

The First Sunday of Lent

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist March 6, 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.

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

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

## **Pre-service Music**

Passacaglia in C minor By JS. Bach

## Gathering

- P The Lord be with you.
- A And also with you.

#### **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 God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.
- A Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P Holy One,
- A (UNMUTE) we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us!
   Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.
- P Rejoice in this good news:

Beloved in Christ,

the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again

and gathers you under wings of love.

In 🕂 Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

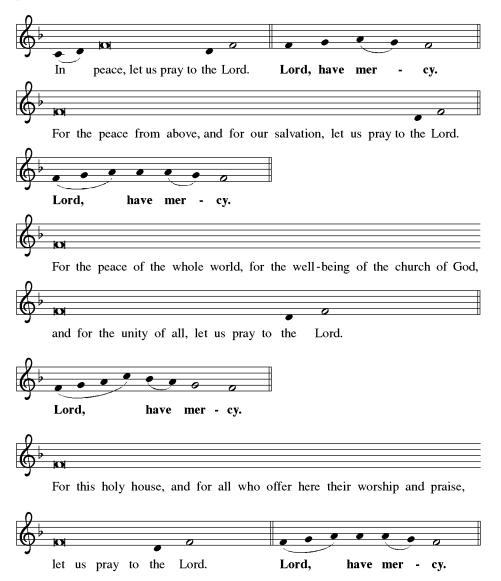
A Amen.

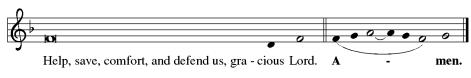
#### **Gathering Song**



#### 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!





## **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 God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- A Amen.

## Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures:

#### Deuteronomy 26:1-11

R A reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

## Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

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."



<sup>1</sup>You who dwell in the shelter of <sup>|</sup> the Most High,

who abide in the shadow of <sup>|</sup> the Almighty—

- <sup>2</sup>you will say to the LORD, "My refuge <sup>|</sup> and my stronghold, my God in whom I <sup>|</sup> put my trust." R
- <sup>9</sup>Because you have made the <sup>1</sup> LORD your refuge, and the Most High your <sup>1</sup> habitation,
- <sup>10</sup>no evil <sup>|</sup> will befall you,

#### nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge <sup>1</sup> over you,

to guard you in <sup>|</sup> all your ways.

- <sup>12</sup>Upon their hands they will <sup>|</sup> bear you up,
  - lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. R

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion <sup>1</sup> cub and viper;

you will trample down the lion <sup>|</sup> and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>I will deliver those who <sup>1</sup> cling to me;

## I will uphold them, because they <sup>|</sup> know my name.

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will <sup>1</sup> answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and <sup>|</sup> honor them.

<sup>16</sup>With long life will I <sup>|</sup> satisfy them,

and show them <sup>|</sup> my salvation. R

## **Reading from the New Testament**

R A reading from Romans.

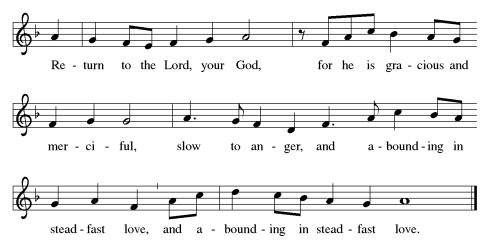
<sup>8b</sup>"The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**



## Luke 4:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

## A Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

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<sup>11</sup>and

'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

#### "When We Are Tested" ACS 922



## 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 Iesus 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 Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- L We pray for the church. Sharpen its proclamation of the word so that your people learn to reject voices of deception and distraction. Strengthen all who are tempted to believe lies about themselves or others. Merciful God,
- A receive our prayer.
- L We pray for our church leaders. Especially, we pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Dana, our council, and anti-racism task force. Merciful God,

## A receive our prayer.

L We pray for the earth and all its creatures. Protect wilderness places and all plant and animal species that call them home. Sustain farmers and all laborers who work the land and harvest the fruits of its abundance. Merciful God,

## A receive our prayer.

L We pray for the nations of the world. Awaken elected leaders and government officials to the needs of those who are oppressed and grant them compassion to deal mercifully with immigrants and refugees who reside among us. Merciful God,

## A receive our prayer.

L We pray for those in need. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or contending with addiction. Ease the anxiety of those who live with dementia. Command your angels concerning all who are sick, especially Steve Andes, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein,

Babs Deacon, Lucas Forzley, Marcie Heyl, Jim Jung, Judith Kratochvil, John and Nancy Lang, 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 [...]. Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. Merciful God,

## A receive our prayer.

- L We pray for this assembly. Bless those who bake bread and prepare the table for our communion celebration. Accompany those who share the bounty of this meal with those who are homebound or hospitalized. Merciful God,
- A receive 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 Merciful God,

## A receive our prayer.

- L We give thanks for those who have died, especially Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage; Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society; and Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome. Gather them with all the saints into your heavenly dwelling place. Encourage us with the promise that all who call upon your name are saved. Merciful God,
- A receive our prayer.
- P Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ
- 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.

**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**

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Arr. by Terry Kirkland

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, Weak and wounded, sick and sore. Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity, love and power. I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome: God's free bounty glorify, True belief and true repentance, Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh. I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Lost and ruined by the Fall. If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. Let not conscience make you linger, Nor for fitness fondly dream; All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need of Him. I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

#### **Presentation of the Gifts**

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

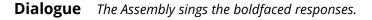


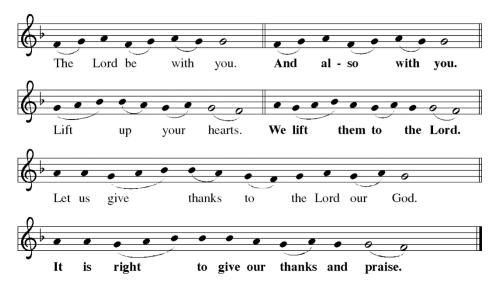
## **Offering Prayer**

L Let us pray.

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.. Amen.

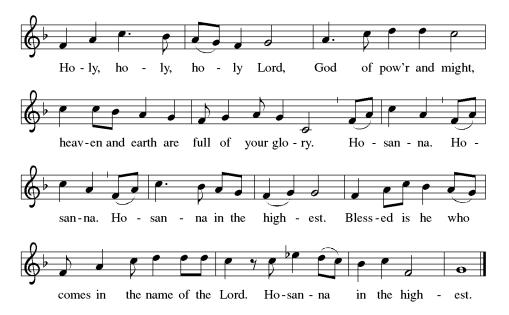
## The Great Thanksgiving





## **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.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.
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 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **A** The Assembly joins in singing:



- P Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.
- A 🔇 Amen
- P Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
   to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
   with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
   Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.
- A Amen
- P Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
   Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
- A 🔇 Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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** Here is food and drink for the journey.
- A 🐧 May we be filled with your presence.

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**

- Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need..
- A Amen.

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

## Sending Song

"O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" ELW 319



## Blessing

- P You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty,
   + bless you this day and always.
- A 🔇 Amen.

## Dismissal

L Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

## A 🕥 Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

*Fugue in C minor* By J.S. Bach

Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall. You may remove your mask when eating or drinking and please continue to social distance. Refreshments are provided by TBD. 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	Anne Heider
Cantor	Sara Krentz
Lector	Mary Ann Kearns
	Greg Hummel
	James Morehead
Table Preparation	
Zoom Host	Bert Mount
Audio-Visual Technicians	Tom Couch, Kevin McDaniel, Tyler Heyl, Mark Kearns
	TBD

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## This Week's Commemorations

## Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202

#### Monday, March 7, 2022

Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, an enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

#### Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society Thursday, March 10, 2022

Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

#### Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604 Saturday, March 12, 2022

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

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

Tuesday, Mar. 8	Midweek Adult Bible Study	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Mar. 9	Midweek Lenten Service (Hybrid)	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Mar. 10	Wilmette Band Practice	7:30 pm
Sunday, Mar. 13	Daylight Saving Time Begins	Set clock ahead 1 hour on Saturday night
	Feeding Our Faith Discussion	9:00 am
	Sunday Hybrid Worship	10:30 am
	New Community Church	1:00 pm
	North Shore Squares	2:00 pm

## Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Mark Sloss	Pastor
Dana Barron	Congregation President
Bert Mount	
Steve Warner	
Susan Ross	Congregation Treasurer
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Mary Ann Kearns	Financial Secretary
Elizabeth Stegner	Assistant Financial Secretary
James Morehead	Music Director
Greg Hummel	Organist
Laurie Stivers	
Christine Kraemer	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu	Parish Administrator

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