

# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist September 18, 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 ...

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

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

### **Prelude**

"Pièce d'Orgue" and "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" By J.S. Bach

# **Confession and Forgiveness**

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.
- A 

  Amen.
- P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P God of mercy and forgiveness,
- A 🐧 we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice,

love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey,

through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

P Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,

who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

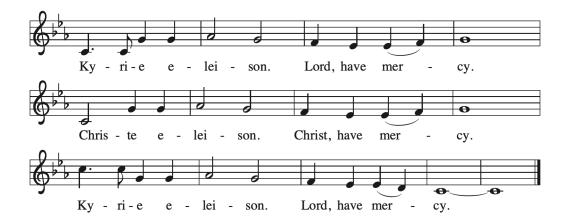
A **Q** Thanks be to God! Amen.



### 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 Name And Also with you.
- P Let us pray...

Pause for a moment of silence...

- P God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in 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**

Amos 8:4-7

- R A reading from Amos.
  - <sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
     <sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?
     We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances,
     <sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

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

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

All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."

### Tone:



### Refrain:



<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants <sup>1</sup> of the LORD; praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>Let the name of the | Lord be blessed, from this time forth for- | evermore.

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its <sup>1</sup> going down let the name of the <sup>1</sup> LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord is high a- | bove all nations; God's glory a- | bove the heavens. R

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the <sup>1</sup> Lord our God, who sits en- <sup>1</sup> throned on high,

<sup>6</sup>but stoops | to behold the heavens | and the earth?

<sup>7</sup>The LORD takes up the weak out <sup>|</sup> of the dust and lifts up the poor <sup>|</sup> from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup>enthroning them | with the rulers, with the rulers | of the people.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a <sup>1</sup> childless house to be a joyful mother of children. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! **R** 

R A reading from Timothy.

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

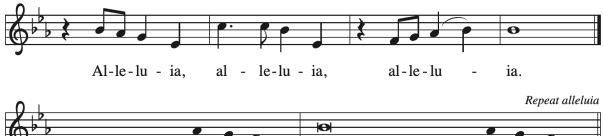
Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all

- —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.
- **R** Word of God, word of life.
- A **(1)** Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

### **Gospel Acclamation**



Live your life in a manner strive side by side worthy of the gos- | pel of Christ;\* for the faith | of the gospel.

Gospel Luke 16:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

# A Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he

asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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 As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.
- L God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,

# A N hear our prayer.

L God of love who taught us to pray, we pray especially for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Dana, our council, and our justice ministries. God of grace,

# A hear our prayer.

L Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,

### A hear our prayer.

L Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace,

### A hear our prayer.

L Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. God of grace,

### A hear our prayer.

L Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. Provide for those in any need, especially Steve Andes, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Tom Couch, Babs Deacon, Lucas Forzley, Marcie Heyl, Jim Jung, Judith Kratochvil, John & Nancy Lang, Paul LeVon, Andy Lewis, Lorrie Roche, Merle Shearer, Darryl Simchak, the family of Lloyd Stivers, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. 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 God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us especially Dag Hammarskjöld, Nelson Wesley Trout, and Matthew, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace,

# A hear our prayer.

- P Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- A Amen.

### Peace

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- A **Q** 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/Anthem

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thumb best thought in the day and the night, Both walking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; Be thou ever with me, and I with three, Lord; Be thou my greta Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art; Great heart of my heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, Ruler of all.

### **Presentation of the Gifts**

"Don't Be Afraid" ACS 1027

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



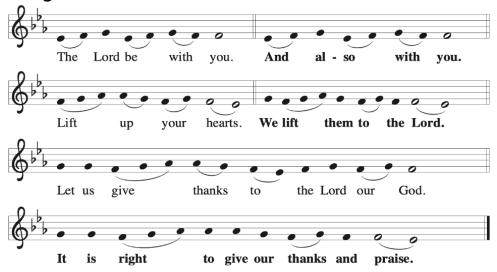
### **Offering Prayer**

- L Let us pray.
- L Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

### 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.

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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 QAmen.

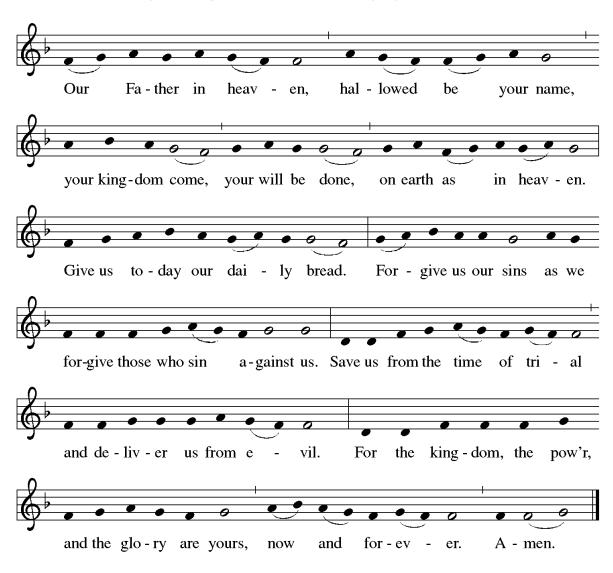
P Amen, and amen.

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### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

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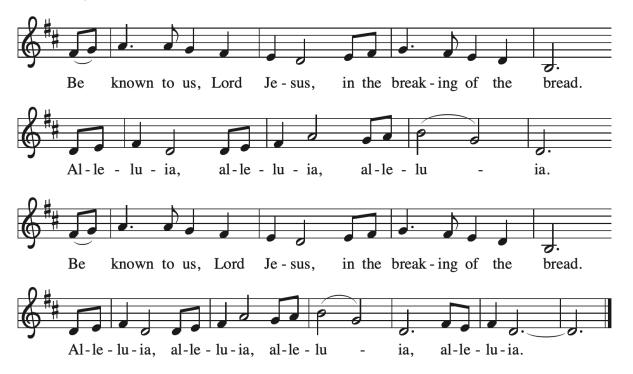


# The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

- P Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

The Assembly is seated.

Communion Song "Be Known to Us" ACS 40

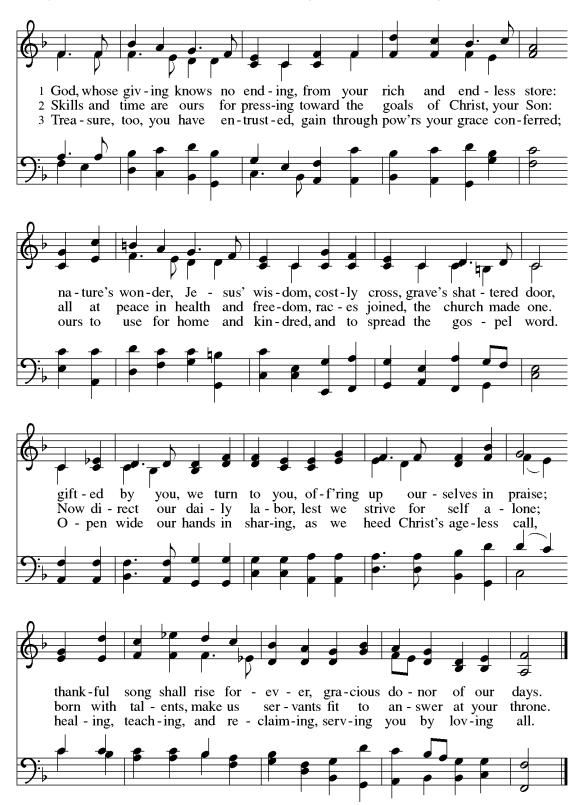


### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

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.*



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. God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- A Amen.

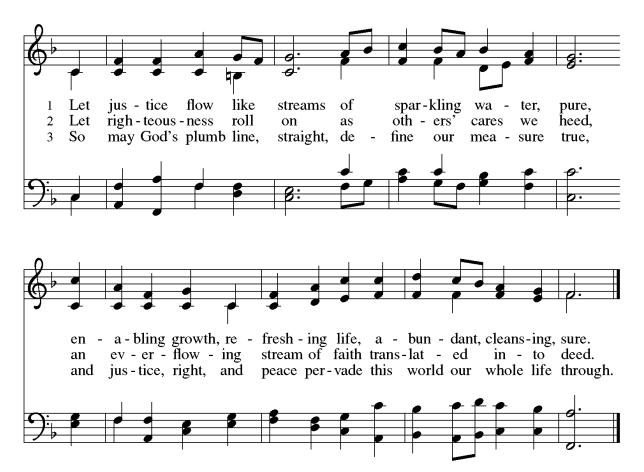
# **Blessing**

- P God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace.

  And may the holy Trinity, → one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

# **Sending Song**

"Let Justice Flow Like Streams" (ST THOMAS) **ELW 717** 



### **Dismissal**

- L Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
- A **(a)** Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**

"Carillon" By Herbert Murrill

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. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister	Laurie Stivers
Lector	
Acolyte	Kit McCarthy
Organist	
Music Director	
Table Preparation	<del>-</del>
Zoom Host	
Audio-Visual Technicians	
Ushers	

### This Week's Commemorations

### Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961 Sunday, September 18, 2022

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as Markings, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

### Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF) Tuesday, September 20, 2022

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

# Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

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**Upcoming Events** – for details see the weekly e-blast, *Immanuel Newsfeeds*, or the website Calendar at <a href="https://www.immanuelevanston.org">www.immanuelevanston.org</a>. Worship services can be attended either in person or online.

Monday, September 19	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday, September 20	Midweek Adult Bible Study on Zoom	7:00 pm
Wednesday, September 21	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, September 22	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Saturday, September 24	North Shore Squares Event	7:00 pm
Sunday, September 25	BIKE THE RIDGE	9:00 am
	Feeding Our Faith	9:00 am
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Confirmation Class	12:30 pm
	North Shore Squares	1:00 pm
	Council Meeting	2:30 pm

# Imanuel's Staff and Leadership

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

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