

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist August 11, 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 ...

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

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

+ All may make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

"Third Organ Sonata" By Felix Mendelssohn

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, H 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

"As We Gather at Your Table" (IN BABILONE) **ELW 522** 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!



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, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in 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

1 Kings 19:4-8

R A reading from Kings.

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

Psalm 34:1-8

Psalm Tone 5, 4 sharps





¹I will bless the LORD [|] at all times; the praise of God shall ever be [|] in my mouth. ²I will glory [|] in the LORD; let the lowly hear [|] and rejoice. ³Proclaim with me the greatness [|] of the LORD; let us exalt God's [|] name together. ⁴I sought the LORD, who [|] answered me and delivered me from [|] all my terrors. ⁵Look upon the LORD | and be radiant, and let not your faces | be ashamed.
⁶I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me and saved me from | all my troubles.
⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD and de- | livers them.
⁸Taste and see that the | LORD is good; happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!

Reading from the New Testament

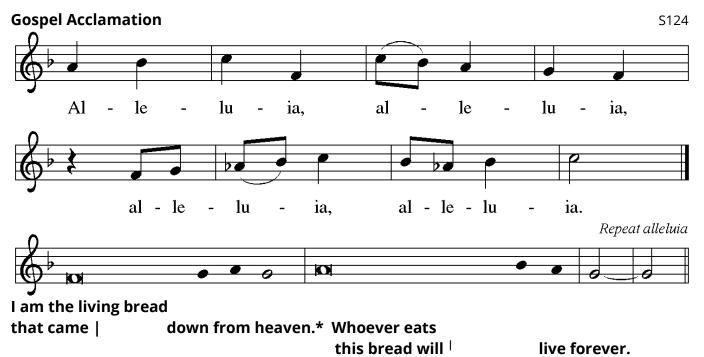
Ephesians 4: 25—5:2

R A reading from Ephesians.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

- 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

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

- 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. Hymn of the Day



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 Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Merciful God,
- A 🔮 receive our prayer.
- L Nourish our church leaders with faith and strength of heart. 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 We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill, 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 Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries. We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. 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 We remember the saints, especially Clare, Florence Nightingale, Clara Maass, Maximilian Kolbe, Kaj Munk, and Mary, who have gone before us in faith. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. 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 ...

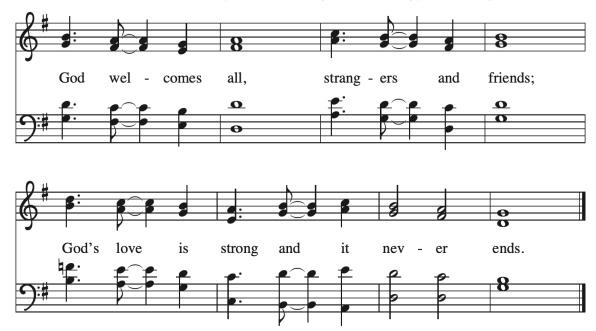
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Offering Music

Variation on "In Babilone" arranged by Michael Burkhardt

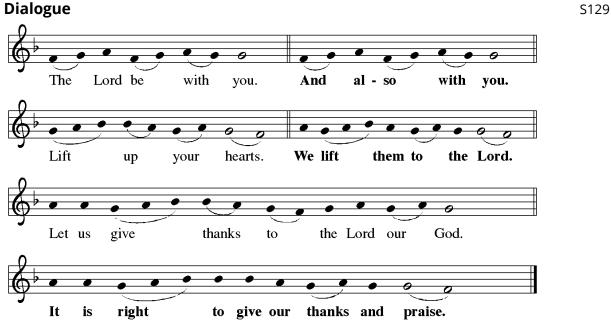
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Offering Prayer

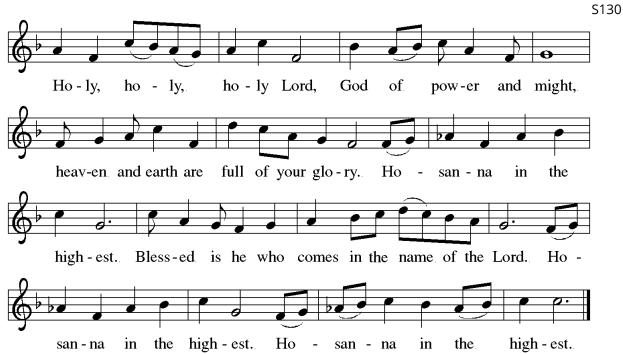
- L Let us pray.
- L Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.
 Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.
 Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
- A Amen.

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, 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:



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.



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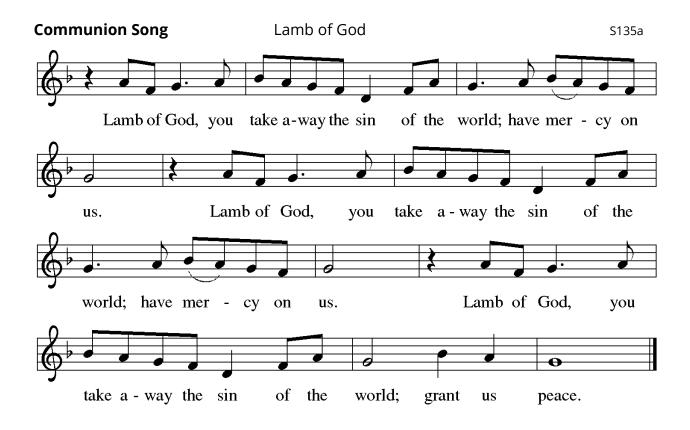
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The Lord's Prayer

- 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.



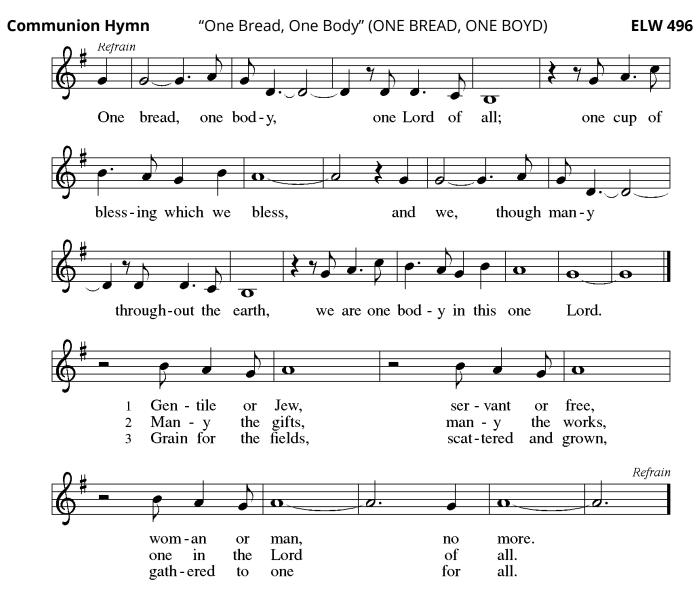
The Assembly is seated.

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."



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...
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.

This week's commemorations....

Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253 Sunday, August 11, 2024

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Nightingale was born in England and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Thursday, August 15, 2024

The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

"Allegro Maestoso" from his First Organ Sonata by Felix Mendelssohn

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

Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister	Chris Djuric
Lector	Kathryn Skelton
Acolyte	
Organist	Greg Hummel, Laurie Stivers
Music Director	
Table Preparation	
Zoom Host	
Audio-Visual Technician	Kevin McDaniel, Tom Couch
Ushers	Terri Hummel
Counters	Dana Barron

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Wednesday, Aug. 14	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
Thursday, Aug. 15	Daytime Quilters	9:00 am
Sunday, Aug. 18	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Council Meeting	12:30 pm
	New Community Church	1:00 pm

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Mark Sloss	Pastor
Michael Kloster	Congregation President
Terri Simchak	
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

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