

# The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist August 4, 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 ...

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

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

#### Prelude

"In the Morning" by Benjamin Godard and "Be Thou My Vision" by Keith Kolander

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.

#### **Gathering Song**

#### "Welcome Table" (WELCOME TABLE) ACS 969

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!

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

Glo-ry to God in the high - est,

S121

5

#### **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 O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, 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**

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

R A reading from Exodus.

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

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

#### A Thanks be to God!

#### Psalm Tone 2, 1 flat

Psalm 78:23-29

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



23So God commanded the | clouds above and opened the | doors of heaven,
 24raining down manna upon | them to eat and giving them | grain from heaven.
 25So martely at a the | broad of an additional and a second commanders.

<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the | bread of angels; God provided for them | food enough.

<sup>26</sup>The Lord caused the east wind to blow <sup>|</sup> in the heavens and powerfully led out <sup>|</sup> the south wind,

<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon | them like dust and flying birds like the sand | of the seas,

<sup>28</sup>letting them fall in the midst | of the camp and round a- | bout the dwellings.

<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and | were well filled, for God gave them | what they craved.

#### **Reading from the New Testament**

Ephesians 4:1-16

R A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which

it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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.



One does not live by | bread alone,\* but by every word that comes from the | mouth of God.

Gospel John 6:24-35

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

## A Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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 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 Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

## (brief pause)

L O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops. 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. Merciful God,

### A **§** receive our prayer.

L Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. In the places experiencing the cold of winter, bring your warmth. Merciful God,

#### A receive our prayer.

L Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Merciful God,

#### A receive our prayer.

L Holy God of healing and hope, you open our hearts and minds to faith. We remember any who are sick or suffering, especially for Jane Adamson, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, 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... Merciful God,

#### A receive our prayer.

L Bread of life from heaven, you feed us. Fill all who hunger with needed nutrition and open our hearts to eliminate hunger in this world. May we see a day when all are fed. Merciful God,

#### 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 Merciful God,

#### A receive our prayer.

L O Wisdom of truth, help us to understand your will for the church. Be with congregations experiencing transition, redevelopment, and the exciting yet frightening path of newness. May your wisdom be found at every step. Merciful God,

#### A receive our prayer.

L Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed especially Dominic and Lawrence. Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. Merciful God,

#### A receive our prayer.

- P We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.
- 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 ...

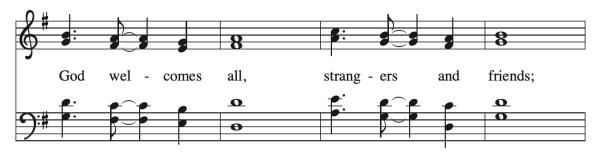
**Offering** An offering for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need. You scan this code with your smartphone camera to make your financial offering online.



**Offering Music** 

"From Foreign Lands and People" by Robert Schumann

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



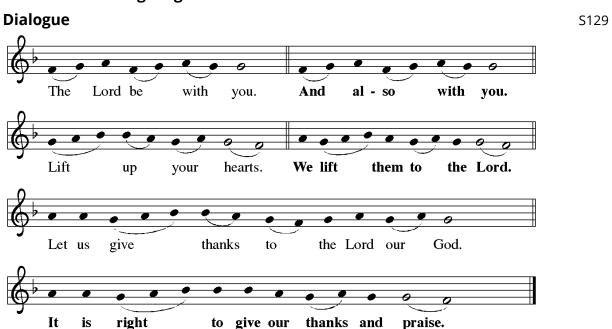


## **Offering Prayer**

- 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.

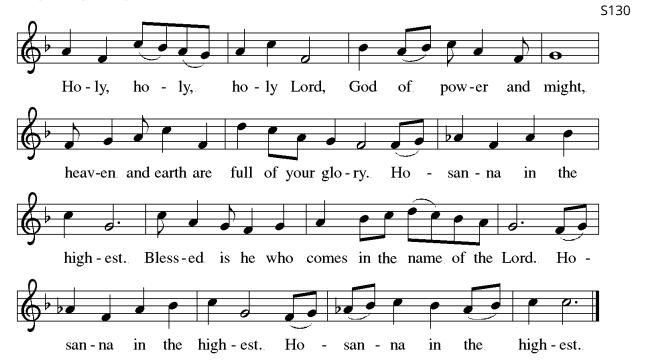
## **The Great Thanksgiving**



#### **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, 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:

Α

Α



- 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.

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; through whom all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.



15

#### 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.

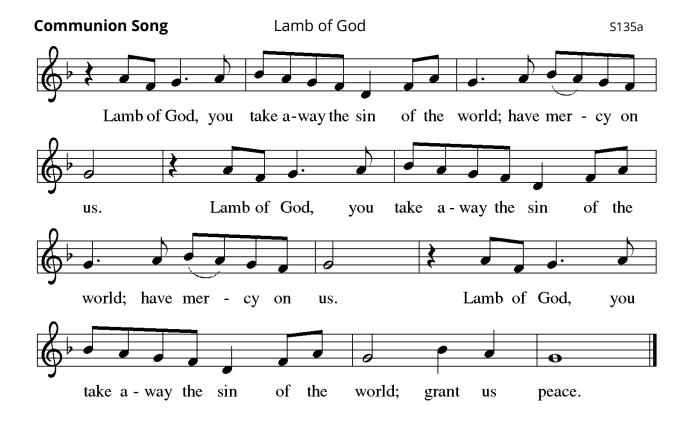
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

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**

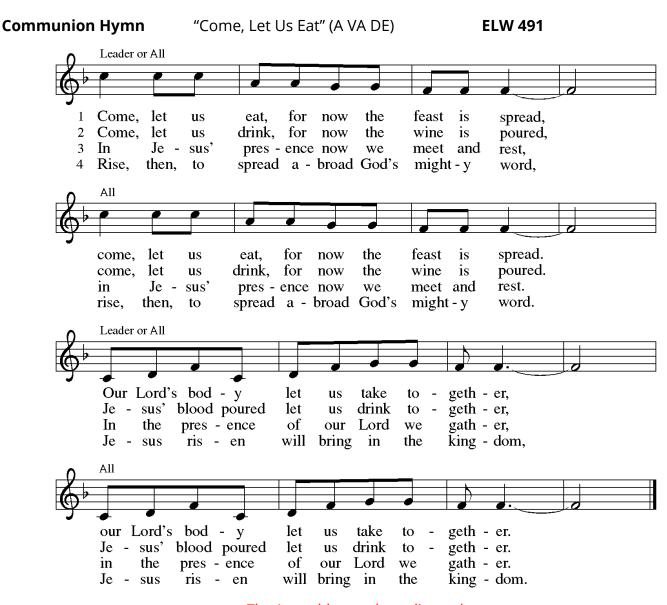
For those who are communing with the packets or online, the pastor will say "The body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you."

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."



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, + be upon you now and forever.
- A 🚇 Amen.



#### **Dismissal**

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

#### **Postlude**

"Norwegian Air" by Edvard Grieg

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).

This Sunday we have a special guest, Laurice Bell, Executive Director of Shorefront Legacy. Ms. Bell will give a presentation about her story and Shorefront Legacy.

Today's refreshments are hosted by Audrey Moy.

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

## Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister	
Lector	Anne Heider
Acolyte	Chris Djuric
Organist/Pianist	
Music Director	
Table Preparation	Terri Simchak
Zoom Host	Jim McCarthy
Audio-Visual Technician	Kevin McDaniel, Tom Couch
Ushers	Steve Andes, Jim Rakowsky
Counters	

CREDITS: Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #. New Revised Standard Version Bible, Copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Revised Common Lectionary, Copyright © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts, admin Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission.

**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.

Tuesday, Aug. 6	Mutual Ministry Meeting	10:00 am
Wednesday, Aug. 7	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
Thursday, Aug. 8	Trombone Youth Retreat	11:00 am
Saturday, Aug. 10	Trombone Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
Sunday, Aug. 11	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	New Community Church	1:00 pm

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

## Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221 Thursday, August 8, 2024

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

#### Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258 Saturday, August 10, 2024

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death. From sundaysandseasons.com.

## Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

TI D 14   C	<b>.</b>
The Rev. Mark Sloss	
Michael Kloster	Congregation President
Terri Simchak	Congregation Vice President
Dana Barron	Congregation Secretary
Susan Ross	Congregation Treasurer
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	
Jane Kaihatsu	Parish Administrator

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Metropolitan Chicago Synod. We've been worshiping God and serving the Evanston community since 1888!