

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist February 20, 2022

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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. If you're joining us via Zoom, please remain muted until you get to the part where you will be invited to unmute and participate in some parts of the liturgy, as marked by this symbol. **Q** = UNMUTE

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.

Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

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

Pre-service Music

Prelude and Fugue in G By J.S. Bach

Gathering

P The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- A Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

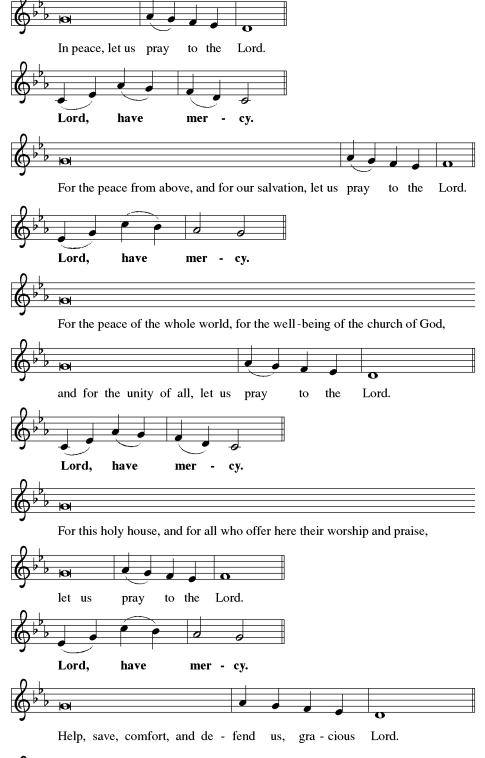
- P Most merciful God,
- A (UNMUTE) we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.
 We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.
 We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.
 Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.
 For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
 Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.
- P Rejoice in this good news:
 In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
 You are descendants of the Most High,
 adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.
 Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
- A Amen.

Gathering Song "All Creatures, Worship God Most High (LASST UNS EERFREUEN)" Hymnal p. 835



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!





Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- A 🔇 And also with you.
- P Let us pray...

Pause for a moment of silence...

- P O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- A Amen.

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

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

R A reading from Genesis.

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

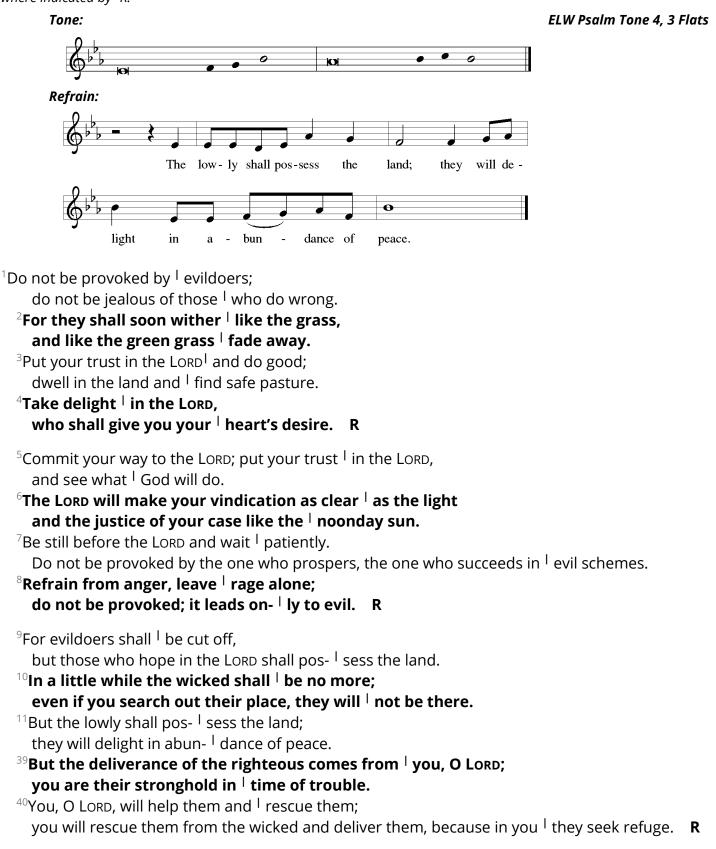
⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

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."



Reading from the New Testament

R A reading from 1 Corinthians.

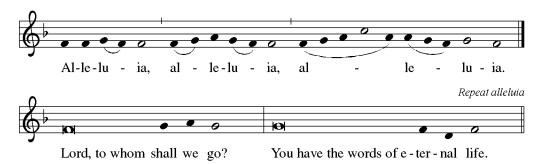
³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

[Jesus said:] ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be

children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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.



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 (1) the Responses

- L The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.
- L You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace,
- A hear our prayer.
- L Imbue wisdom and serenity into our leaders. We pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Dana, our council, and anti-racism task force. God of grace,

A hear our prayer.

L Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace,

A hear our prayer.

L Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace,

A hear our prayer.

L Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled, especially Steve Andes, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Babs Deacon, Lucas Forzley, Jim Jung, Judith Kratochvil, John and Nancy Lang, the family of Larry Lee, Veronica Repasz, Lorrie Roche, Joanne Shearer, Darryl Simchak, Lloyd Stivers, Grace and Alex, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,

A hear our prayer.

L You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace,

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 of grace,

A hear our prayer.

- L We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom, especially Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr and Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess. As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. God of grace,
- A hear our prayer.
- P Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; 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.

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. You scan this code with your smartphone camera to make your financial offering online.

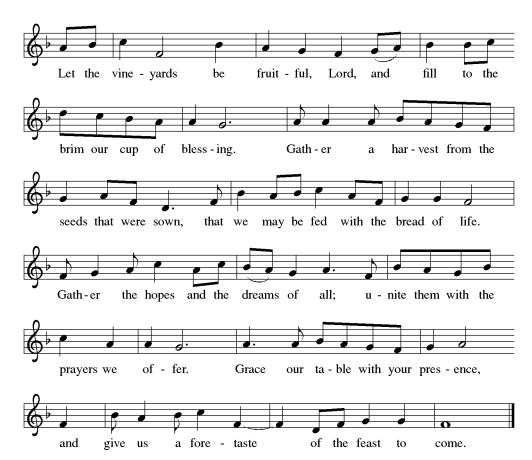


Offering Music

Fire of the Spirit, life of the lives of creatures, Spiral of sanctity, bond of all natures; Glow of charity, lights of clarity, Taste of sweetness to sinners, be with us and hear us. Composer of all things, light of all the risen, Key of salvation, release from the dark prison: Hope in disquietness, breath of consciousness, Joy in glory, our Savior be with us and hear us.

Presentation of the Gifts

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" Hymnal p.181



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

Offering Prayer

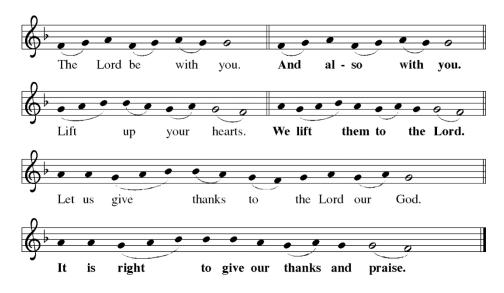
L Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

Amen.

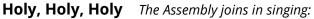
The Great Thanksgiving

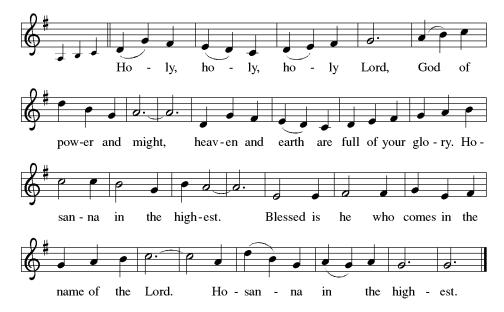
Dialogue The Assembly sings the boldfaced responses.



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.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:





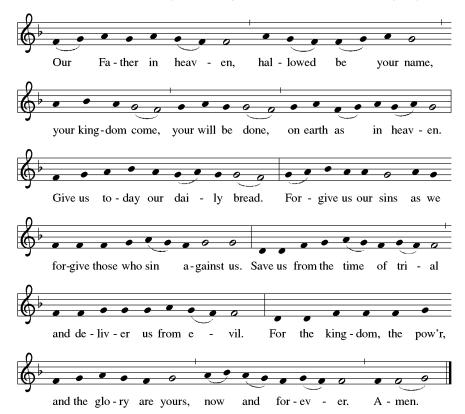
Hymnal, p. 108

Thanksgiving at the Table

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might. 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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light. By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance 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 Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: All sing.



The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

- P Come to God's table, There is a place for you and enough for all!
- A 🕥 Thanks be to God!

The Assembly is seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

- 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 as directed.

Blessing after Communion

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

Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.

Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

A Amen.

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

"Build a Longer Table (NOE NOUVELET)" ACS p. 1062 long - er ta - ble, Build high - er wall, not 1 а a Build saf - er ref - uge, 2 jail; а not a larg - er 3 Build broad - er door - way, long - er fence. а not a 4 When we ex - iles, lived ref - u gees a broad, as feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all. shel - ter, where the weak find mer - cy will not fail. peo - ple, door - way Love pro - tects all spar - ing ex pense. no Christ be - came our to the reign of God. friend, Feast - ing to geth _ er, strang - er turns to an - y place where is nied, For jus - tice de _ When com - pas - sion we em brace more than fear, So must our ta bles wel - come those who roam. -Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi-sions end. Christ will breach jail wall, free - ing all side. the in -Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel-come here. None can be ex clud - ed; all must find а home.

Blessing

- P God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
 + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever!
- A 🔇 Amen.

Dismissal

- L Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news
- A 🕥 Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Gigue Fugue By Dietrich Buxtehude



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	Anne Heider
Cantor	Sara Krentz
Lector	Kathryn Skelton
Organist	Greg Hummel
Music Director	James Morehead
Table Preparation	Kit McCarthy
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This Week's Commemorations

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156 Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921 Friday, February 25, 2022

Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.

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

Monday, Feb. 21	Presidents' Day (Church Office closed)	
Tuesday, Feb. 22	Midweek Adult Spiritual Formation	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Feb. 23	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Feb. 24	Wilmette Band Practice	7:30 pm
Friday, Feb. 25	Evening Quilters	7:00 pm
Saturday, Feb. 26	Organ Scholars Auditions	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday, Feb. 27	Feeding Our Faith Discussion	9:00 am
	Sunday Hybrid Worship	10:30 am
	North Shore Squares	2:00 pm

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

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Christine Kraemer	Associate Organist
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