

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist July 24, 2022

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. 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. 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. $\mathbb{Q} = \text{UNMUTE}$

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. The pastor will say "The body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you" following the singing of the Lamb of God.

The other option is to come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and wine or grape juice from the Assisting Minister. The glasses will be pre-poured, with the grape juice in the inner circle and wine in the outer circle. Each person will take their own glass from the tray. The Assisting Minister and Pastor will remain masked

during the distribution. Please keep in mind proper physical distance from other worshippers in coming forward and in removing your mask to consume the elements. Empty glasses can be deposited in trays on the front pews. This will be a continuous communion, standing to receive the elements. 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 ...

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

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

Prelude "Six Pieces"

By Alec Wyton

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
- A 🕲 Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Merciful God,
- A we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.

 Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.

 When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life.

 Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.

 Amen.
- P Hear the good news!
 God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
 In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.
- A 🕥 Thanks be to God! Amen.

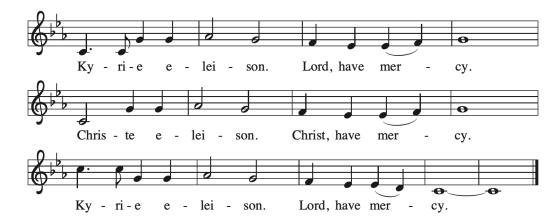


Greeting.

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit us, be with you all.
- A

 And also with you!

Kyrie



Canticle of Praise

"Glory to You God"



Prayer of the Day

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

Pause for a moment of silence...

P Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only 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

Genesis 18:20-32

R A reading from Genesis.

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." 31 He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 138 ELW Psalm Tone 6

The organ will play the tone and then the Assembly will sing the verses through.

The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses.

Tone:



¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with ¹ my whole heart;

before the gods I will | sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.

³When I called, you ¹ answered me;

you increased my | strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD, when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways ^I of the LORD, that great is the glory ^I of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly, perceiving the haughty | from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ^I keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right ^I hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your pur- | pose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands.

Reading from the New Testament

Colossians 2:6-15

R A reading from Colossians.

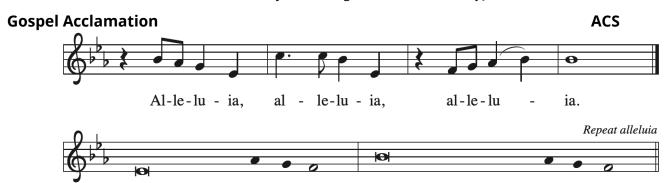
⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

R Word of God, word of life.

A ③ Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.



Ask, and it will be given you; search, and | you will find;

knock, and the door will be o- | pened to you.

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Alleluia of the Gospel Acclamation is sung once again. The Assembly is then 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.



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 (a) the Responses

- L United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.
- L Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,

A **(a)** receive our prayer.

L Understanding that through the service of ourselves, we grow through Christ. We pray for our church leaders especially, we pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor John, our president Dana, our council, and our justice ministries. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name, especially for Steve Andes, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Tom Couch, Babs Deacon, Lucas Forzley, Marcie Heyl, Jim Jung, the family of Jean Kantner, Judith Kratochvil, John and Nancy Lang, Lorrie Roche, Merle Shearer, Darryl Simchak, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. 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 Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints, especially James, the Apostle; Johann Sebastian Bach, Henrich Schutz, George Frederick Handel; Mary, Martha, and Lazarus; and Olaf, King of Norway; who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

P Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

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

"Prelude on "St. Columba" by Healey Willan The Assembly stands and sings as the gifts are brought forward.



Offering Prayer

- L Let us pray.
- L God of abundance:
 you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
 As we feast on your goodness,
 strengthen us to labor in your field,
 and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
 in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

- P The Lord be with you.
- A **Q** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- A **We** lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- A **(a)** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy *The Assembly joins in singing:*



Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying: Your mercy endures forever.

A **Q** Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness. Your mercy endures forever.

A **Q** Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness.

Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love.

With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever.

A **Q**Amen.

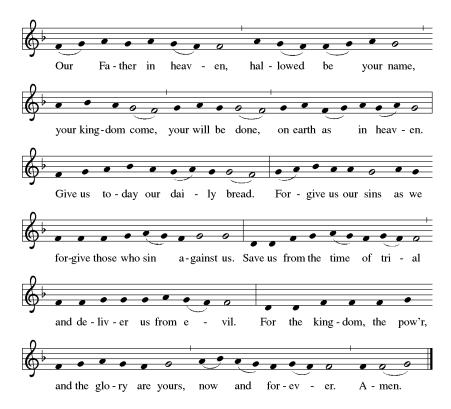
P Amen, and amen.

A Amen, and amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

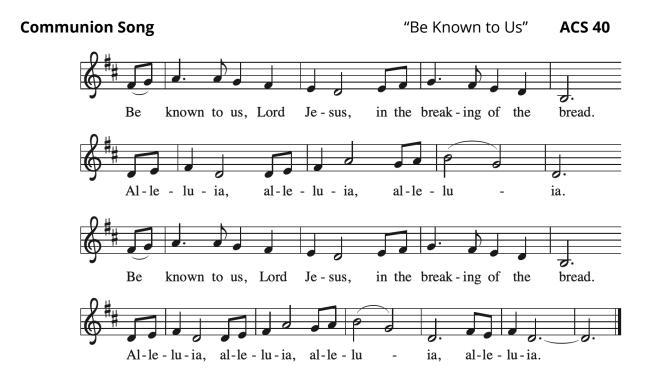
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The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

- P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

The Assembly is seated.



Distribution of Holy Communion

For those who are communing with the packets or online, the pastor will say "The body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you".

Those who wish, please come forward as the ushers direct, to receive the bread from the Pastor and wine or grape juice from the Assisting Minister. The glasses will be pre-poured, with the grape juice in the inner circle and wine in the outer circle. Each person will take their own glass from the tray. The Assisting Minister and Pastor will remain masked during the distribution. Please keep in mind proper physical distance from other worshippers in coming forward and in removing your mask to consume the elements. Empty glasses can be deposited in trays on the front pews. This will be a continuous communion, standing to receive the elements.

- 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.*

Communion Hymn



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. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.
 Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love.
 This we pray in the name of Jesus.

A Amen.

Blessing

P The God of peace,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

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



Dismissal

- L Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
- A **(1)** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Majestic Piece" By Ronald Arnatt

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 today 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. John Lang
Assisting Minister	Laurie Stivers
Lector	Steve Warner
Acolyte	TBD
Organist	
Music Director	James Morehead
Table Preparation	Diane Keely
Zoom Host	Bert Mount
Audio-Visual Technicians	Tom Couch, Kevin McDaniel, Tyler Heyl, Mark Kearns
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. Worship services can be attended either in person or online.

July 18-24 Pr Mark on vacation

Monday, July 25 FA Meeting 6:30 pm
Sunday, July 31 Sunday Worship 10:30 am
New Community Church 1:00 pm

North Shore Squares 2:00 pm

This Week's Commemorations

James, Apostle

Monday, July 25, 2022

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians Thursday, July 28, 2022

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany Friday, July 29, 2022

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030 Friday, July 29, 2022

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

Imanuel's Staff and Leadership

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The Rev. Mark Sloss	
Dana Barron	Congregation President
Bert Mount	Congregation Vice President
Steve Warner	
Susan Ross	Congregation Treasurer
Diane Keely, Michael Kloster, Lisa Larson, Jim Skelton, Grace Yarnoff	Congregation Council Members
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Elizabeth Stegner	Assistant Financial Secretary
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Laurie Stivers	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu	Parish Administrator

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