

# The Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist April 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. 

### SUNMUTE

#### **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 ...

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

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

+ All may make the sign of the cross.

#### **Prelude**

Variations on "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" by Jean-Francois Dandrieu

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy
- A B Amen.
- P Look, here is water!
- A Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water.

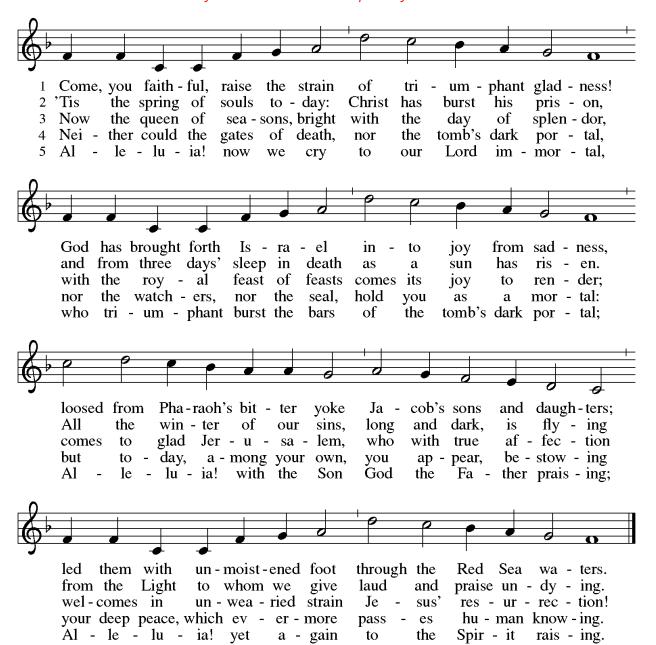
#### A • Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

- P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

  By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

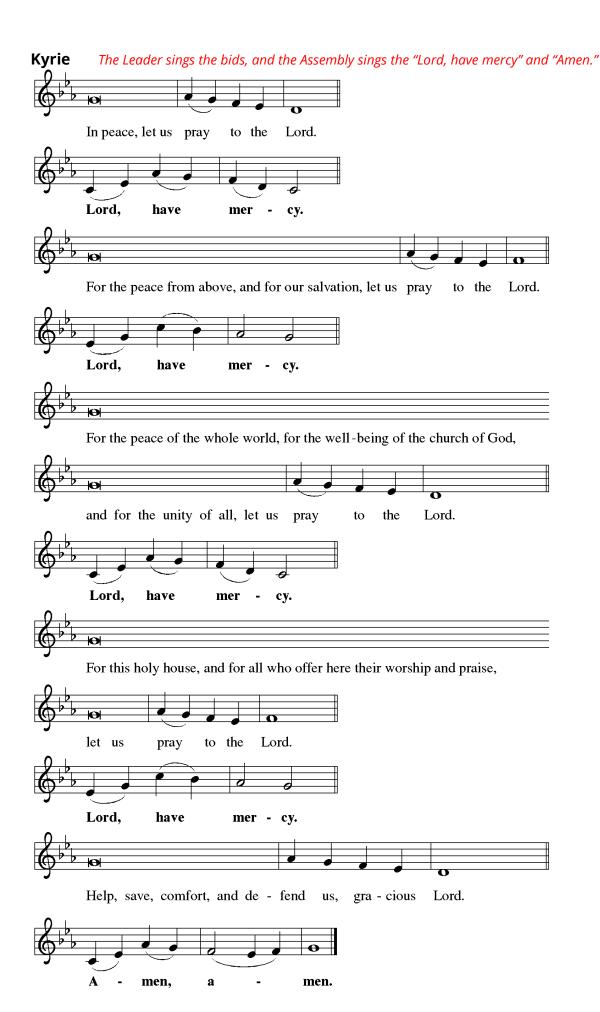
  We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- A 🖣 Amen.
- P Look, here is water!
- A 🏮 Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

You may reverence the cross as it passes you.



## Greeting

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- A Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The grace of our risen Lord Jesus, the love of God, who raised him from the dead, and the communion of the Holy Spirit who breathes new life into us, be with you all.
- A And also with you!





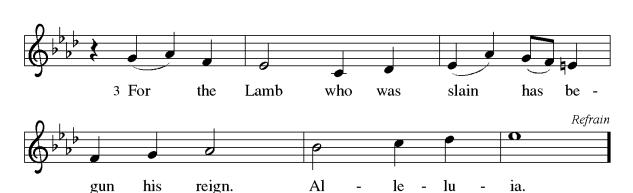












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## **Prayer of the Day**

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

## Pause for a moment of silence...

- P Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through 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**

Acts 4:32-35

- R A reading from Acts.
  - <sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.
- R The Word of the Lord. Or, Word of God, word of life.
- A Thanks be to God!

#### **Psalm 133**

Psalm Tone 10, 4 sharps

The organ will play the tone. All verses will be sung unaccompanied.

Tone:



<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleas- <sup>1</sup> ant it is, when kindred live togeth- <sup>1</sup> er in unity!

<sup>2</sup>It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe.

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the <sup>1</sup> hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore.

R A reading from 1 John.

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

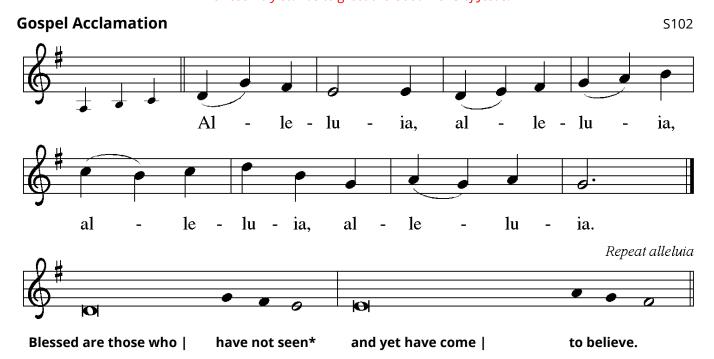
<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

## A Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

## A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Gospel Acclamation Alleluia is sung once again.

The Assembly is then seated.

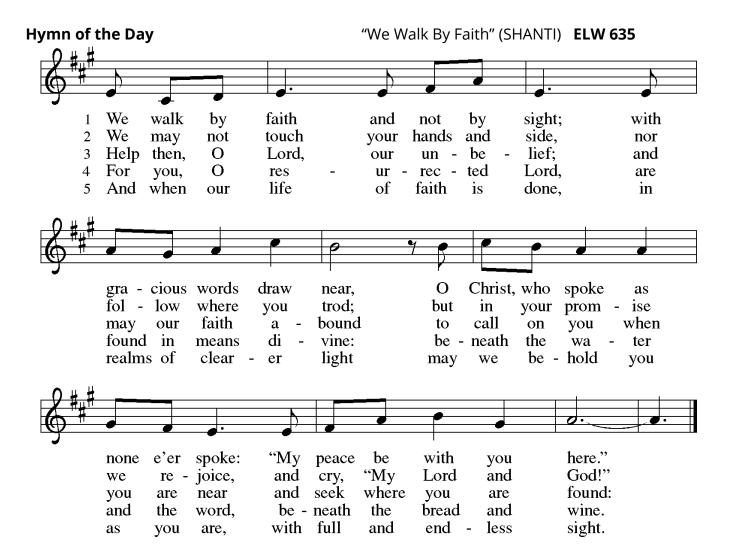
#### Sermon

#### 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 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 Nicene Creed

L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

#### A We believe in one God.

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the + resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# **Prayers of the People**

L Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

(brief pause)

L Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace,

## A **§** hear our prayer.

L Your faith leaders cry out, O God, and you listen. We pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Michael, our council, our justice ministries and all who guide and instruct our communities. God of grace,

# A hear our prayer.

L Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace,

## A hear our prayer.

L Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace,

#### A hear our prayer.

L Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain, especially Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Joel Brown, Kathy Hermann, Dori Jacobson-Wenzel, Jim Jung, Nancy Lang, Kit McCarthy, Jimmy Morehead, Elaine Nelson, Darryl Rohrer, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts... God of grace,

## A hear our prayer.

L Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. 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 Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you, especially Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Mkael Agricola, and all whose lives have been given in faithfulness to the gospel. Grant us your peace amid our fears. God of grace,

## A hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

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** 

"Easter Hymn" By Wilbur Held The Assembly stands and sings as the gifts are brought forward.

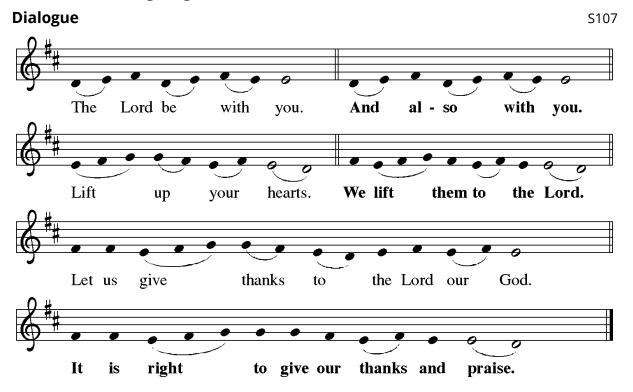


## **Offering Prayer**

- L Let us pray.
- Risen One,
   you call us to believe and bear fruit.
   May the gifts that we offer here
   be signs of your abiding love.
   Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
   through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

#### A Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

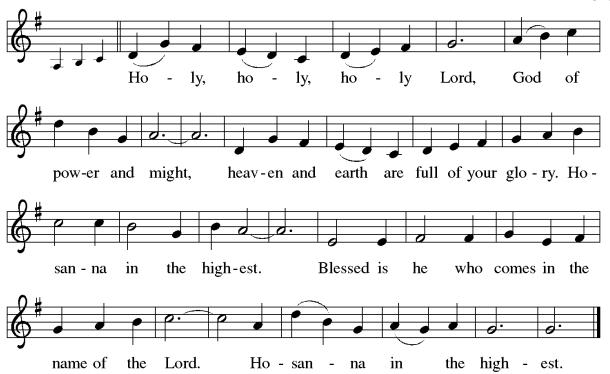


#### **Preface** *The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:*

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





# Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

# A We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

# A We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner;

among the poor; with us now.

# A We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



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### 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.

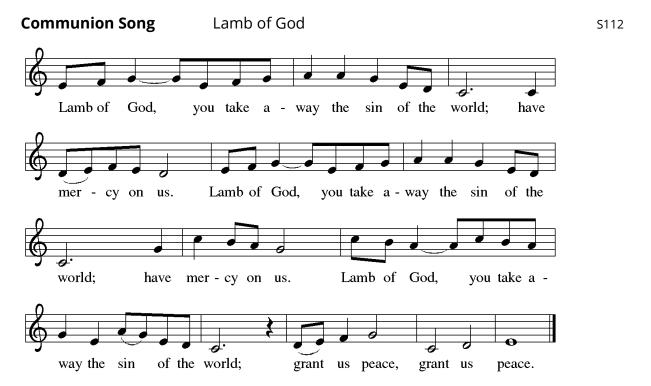
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

- P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
  Come and eat at God's table.
- A B We come to be filled with new life.

*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."



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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 Let us pray...

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

## A Amen.

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

# **Blessing**

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- A Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

  → bless you now and always
- A 🚇 Amen.



#### **Dismissal**

- L Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- A Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

#### **Postlude**

Paraphrase on "Thine Is the Glory" by Alexandre Guilmant

Please stay for a time of fellowship, congregational announcements, and celebrations immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall (on the east side of the building).

Today's refreshments are hosted by the Chatains.

Come enjoy one another's company and this opportunity for connecting!!

# Serving in worship today...

| Presiding Minister      | The Rev. John Lang |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Assisting Minister      | Anne Heider        |
| Lector                  |                    |
| Acolyte                 | Corbin Treadwell   |
| Organist                | Christine Kraemer  |
| Table Preparation       |                    |
| Zoom Host               |                    |
| Audio-Visual Technician |                    |
| Ushers                  |                    |

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

## Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945

#### Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.

## Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557 Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today. From sundaysandseasons.com.

**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, Apr. 8          | FA Meeting                 | 6:30 pm       |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Tuesday, Apr. 9         | Midweek Gatherings on Zoom | 12:00 pm Noon |
| Wednesday, Apr. 10      | FA Meeting                 | 6:30 pm       |
|                         | Choir Practice             | 7:30 pm       |
| Thursday, Apr. 11       | Wilmette Band Rehearsal    | 7:30 pm       |
| Saturday, Apr. 13       | Trombone Choir Rehearsal   | 10:00 am      |
| Sunday, Apr. 14         | Sunday Worship             | 10:30 am      |
|                         | Jesus, Pizza & Ice Cream   | 5:00 pm       |
| Sunday, Apr. 14 – May 5 | Evanston Overnight Shelter | 8:30 pm       |

# Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

| The Rev. Mark Sloss  | Pastor                       |
|--|------------------------------|
| Michael Kloster  |                              |
| Terri Simchak  | 5 5                          |
| Dana Barron  |                              |
| Susan Ross   | 5 5                          |
| Greg Hummel, Diane Keely, Jerry Larson, Kit McCarthy, Steve Warner | Congregation Council Members |
| Laurie Stivers   | Financial Secretary          |
| James Morehead   | Music Director               |
| Christine Kraemer  | Organist                     |
| Laurie Stivers   | Associate Organist           |
| lane Kaihatsu  |                              |

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