



Immanuel  
Lutheran  
of Evanston

## The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist  
January 28, 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.  = 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.

## **Gathering:** *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...*

*In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.*

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

*✠ All may make the sign of the cross.*

**Prelude**            "The Only Son from Heaven" BWV 601 by J.S. Bach, "Ciaccona in D Minor" by Johann Pachelbel, and "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

### **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, ✠ one God,  
          creator of darkness and light,  
          word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**A**         **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P**        God, our rock and refuge,

**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.

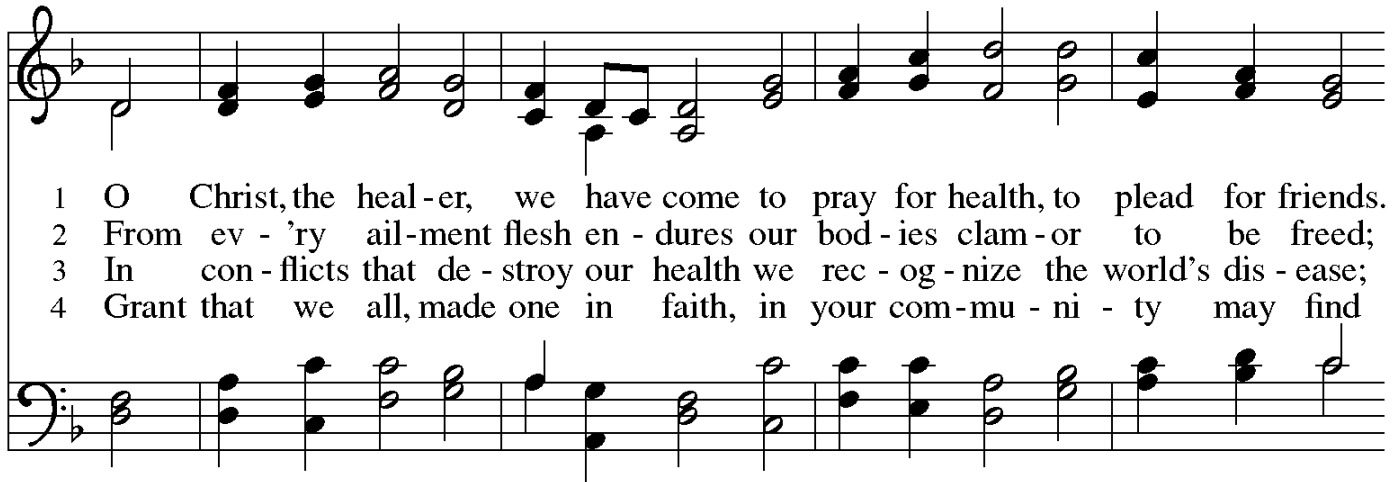
You are God's beloved.

**A**         **Amen.**

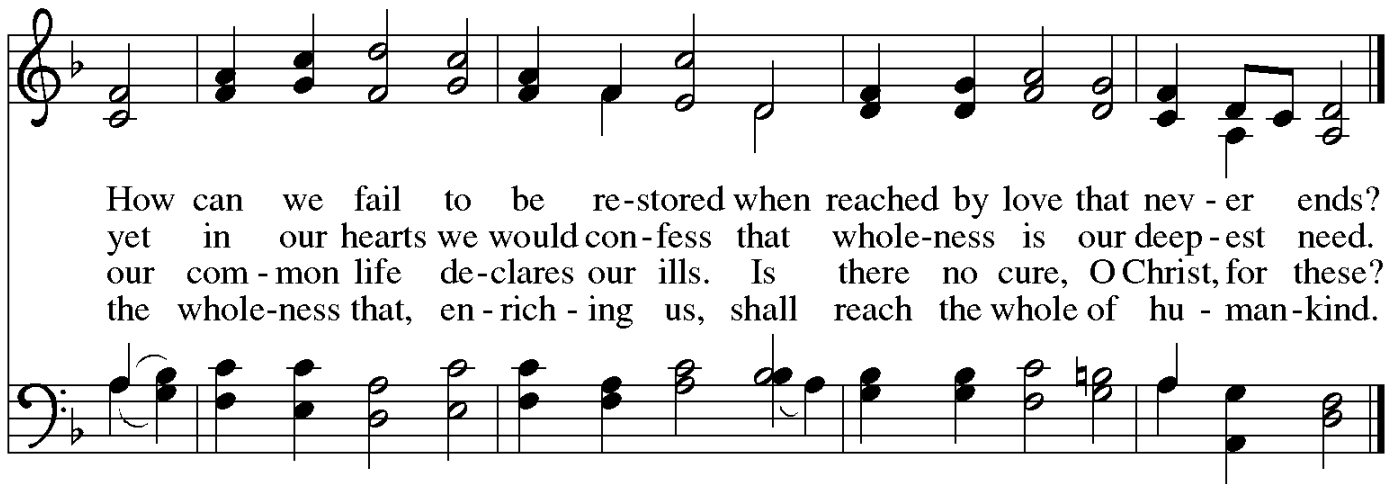
## Gathering Song

“O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come” (DISTRESS) ELW 610

*You may reverence the cross as it passes you.*



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;  
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;  
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find

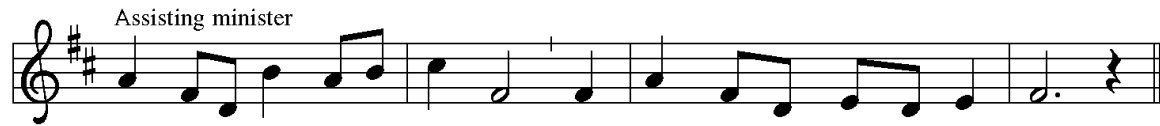


How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep - est need.  
our com - mon life de-clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

## 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!**



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## 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 Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A Amen.**

*The Assembly is seated.*

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

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## Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures.

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

R A reading from Deuteronomy.

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

R The Word of the Lord. Or, 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 organ will only accompany the first two verses and the refrain.*

*The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses. The organ accompanies the first two verses and the remaining verses are sung unaccompanied.*

*All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."*

**Tone:**



**Refrain:**



<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with <sup>|</sup> my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the <sup>|</sup> congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your <sup>|</sup> works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who de- <sup>|</sup> light in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor <sup>|</sup> mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness en- <sup>|</sup> dures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to <sup>|</sup> be remembered;  
you are gracious and full <sup>|</sup> of compassion. R**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to <sup>|</sup> those who fear you,  
remembering forev- <sup>|</sup> er your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power <sup>|</sup> of your works  
in giving them the lands <sup>|</sup> of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithful- <sup>|</sup> ness and justice;  
all of your pre- <sup>|</sup> cepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forev- <sup>|</sup> er and ever,  
because they are done in <sup>|</sup> truth and equity. R**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- <sup>|</sup> nant forever;  
holy and awesome <sup>|</sup> is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the begin- <sup>|</sup> ning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- <sup>|</sup> dures  
forever. R**

R A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel**

**Mark 1:21-28**

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

**A** **Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus



rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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**

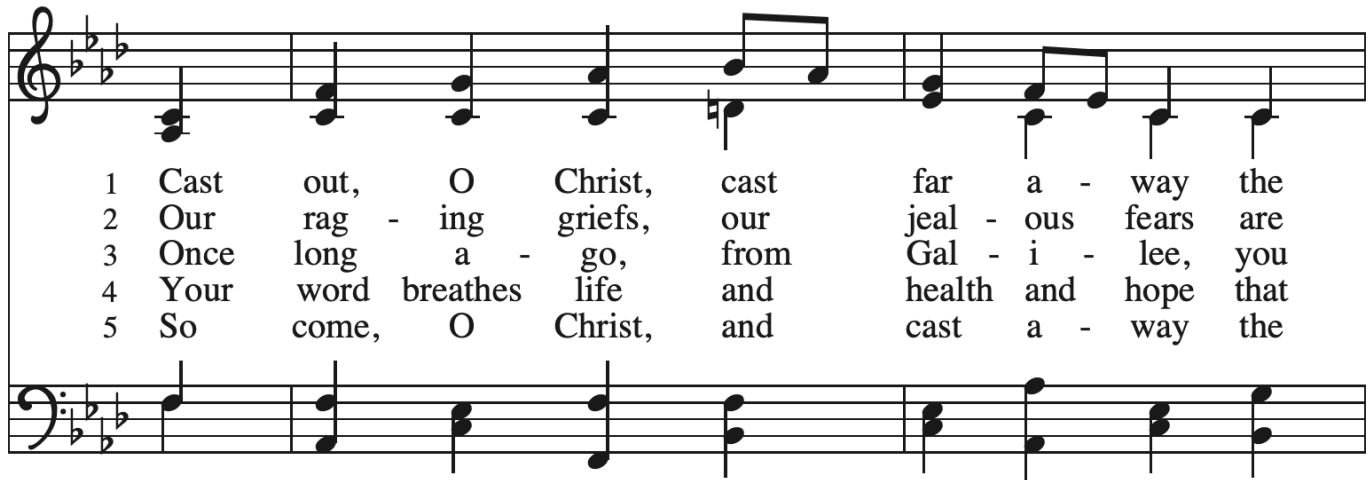
*A bell will sound to signal a time of silence for reflection.*

*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.*

Hymn of the Day

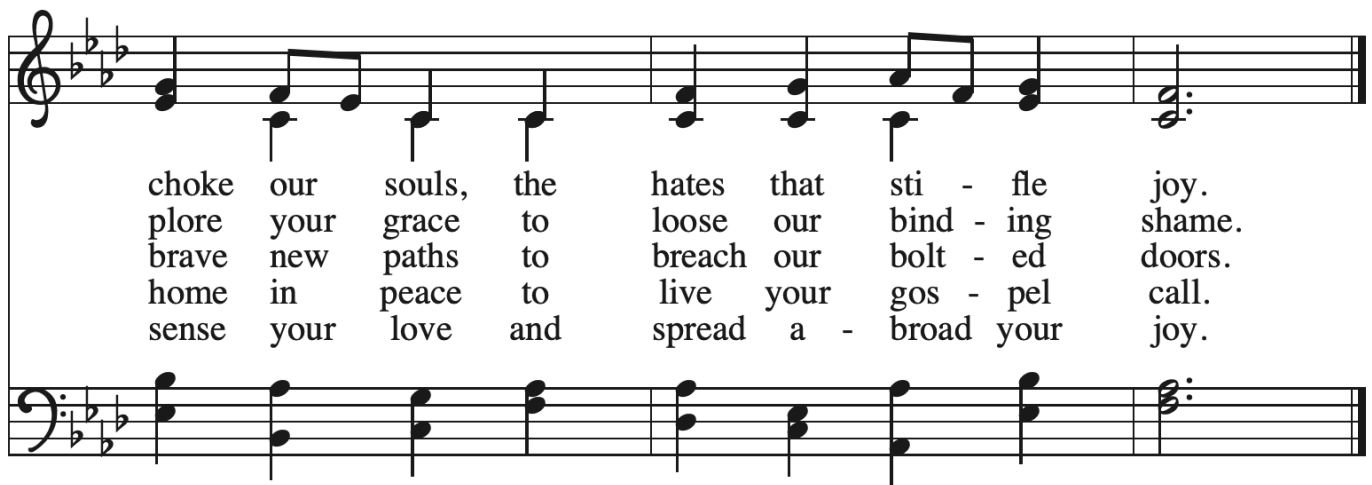
"Cast Out, O Christ" (CONSOLATION) ACS 1016



1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the  
2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are  
3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you  
4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that  
5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the



de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that  
Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -  
sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you  
break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,  
de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to



choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.  
plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.  
brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.  
home in peace to live your gos - pel call.  
sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

## 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 Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace,

**A 🕊 receive our prayer.**

L Strengthening God, energize our minds and hearts to care for those in our communities. 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 Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace,

**A receive our prayer.**

L Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace,

**A receive our prayer.**

L Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer, 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 Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. 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 Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives especially Thomas Aquinas and Ansgar. We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. 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 ...*

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**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

“Ertöt uns durch dein Güte”

By J. S. Bach

Ertöt uns durch dein Güte,  
Erweck uns durch dein Gnad;  
Den alten Menschen kränke,  
Dass der neu' leben mag  
Wohl hie auf dieser Erden,  
Den Sinn und all Begehren  
Und G'danken hab'n zu dir.

Put us to death through your goodness;  
Raise us [from the dead] through your grace;  
Mortify the Old Adam [within us],  
That the New [Adam within us] may live

Here on this earth as well,  
And have his disposition and all desires  
And thoughts be toward you.

## Presentation of the Gifts

“Light Shone In Darkness” (LUX IN TENEBRIS) **ELW 307**

*The Assembly stands and sings.*



1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,  
2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;  
3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,  
Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,  
Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, “Praise for the light. A - men!”  
hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!  
glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

## Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.  
L 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

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.  
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:

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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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

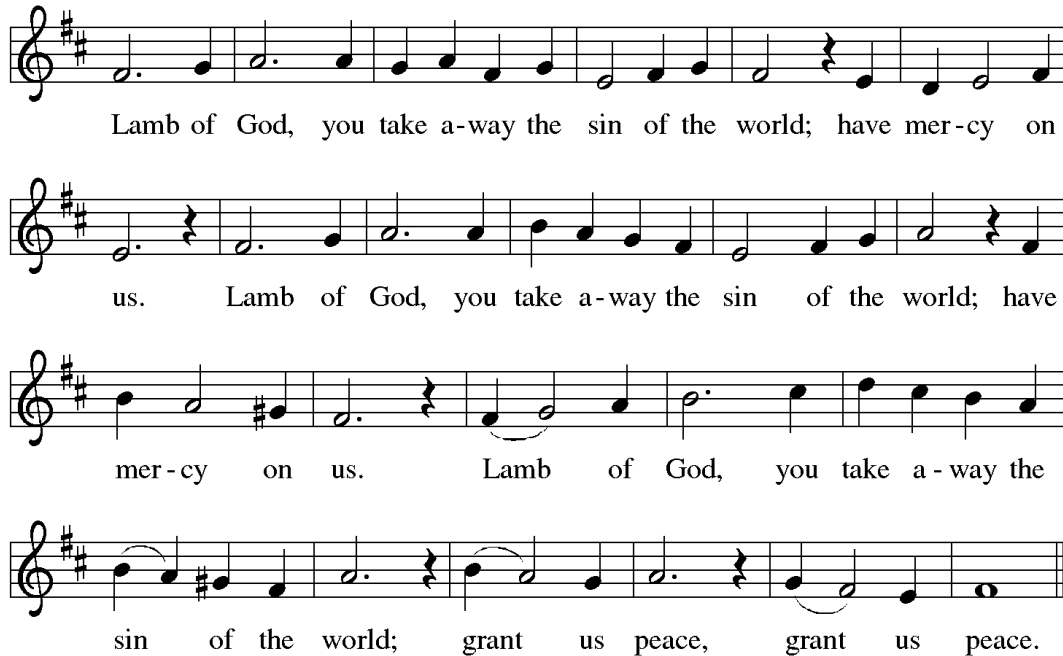
P At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.  
Come and see.

A  **We come to be filled with your love.**

*The Assembly is seated.*

## Communion Song

Lamb of God S154



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## 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.*

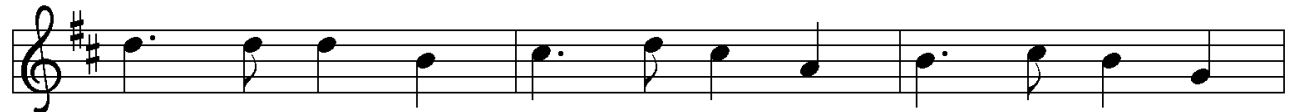
*When you receive the elements, you may respond by saying, "Amen."*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

*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**

P God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
 ✚ bless you and remain with you always.

**A**  **Amen.**

**Sending Song** "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" (LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR) **ELW 871**

1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -  
 2 What your al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy you are  
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
 4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, give God the praise and

a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for  
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is  
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with  
 glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the

your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;  
 nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might  
 peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,  
 praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne;

all our la - ment with peace you still.  
 all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 who is by one and all a - dored.  
 God is the Lord, and God a - lone:

## Dismissal

L Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

A  **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" by Gerard Bunk

*Please stay for a time of fellowship and announcements immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.  
Today's refreshments are a Soup & Sandwich Lunch hosted by the Council, preceding the Annual Meeting.  
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 .....Chris Djuric  
Lector .....Anne Heider  
Acolyte..... Kit McCarthy  
Organist .....Christine Kraemer  
Music Director.....James Morehead  
Table Preparation ..... Corbin Treadwell  
Zoom Host .....Jim McCarthy  
Audio-Visual Technician..... Tom Couch, Kevin McDaniel  
Ushers .....Marlene Chatain & Nicolai Schousboe

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Sunday, Jan. 28	Annual Meeting	1:00 pm
Monday, Jan. 29	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 30	Midweek Spiritual Gathering	12:00 pm Noon
Wednesday, Jan. 31	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Feb. 1	First Day Black History Month	
	Daytime Quilters	9:00 am
	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Saturday, Feb. 3	Indoor Farmers' Market	8:00 am
Sunday, Feb. 4	Feeding Our Faith	9:00 am
	Sunday Worship-Blessing of the Quilts	10:30 am

**This week's commemorations...**

**Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274**

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.

**Presentation of Our Lord**

**Friday, February 2, 2024**

Forty days after the birth of Jesus we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There they were greeted by Simeon, an aged priest who offered the song "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace," as well as by the prophet Anna, who spoke of the redemption of Israel.

**Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, died 865**

**Saturday, February 3, 2024**

A monk who helped bring Christianity to Scandinavia, Ansgar returned to Germany where he was named bishop of Hamburg. He is remembered for his love for poor people.

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**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 .....	Financial Secretary
James Morehead .....	Music Director
Christine Kraemer .....	Organist
Laurie Stivers .....	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu .....	Parish Administrator

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