**Baptism of Our Lord** 



10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist January 7, 2024

# 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.

#### Masks are now optional during worship service.

#### 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 ushers. 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 worshipping 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.  $\frac{1}{2}$  = 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. There are two options: You may 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. Empty glasses can be deposited in trays on the front pews. This will be a continuous communion, standing to receive the elements. The other option is 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 Communion Song. Please deposit the cups and wrappers in the trash receptacles as you leave the sanctuary.

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

P: Presiding Minister L: Leader/Assisting Minister R: Reader A: Assembly

+ All may make the sign of the cross.

"Let All Together Praise Our God" BWV 732 by J.S. Bach, "Greensleeves" by Richard Purvis, and "Wexford Carol" by Norberto Guinaldo

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, I one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.
- A 🔮 Amen.

Prelude

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

## Silence is kept for reflection.

P Everlasting God,

A we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.
Amen.

- P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
  God has spoken:
  The time of grace is now.
  In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
  By the authority of + Jesus Christ,
  your sins are forgiven.
  You are God's beloved.
- A 🔮 Amen.

**Gathering Song** "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" (LOBT GOTT IHR CHRISTEN) **ELW 304** *You may reverence the cross as it passes you.* 



### Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- A 🛛 🚇 And also with you!



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### **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 Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- A Amen.

#### The Assembly is seated.

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

#### Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures.

### Genesis 1:1-5

R A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

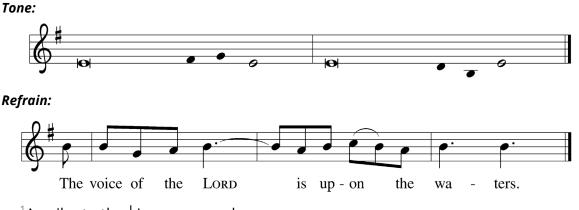
R The Word of the Lord. Or, Word of God, word of life.

### A Thanks be to God!

### Psalm 29

### Psalm Tone 8, 1 sharp

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."

ascribe to the LORD glo-<sup>1</sup> ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory <sup>|</sup> due God's name; worship the LORD in the beau- <sup>|</sup> ty of holiness.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the <sup>1</sup> Lord, you gods,

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of <sup>1</sup> glory thunders; the LORD is upon the <sup>1</sup> mighty waters.
<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a pow-<sup>1</sup> erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a <sup>1</sup> voice of splendor. R
<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the <sup>1</sup> cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce-<sup>1</sup> dars of Lebanon;
<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip <sup>1</sup> like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a <sup>1</sup> young wild ox.
<sup>7</sup>The voice <sup>1</sup> of the LORD

bursts forth in <sup>|</sup> lightning flashes.

## <sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord <sup>|</sup> shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilder- <sup>|</sup> ness of Kadesh. R

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the <sup>1</sup> forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are <sup>1</sup> crying, "Glory!"

## <sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned a- <sup>1</sup> bove the flood;

### the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength <sup>|</sup> to your people; give them, O LORD, the bless- <sup>|</sup> ings of peace. **R** 

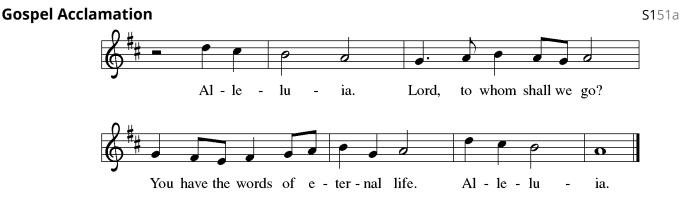
## **Reading from the New Testament**

R A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

- R The Word of the Lord. Or, Word of God, word of life.
- A 🔮 Thanks be to God!

### The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.



## Acts 19:1-7

### Gospel

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

## A Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- A Praise to you, O Christ!

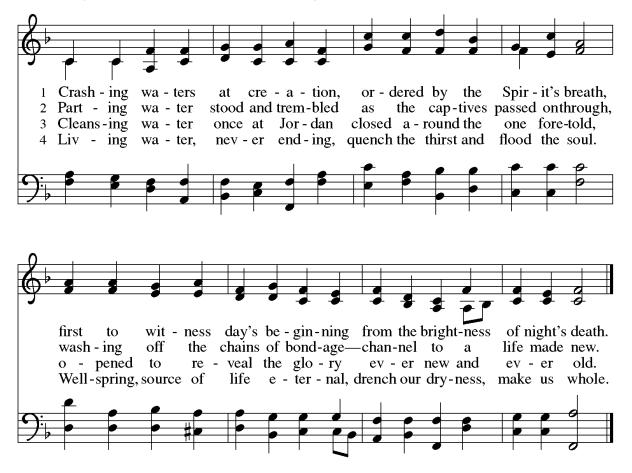
The Gospel Acclamation is sung once again.

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. "Crashing Waters at Creation" (STUTTGART) ELW 455



#### 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**

L As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

## (brief pause)

L Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness. Uplift leaders to share the truth of your word in community. Encourage us to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all the world. God of grace,

## A 👲 receive our prayer.

L Fill our church leaders' hearts with joy. We pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Dana, our council, our justice ministries and all who guide and instruct our communities. God of grace,

## A receive our prayer.

L Renew your creation, God of thunder and mighty waters. Restore the rivers in which your children are baptized. May fields flourish and grow. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace,

## A receive our prayer.

L Give strength to your leaders, God who is present in every country and community. Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love. God of grace,

### A receive our prayer.

L Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, God of strength. Accompany those separated from family or hurting from broken relationships. Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering, especially Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Joel Brown, Jim Jung, Nancy Lang, Elaine Nelson, George Swierczynski, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. God of grace,

## A receive our prayer.

L Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors on the margins, following the example of Jesus. God of grace,

## 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 God of grace,

## A receive our prayer.

L Trusting the assurance of the Holy Spirit, we remember all who have died and rest in God's care, especially Adrian of Canterbury. Give hope to those who grieve even as we rest in your eternal promise of resurrection. God of grace,

## A receive our prayer.

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, 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 Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words.

The Assembly is seated.

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.



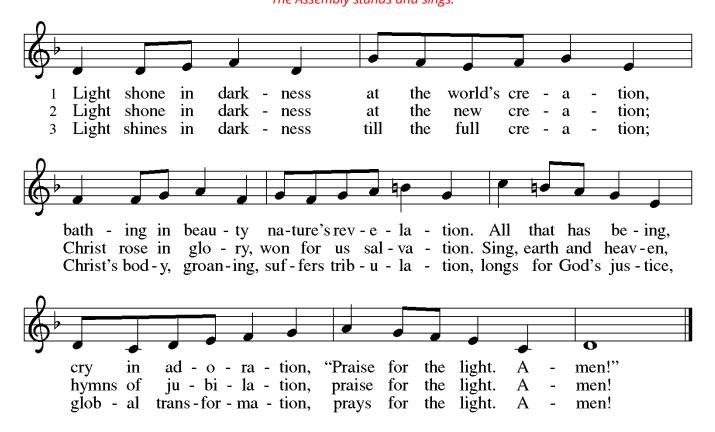
## **Offering Music**

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky has withdrawn, When the kings see their prophecy rightly fulfilled, When the princes and shepherds have gone;

Then the true work of Christmas begins.

To find the lost, To heal the broken hearts, To feed the hungry, To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among all people, To make music in the heart. "Christmas Joy" By Mark Schweizer **Presentation of the Gifts** 

"Light Shone In Darkness" (LUX IN TENEBRIS) **ELW 307** *The Assembly stands and sings.* 



### **Offering Prayer**

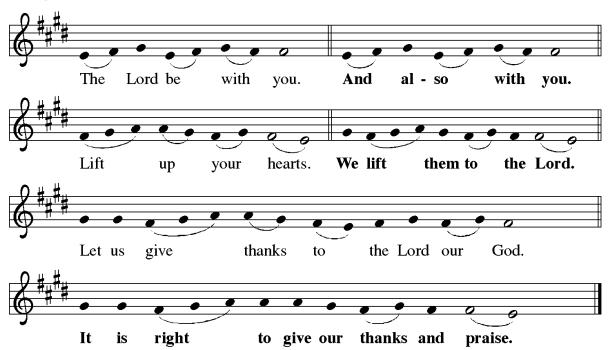
L Let us pray.

 Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.
 In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
 Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

A Amen.

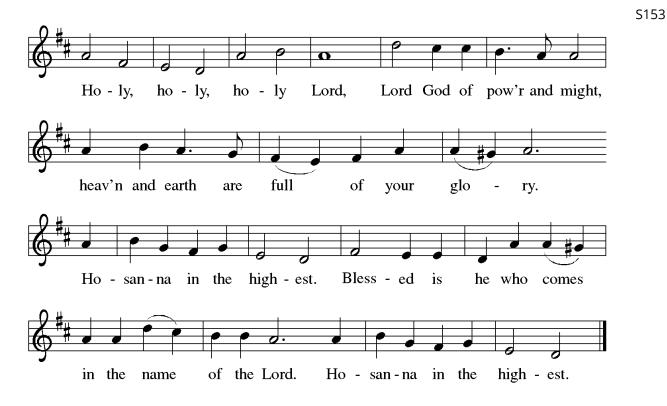
#### The Great Thanksgiving

#### 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.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: S152



### Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

> 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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

## A Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

## A Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

## A Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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.

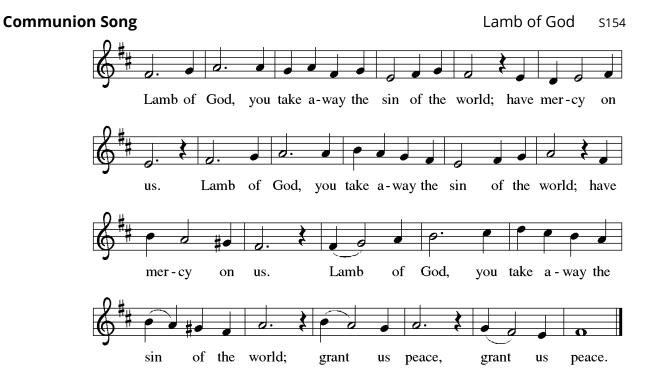
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

- P At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.
- A We come to be filled with your love.

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. 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 remotely or with individual packets may partake of the bread.
- P This is the blood of Christ, shed for you. All communing remotely or with individual packets may drink of their cup.

When you receive the elements, you may respond by saying, "Amen."



#### The Assembly stands as directed.

#### **Blessing after Communion**

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

#### **Prayer after Communion**

- L Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.
- A Amen.

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

## Blessing

- A 🎍 Amen.

### Sending Song

"God, Whose Almighty Word" (ITALIAN HYMN) **ELW 673** 



### Dismissal

- L Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
- A 🔮 Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

"Let All Together Praise Our God" by Peter Planyavsky

Please stay for a time of fellowship and announcements immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall. Today's refreshments are hosted by Marlene & Jacques Chatain. Come enjoy one another's company and this opportunity for extended fellowship!!



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
Lector	
Acolyte	Čhris Djuric
Organist	5
Music Director	
Table Preparation	-
Zoom Host	-
Audio-Visual Technician	
Ushers	

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Sunday, Jan. 7	Confirmation Class at Grace Lutheran	12:30 pm
Monday, Jan. 8	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 9	Midweek Spiritual Gathering	12:00 pm Noon
Wednesday, Jan. 10	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Jan. 11	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Saturday, Jan. 12	Trombone Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
Sunday, Jan. 14	Feeding Our Faith	9:00 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am

#### This week's commemorations....

#### Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF)

#### Tuesday, January 9, 2024

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained. From sundaysandseasons.com.

#### Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Mark Sloss	Pastor
Dana Barron	Congregation President
Michael Kloster	Congregation Vice President
Steve Warner	Congregation Secretary
Susan Ross	Congregation Treasurer
Diane Keely, Jerry Larson, Michael Kloster, Kit McCarthy, Terri Simchak, Grace Yarnoff	Congregation Council Members
Laurie Stivers	
James Morehead	Music Director
Christine Kraemer	Organist
Laurie Stivers	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu	Parish Administrator

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