

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist August 7, 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 ...

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

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

Prelude

"Variations on Today's Hymns"

Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
- A

 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

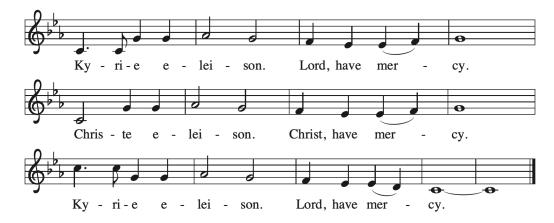
 Thanks be to God! Amen.



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 God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through 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

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

R A reading from Isaiah.

¹The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD,
 you rulers of Sodom!
 Listen to the teaching of our God,
 you people of Gomorrah!

 What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
 says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

¹²When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more;

¹³bringing offerings is futile;

incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals

my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,

I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil,

¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

18Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD:
 though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;
 though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.
 19If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;
 20but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

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:



¹The mighty one, God the [|] LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun [|] to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty, God shines | forth in glory.

³Our God will come and will ¹ not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a ¹ raging storm.

⁴God calls the heavens and the earth | from above to witness the judgment | of the people.

⁵"Gather before me my ¹ loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed ¹ it with sacrifice."

⁶The heavens declare the rightness | of God's cause, for it is God | who is judge.

⁷"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear wit- ¹ ness against you; for I am ¹ God, your God.

⁸I do not accuse you because ¹ of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are al- ¹ ways before me.

²²Consider this well, you ¹ who forget God, lest I tear you apart and there be none to de- ¹ liver you.

²³Whoever offers me a sacrifice of thanksgiving | honors me; I will show the salvation of God to those who go | the right way."

Reading from the New Testament

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

R A reading from Hebrews.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

- **R** Word of God, word of life.
- A

 Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.



Gospel Luke 12:32-40

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

[Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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 Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.
- L Let your loving kindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,

A **()** receive our prayer.

Let your loving kindness be upon our church. We pray for our church leaders especially, we pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Dana, our council, and our justice ministries. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L Let your loving kindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

Let your loving kindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

Let your loving kindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

Let your loving kindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you (especially). Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid, especially 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, Paul LeVon, Lorrie Roche, Merle Shearer, Darryl Simchak, Lloyd Stivers, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. Renew us at your table of mercy. 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 With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you, especially Dominic, Lawrence, Clare, Florence Nightingale, and Clara Maas. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. 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.

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

"Have No Fear, Little Flock" Setting by Benjamin Culli The Assembly stands and sings as the gifts are brought forward.



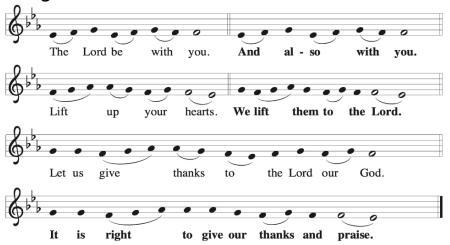
Offering Prayer

- 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.

A Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue



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 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,

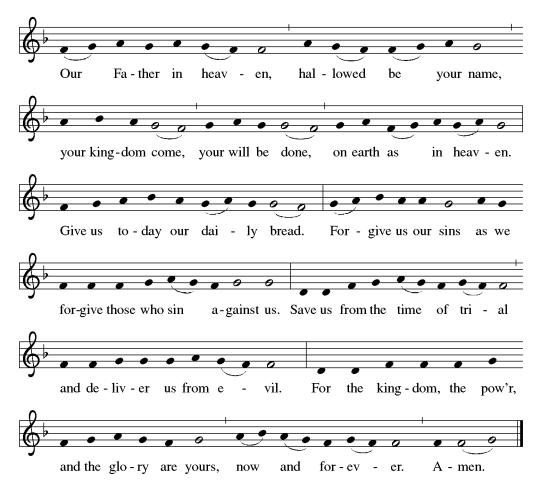
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever.

P Amen, and amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

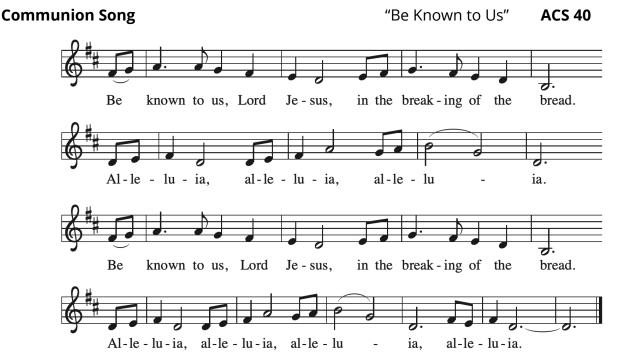
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The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

- 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.*



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 Song

"The God of Abraham" ELW 831



Dismissal

- L Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
- A **Q** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"How Great Thou Art" Setting by Wilbur Held

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 the McCarthy Family. Our belated thank-you to the Ross Family, who provided refreshments on July 31st. Their service was inadvertently omitted from the Bulletin.

Come enjoy one another's company and hear about all the opportunities for service and community!



To join coffee hour via Zoom on a smartphone, scan with your camera to get the link.

Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister	Kit McCarthy
Lector	Steve Warner
Acolyte	Chris Djuric
Organist	Laurie Stivers
	James Morehead
Table Preparation	Kit McCarthy
Zoom Host	Jim McCarthy
Audio-Visual Technicians	Tom Couch, Kevin McDaniel, Tyler Heyl, Mark Kearns
Ushers	Jim Rakowsky, Nicolai Schousboe

This Week's Commemorations

Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221 Monday, August 8, 2022

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258 Wednesday, August 10, 2022

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253 Thursday, August 11, 2022

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society Saturday, August 13, 2022

Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

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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.

Monday, August 8	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
Saturday, August 13	Trombone Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am
Sunday, August 14	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	New Community Church	1:00 pm
	North Shore Squares	2:00 pm

Imanuel's Staff and Leadership

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

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