

# The Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist In-Person and via Zoom November 14, 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.

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

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

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

#### **Prelude**

Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C dur By J.S. Bach

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.

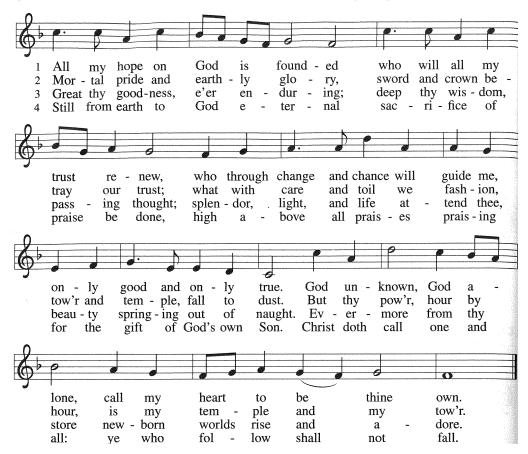
- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- A Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P Have mercy on us, O God,
- A We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor.
  We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger.
  We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice.
  Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.
- P God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ⅓ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more.

  Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.
- A Amen.

# **Gathering Song**



## 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.

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, 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**

**Daniel 12:1-3** 

R A reading from Daniel.

<sup>1</sup>"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

#### Psalm 16

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:

ELW Psalm Tone 1, 2 Sharps



#### Refrain:



<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take ref- I uge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other."

<sup>2</sup>All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land, upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after <sup>1</sup> other gods shall have their troubles <sup>1</sup> multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods, never take their names up- | on my lips. R

<sup>5</sup>O Lord, you are my portion <sup>|</sup> and my cup; it is you who up- <sup>|</sup> hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land; indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who <sup>1</sup> gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night <sup>1</sup> after night.

<sup>8</sup>I have set the Lord al- | ways before me;

because God is at my right hand, I shall <sup>|</sup> not be shaken. R

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- <sup>|</sup> it rejoices; my body also shall <sup>|</sup> rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me | to the grave, nor let your holy one | see the pit.

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the <sup>1</sup> path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. **R**  R A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

16"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

<sup>17</sup>he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

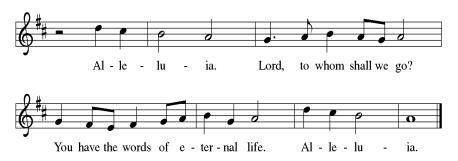
<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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 13:1-8

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

# A Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." <sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one

leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

# A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Assembly is seated.

#### Sermon

#### **Time of Silence**

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

During this time, you may want to meditate on one word from the scriptures or from the sermon that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.

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

# Hymn of the Day

"Jesus, Still Lead On" (SEELENBRAUTIGAM) **ELW 422** 



# **The Apostles 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 Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need. *pause*
- L God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy,

# A Hear our prayer.

L God, our provider, we give you thanks for your work in our leaders. We pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Grace, our council, and anti-racism task force. God, in your mercy,

#### A Hear our prayer.

L God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy,

# A Hear our prayer.

L God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. God, in your mercy,

# A Hear our prayer.

**L** God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in your mercy,

#### A Hear our prayer.

L God our healer, bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way, especially Steve Andes, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Babs Deacon, Jim Jung, Judith Kratochvil, the family of Kris Knohl, the family of Edgar Krentz, John and Nancy Lang, Jim and Elaine Morehead, Veronica Repasz, Lorrie Roche, Darryl Simchak, Lloyd Stivers, the family of Leslie Thais, Renee Wessel, Grace and Alex, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. God in your mercy,

## A Hear our prayer.

L God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, 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 God in your mercy,

# A Hear our prayer.

L God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved, especially, Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society. Assure us of your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy,

# A Hear our prayer.

P God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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



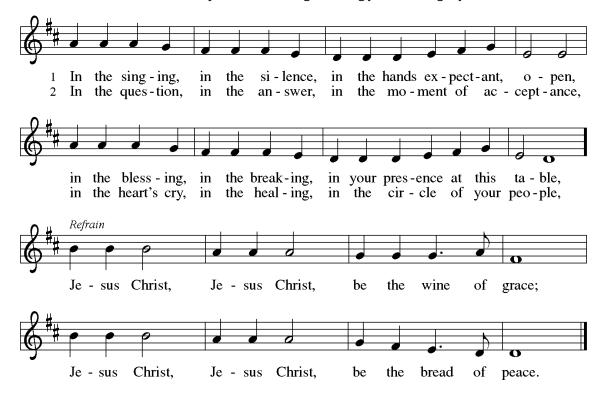
# **Offering Music**

Ach, arme Welt By Johannes Brahms

- 1. Ach, arme Welt, du trügest mich, ja, das bekenn' ich eigentlich, und kann dich doch nicht meiden.
- 2. Du falsche Welt, du bist nicht wahr, dein Schein vergeht, das weiß ich zwar, mit Weh' und großem Leiden.
- 3. Dein' Ehr', dein Gut, du arme Welt, im Tod, in rechten Nöten fehlt, dein Schatz ist eitel falsches Geld, dess hilf mir, Herr, zum Frieden.

- 1. Thou, poor vain world, deludest me, yes, that I grant thee verily, and can not still deny thee.
- 2. Ah, thou false world, thou art not true, thy glories fade, I know and rue, with grief and sorrow try me.
- 3. The honours, riches, thou hast brought, in death, in dire distress are naught; Thy treasure vain and falsely wraught. Lord, give me peace eternal.

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



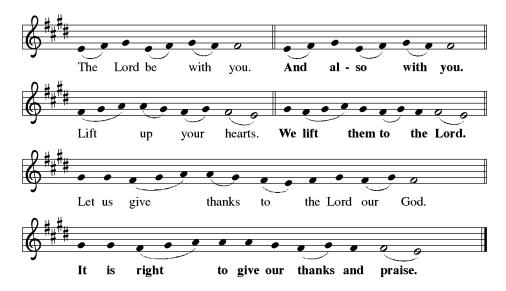
# **Offering Prayer**

- L Let us pray.
- L Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### A Amen.

# The Great Thanksgiving

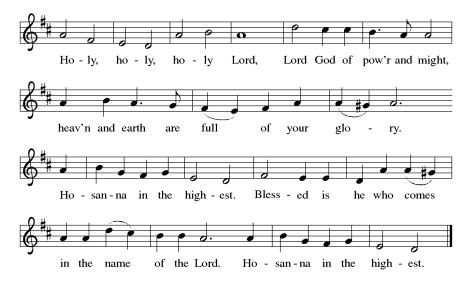
**Dialogue** The Assembly sings the boldfaced responses.



**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 The Assembly joins in singing:



# Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

surrounded by evil and bordered by death

we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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,

the sacrifice of his life and death

and the victory of his resurrection,

we await with all the saints

his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine

and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son:

teach us your mercy and justice,

and make all things new in Christ.

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:
Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together
at your heavenly banquet.

#### A Amen

# **Sending Song**

# "All God, Beyond All Praising" (THAXTED) ELW 880



# **Blessing**

- P God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, 

  → bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.
- A Amen.

#### **Dismissal**

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

#### **Postlude**

Toccata and Adagio for the Prelude and Fugue by J.S. Bach

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** Laurie Stivers 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, Tyler Heyl **Ushers** Steve Warner

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#### This Week's Commemorations

# Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231 Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.

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

Sunday, Nov. 14	Stark Fund Meeting	Noon
Monday, Nov. 15 – 29	Pr. Mark on Vacation	
Tuesday, Nov. 16	Midweek Adult Spiritual Discussion via Zoom	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 17	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Nov. 18	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Saturday, Nov. 20	Indoor Farmers Market	8:00 am
Sunday, Nov. 21-Christ the King	Feeding One's Faith Discussion	9:00 am
	Sunday Hybrid Worship	10:30 am
	Council Meeting	12:30 pm
	New Community Church Worship	1:00 pm

# Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

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