

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist In-Person and via Zoom October 24, 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.

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.

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"

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

Prelude

Chorale and Fugue by Richard Baker

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

"God, Whose Almighty Word (ITALIAN HYMN)" ELW 673



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.

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Stewardship 2021 – "Building a Culture of Generosity"

Temple Talk

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

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

R A reading from Jeremiah.

⁷Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 126

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."





¹When the LORD restored the for-¹ tunes of Zion,

then were we like [|] those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with [|] shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great [|] things for them." R

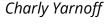
³The Lord has done great ¹ things for us,

and we are [|] glad indeed.

 ⁴Restore our for- ¹ tunes, O LORD, like the watercourses ¹ of the Negeb.
 ⁵Those who ¹ sowed with tears

will reap with ^I songs of joy.

ELW Psalm Tone 7, 2 Sharps



Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁶Those who go out weeping, carry- [|] ing the seed, will come again with joy, shoulder- [|] ing their sheaves. R

Reading from the New Testament

Hebrews 7:23-28

R A reading from Hebrews.

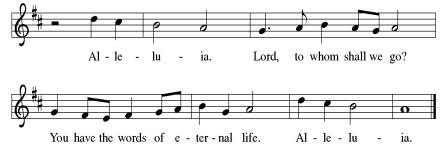
²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

- 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 10:46-52

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

A Glory to you, O Lord!

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- A Praise to you, O Christ!

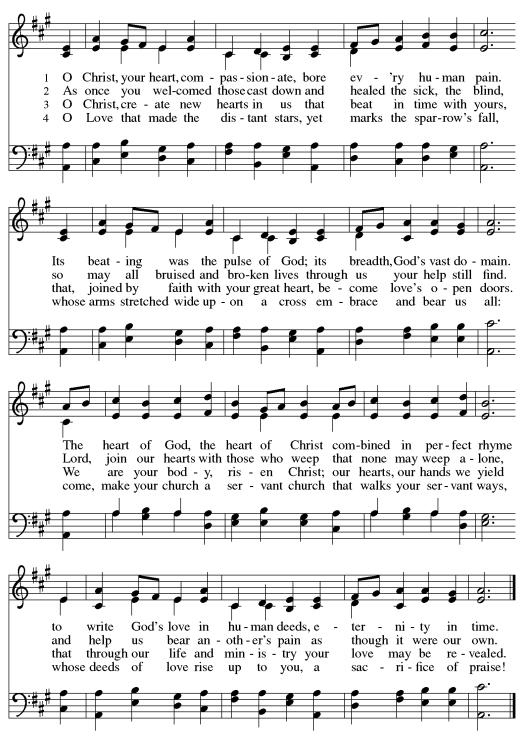
Sermon

Time of Silence

A bell will sound to signal a time of silence for reflection. During this time, you may want to meditate on one word from the scriptures or from the sermon that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life. When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word with song.

Hymn of the Day





The Apostle's Creed

L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

A I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

- L 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 Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L Calling One, 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 Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations (especially), that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

- L Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick, especially Steve Andes, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Karen Davern, Babs Deacon, Jim Jung, Judith Kratochvil, 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 [...]. Hear us, O God.
- A Your mercy is great.

L Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. 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 Living One, we give you thanks for the saints, especially Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann, Paul Gerhardt, hymnwriters; and Simon and Jude, Apostles, who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. 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.

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

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

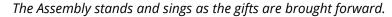
'Twas grace that taught, my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

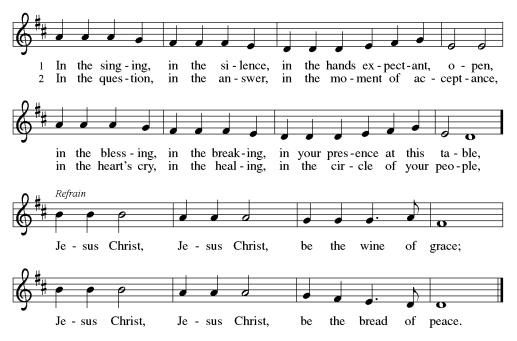
Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come: 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.



Amazing Grace Arr. By John Carter





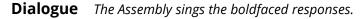
Offering Prayer

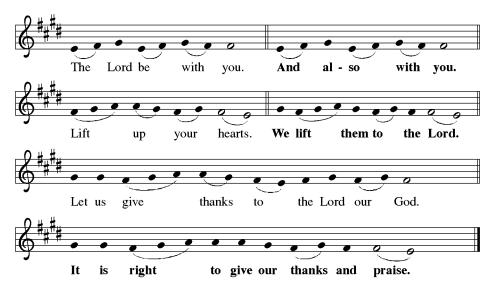
- L Let us pray.
- L God of abundance,

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.

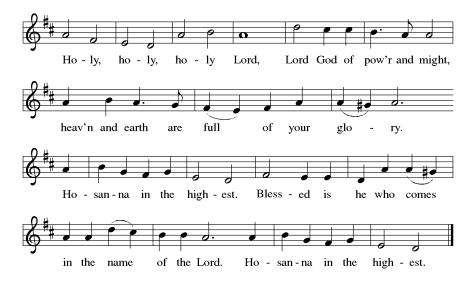
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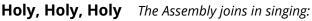




Preface The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:

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:





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 ...



Blessing

A Amen.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Allegro By Johann Druckmueller

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.



Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister	Kit McCarthy
Cantor	Sara Krentz
Lector	
Organist	Rich Leasure
Music Director	Anne Heider
Table Preparation	Kit McCarthy
Zoom Host	Grace Yarnoff
Audio-Visual Technicians*	Tom Couch, Kevin McDaniel
Ushers	Joe & Terri Simchak

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

Tuesday, Oct. 26	Midweek Adult Spiritual Discussion via Zoom	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 27	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 28	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Sunday, Oct. 31 REFORMATION SUNDAY Worship at Immanuel	Adult Spiritual Formation Discussion	9:00 am
	Sunday Hybrid Worship	10:30 am
	New Community Church Worship	1:00 pm

This Week's Commemorations

Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters Tuesday, October 26, 2021

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

Simon and Jude, Apostles

Thursday, October 28, 2021

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

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