come, bring your Fire, all your people inspire.
Holy wind, Holy fire, show the Savior's glory, tell the ancient story!
Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame!
Come in wind, come in flame, tell again the story!*

*Spirit, come in the flame, to your people proclaim:
Christ our God, man became, that we may inherit God the Holy Spirit.
Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame!
Come in wind, come in flame, tell again the story!*

*Spirit, come, bring your Light! We would serve you aright.
Through your gifts grant insight to your congregation, blessing ev'ry nation.
Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame!
Come in wind, come in flame, tell again the story!*

*Holy One, Spirit blest, ever our welcome guest,
be all honor addressed, endless praise be given to the Lord in heaven.
Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame!
Come in wind, come in flame, lead us on to glory!*

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.

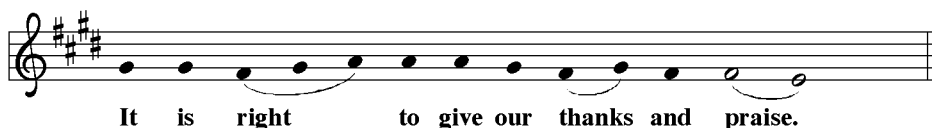
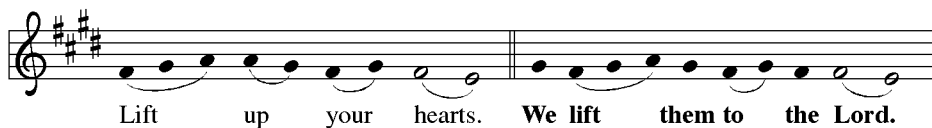
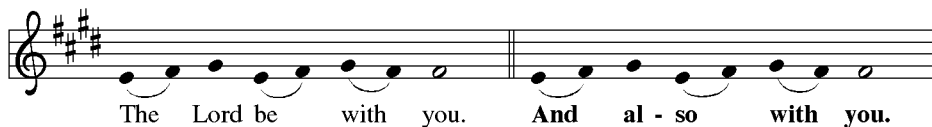
Offering Prayer

- 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

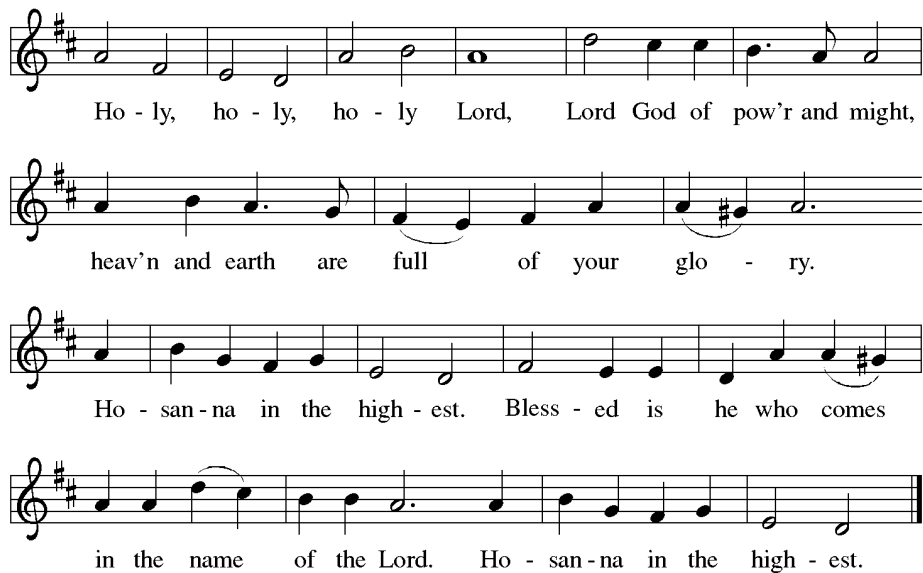
Dialogue *The Assembly sings the boldfaced responses.*



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.

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

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh-olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

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.

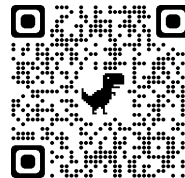
A Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Variations on Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
 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, alas, you must 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.**



Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister	Kit McCarthy
Cantor	Sara Krentz
Lector	Amy Shearer
Organist	Greg Hummel
Music Director.....	James Morehead
Table Preparation.....	Kit McCarthy
Zoom Host.....	Grace Yarnoff
Audio-Visual Technicians*	Tyler Heyl, Kevin McDaniel
Ushers.....	Bert Mount

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This Week's Commemorations

Michael and All Angels

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 28	Midweek Adult Spiritual Discussion via Zoom	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 29	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 30	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Sunday, Oct. 3	Adult Spiritual Formation Discussion	9:00 am
	Sunday Hybrid Worship	10:30 am
	New Community Church Worship	1:00 pm

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

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Grace Yarnoff.....	Congregation President
Melisa Larson.....	Congregation Vice President
Scott Romans.....	Congregation Secretary
Susan Ross.....	Congregation Treasurer
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Mary Ann Kearns.....	Financial Secretary
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Greg Hummel.....	Organist
Laurie Stivers	Associate Organist
Christine Kraemer	Associate Organist
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