

## The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist July 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.  $\frac{1}{2}$  = 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.

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

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

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

+ All may make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

""Morning Has Broken" by Lee Dengler and "American Folk Hymns" by Charles Callahan

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- A 🚇 Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P God, Our provider,
- A 👲 help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

P Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,

you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,

there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life,

you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

A 🚇 Amen.



## 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!

and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est,

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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 Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

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

## **Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures**

2 Kings 4:42-44

- R A reading from 2 Kings
  - <sup>42</sup> A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup> But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup> He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.
- R The Word of the Lord. Or, Word of God, word of life.
- A Thanks be to God!

#### Psalm 145:10-18

Psalm Tone 2, 1 sharp

The organ will play the tone. All sing the psalm in unison. There is no refrain.



- <sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise | you, O LORD, and your faithful | ones shall bless you.
- 11 They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom and speak | of your power,
- 12 that all people may know | of your power and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.
- <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- | out all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.
- <sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all | those who fall and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD, and you give them their food | in due season.
- 16 You open | wide your hand

and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

- <sup>17</sup> You are righteous in | all your ways and loving in | all your works.
- <sup>18</sup> You are near to all who | call upon you, to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

## **Reading from the New Testament**

**Ephesians 3:14-21** 

- R A reading from Ephesians.
  - <sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
  - $^{20}$  Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,  $^{21}$  to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
- 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.



A great prophet | has risen among us!\* God has looked favora | bly on us!.

Gospel John 6:1-21

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

### A Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup> Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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 which 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 Iesus 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 One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

(brief pause)

L God of generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space, and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service. In your mercy,

## A **§** hear our prayer.

L God of service, you inspire us to live with love. 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. In your mercy,

## A hear our prayer.

L God of field and forest, streams and seas, you are the fullness of all things. As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters, sustain your creation. Protect harvests and give every person food in due season. In your mercy,

## A hear our prayer.

L God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way, and bring an end to war and conflict. In your mercy,

## A hear our prayer.

L God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick or suffering, especially for Jane Adamson, Rebecca Bernstein,

Serena Bernstein, Kathy Hermann, Dori Jacobson-Wenzel, Jim Jung, Nancy Lang, Elaine Nelson, Darryl Rohrer, Joe Simchak, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Also, the families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, and our beloved for whom death is near. In your mercy,

## A hear our prayer.

L God of grace, you root us and ground us in love. As you inspired our ancestors in this place in their ministry, sustain us also in new endeavors, that your glory may be made known, and your lovingkindness shared anew. In your mercy,

## 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 In your mercy,

## A hear our prayer.

L God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge. We give thanks for the departed, especially Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany and King Olaf, who have come to know the fullness of your grace. Join our voices with theirs and with musicians Johann Sebastian Bach, Heinrich Schütz, and George Frederick Handel, and all the saints in singing your praises. In your mercy,

## A hear our prayer.

P Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and 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 ...

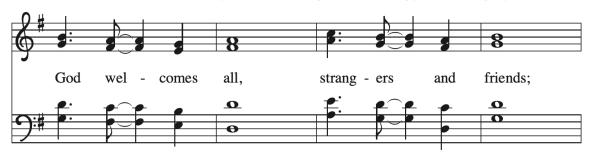
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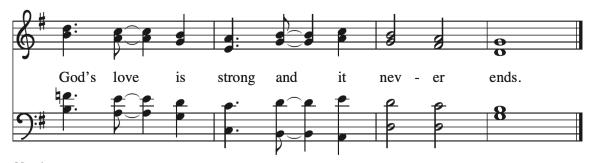


**Offering Music** 

"Poem" by Ned Rorem

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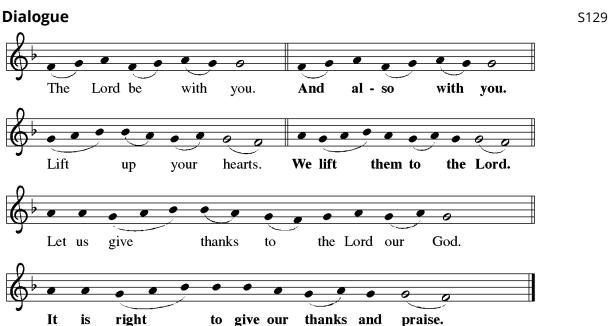


## **Offering Prayer**

- L Let us pray.
- L Jesus, Bread of life,
  you have set this table with your very self,
  and called us to the feast of plenty.
  Gather what has been sown among us,
  and strengthen us in this meal.
  Make us to be what we receive here,
  your body for the life of the world.

## A Amen.

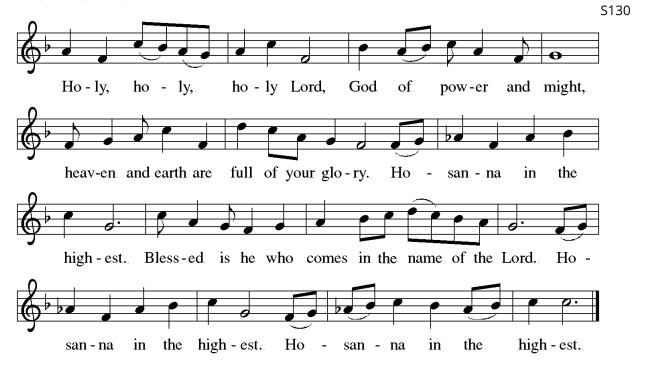
## **The Great Thanksgiving**



### **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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You created the heavens and the earth, and fed our parents, Adam and Eve, with fruit from the garden. You open wide your hand and give food to every living creature. You restored the bounty of the earth after the flood; you gave your servants Abraham and Sarah food for their guests; you nourished Jacob and his family in a time of famine; you led your people into freedom and fed them with manna in the wilderness.

You fill the widow's larder with oil; you gather an abundant harvest of righteousness; you give us bread to eat, and so we live.

Your Spirit overshadowed your servant Mary, who gave birth to Jesus your Son, the Bread of Life. He fed the multitudes with barley loaves, the bread of the poor; he offered his own body as food for the life of the world. He reconciled his friends to himself at breakfast by the sea.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

- O God, you are Wheat of Abundance: nourish us with your life.
- O God, you are Oil of Gladness: pour over us the joy of your presence.
- O God, you are Salt of the Earth: send us forth into your reconciling mission.
- O God, you are Milk and Honey: return all people to their home in you.

Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son, and grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

Leaven this gathered community with your Holy Spirit, that we with your whole creation might be renewed, and all might find a place at your abundant table. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.



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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.

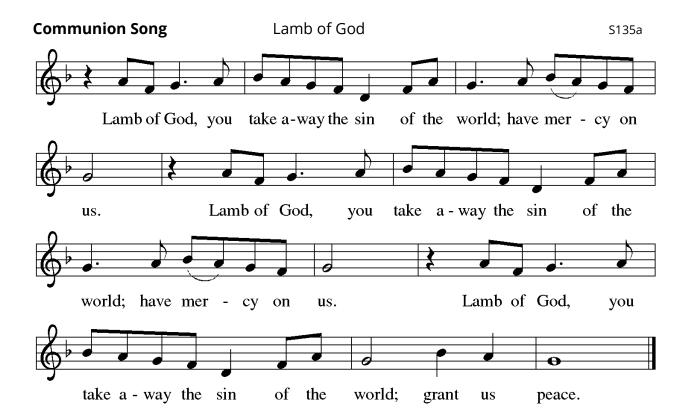
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

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

## The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

- P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!
- A 👲 We come to be filled with your abundant 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."

#### **Communion Hymn**

"We Come to the Hungry Feast" (HUNGRY FEAST)

**ELW 479** 

The Assembly sings the hymn three times.



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**

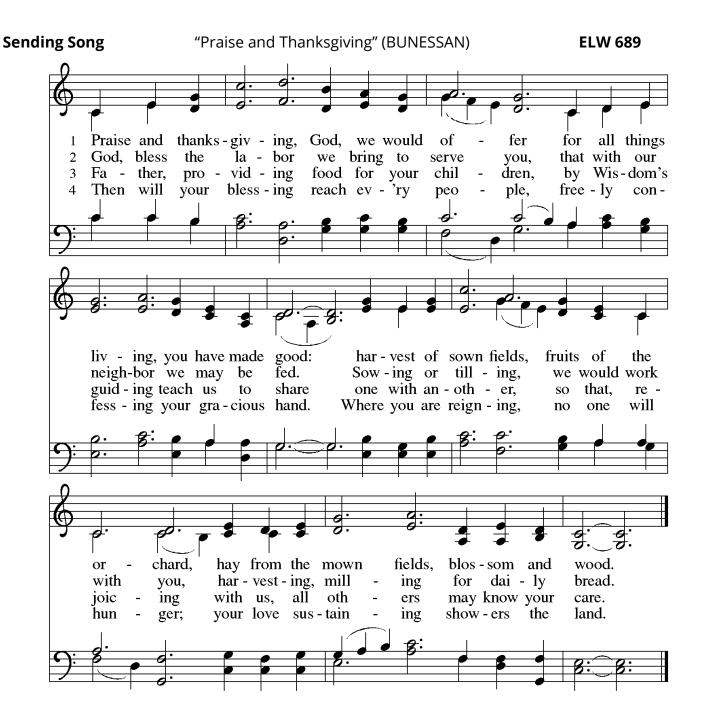
Let us pray...
Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

A Amen.

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

## **Blessing**

- P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, the upon you now and forever.
- A 🚇 Amen.



#### **Dismissal**

- L Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- A Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**

"Simple Gifts" by Charles Callahan

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 Klosters.

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

## Serving in worship today...

Presiding MinisterAssisting Minister	
Lector	
Acolyte	Kit McCarthy
Organist/Pianist	Christine Kraemer
Music Director	James Morehead
Table Preparation	
Zoom Host	Jim McCarthy
Audio-Visual Technician	Kevin McDaniel, Tom Couch
Ushers	Bert Mount
Counters	Terri Simchak

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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.

Wednesday, July 31	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
Thursday, Aug. 1	Daytime Quilters	9:00 am
Sunday, Aug. 4	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	New Community Church	1:00 pm

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

# Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians

#### Sunday, July 28, 2024

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.

## Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany Monday, July 29, 2024

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

## Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030 Monday, July 29, 2024

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

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