

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist September 22, 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 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.

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

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

+ All may make the sign of the cross.

#### Prelude

"Offertoire" from "Mass for the Parishes" by Francois Couperin and "Only God Can Bring Us Gladness" (Swedish Melody) by Emma Lou Diemer

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- A Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

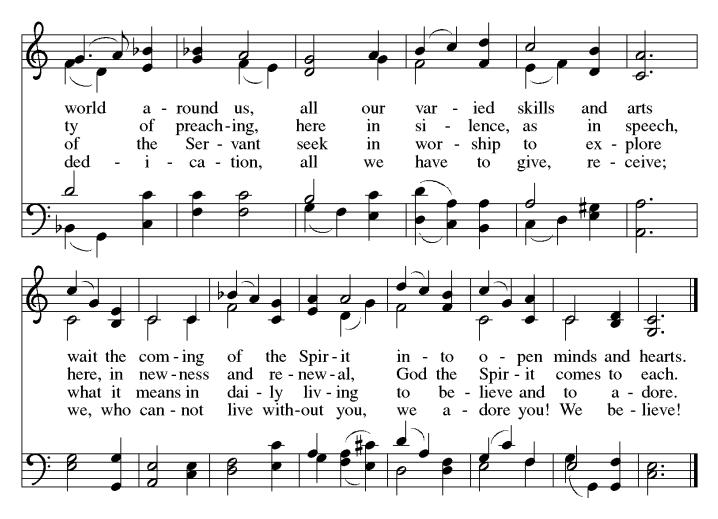
P Gracious God,

A 
● have mercy on us.
We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

- P God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.
   By grace you have been saved.
   In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.
- A 🔮 Amen.



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#### 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 O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- A Amen.

#### The Assembly is seated.

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

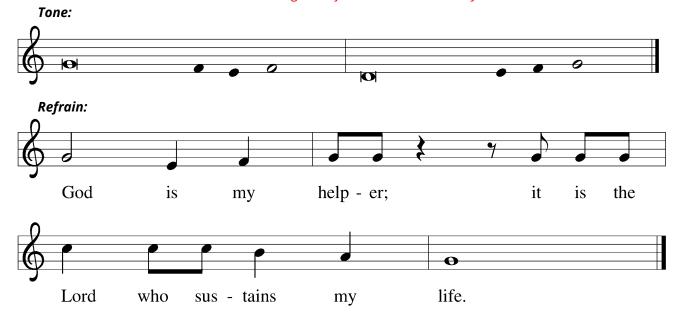
# Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

### Jeremiah 11:18-20

- R A reading from Jeremiah.
  - <sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.
  - <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.
  - And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,
  - "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"
  - <sup>20</sup>But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind,
  - let me see your retribution upon them,
    - for to you I have committed my cause.
- R The Word of the Lord. Or, Word of God, word of life.
- A Thanks be to God!

The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through. The organ will only accompany the first two verses and the refrain.

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



All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, <sup>1</sup> by your name;

in your might, de-<sup>|</sup> fend my cause.

#### <sup>2</sup>Hear my <sup>|</sup> prayer, O God;

#### give ear to the words | of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have <sup>1</sup> sought my life, those who have no re- <sup>1</sup> gard for God.

# <sup>4</sup>Behold, God <sup>|</sup> is my helper; it is the Lord who sus- <sup>|</sup> tains my life. R

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who <sup>1</sup> spy on me;

in your faithful- <sup>|</sup> ness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>I will offer you a <sup>|</sup> freewill sacrifice

and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from <sup>1</sup> every trouble, and my eye looks down <sup>1</sup> on my enemies. **R** 

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

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

R A reading from James.

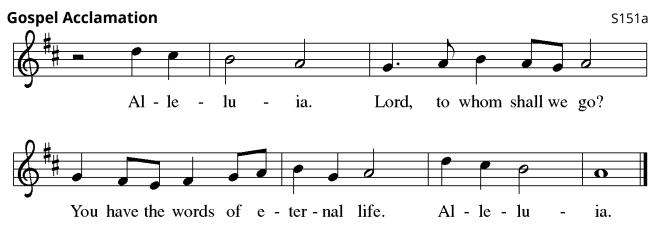
<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish

ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4</sup>:

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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





#### Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

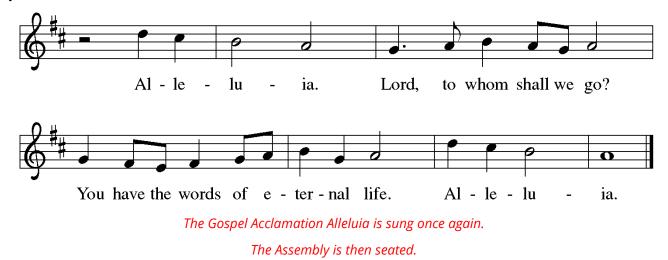
### A Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- A Praise to you, O Christ!

**Gospel Acclamation** 



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 "Children of the Heavenly Father" (TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA) ELW 781



### 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 Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

(brief pause)

- L Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation. Hear us, O God.
- A 🔮 Your mercy is great.
- L Wise God, you guide our hearts to works in service of others. 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. Hear us, O God,

### A Your mercy is great.

L Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Hear us, O God.

### A Your mercy is great.

- L Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.
- A Your mercy is great.

L Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God.

# A Your mercy is great.

- L Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer, especially Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Dori Jacobson-Wenzel, Jim Jung, Nancy Lang, Elaine Nelson, Joe Simchak, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God.
- A Your mercy is great.
- 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 Hear us, O God.

# A Your mercy is great.

- L Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you. Hear us, O God.
- A Your mercy is great.
- P We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- 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.

Offering



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#### **Offering Music**

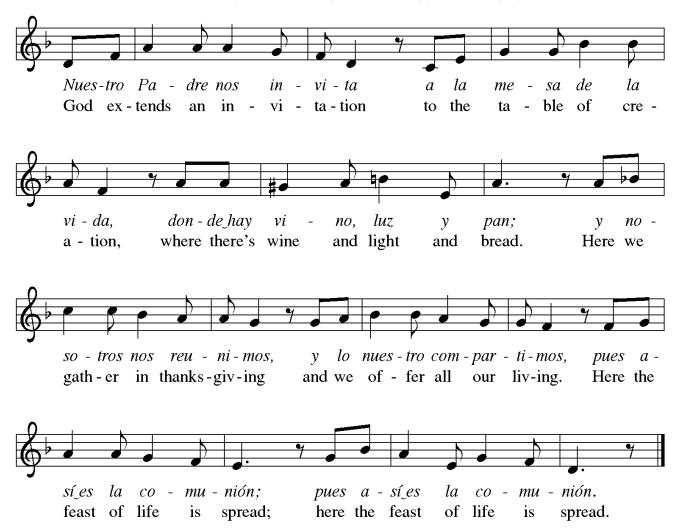
"The Lamb" by John Tavener

Little Lamb who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? By the stream and o'er the mead? Gave thee clothing of delight Softest clothing wooly bright? Gave thee such a tender voice Making all the vales Rejoice! Little Lamb who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb I'll tell thee Little Lamb I'll tell thee! He is called by thy name For he calls himself a Lamb He is meek and he is mild He became a little child I a child and thou a lamb We are called by his name Little Lamb God bless thee Little Lamb God bless thee. Presentation of the Gifts "God Extends an Invitation"

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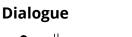
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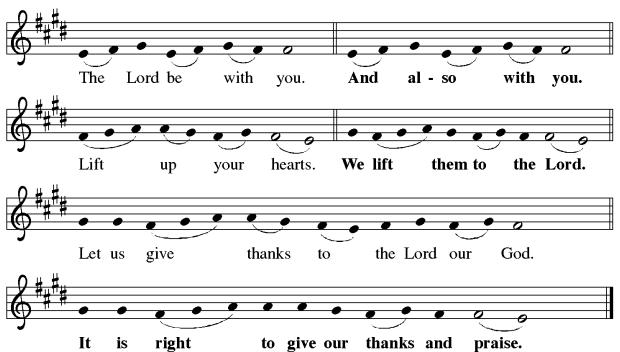


#### **Offering Prayer**

- L Let us pray.
- L Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.
   By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- A Amen.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

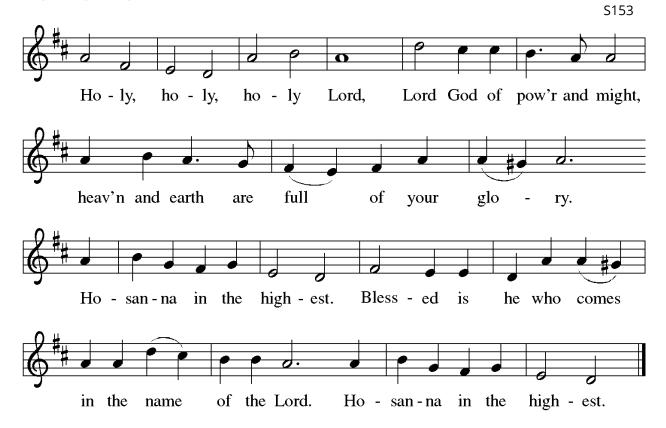




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**Preface** The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:

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:



#### Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

> You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus. 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:



With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

# A Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

# A Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.



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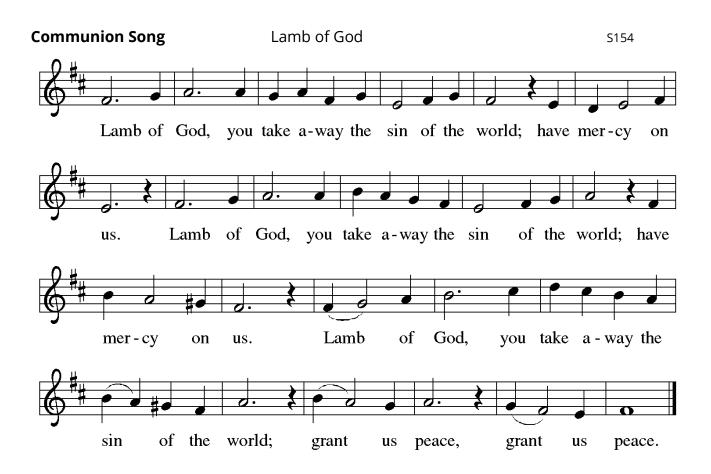
### The Lord's Prayer

- 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 Behold what you are.
- A 🚊 May we become what we receive.

#### The Assembly is seated.

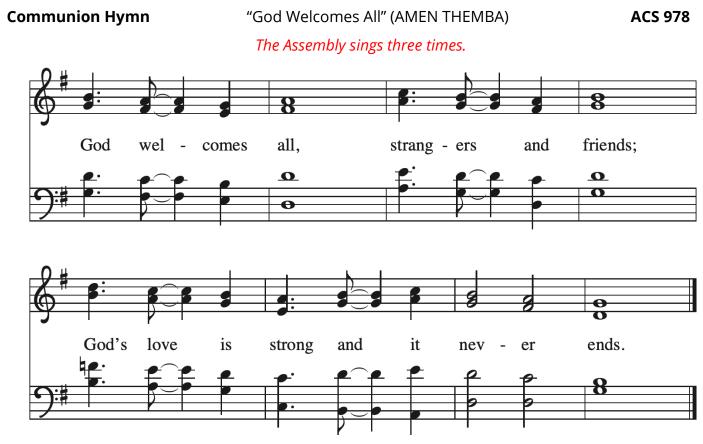


# **Distribution of Holy Communion**

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...

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

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

#### Blessing

- P God all mighty,
   God most merciful
   + bless you, keep you,
   and give you peace.
- A 🔮 Amen.



#### Dismissal

- L Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
- A 🔮 Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

Toccata on "Nettleton" by Marilyn Biery

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 Kirsten Brown & Jared Peck. Come enjoy one another's company and this opportunity for connecting!!

### Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Michael Wonderlich
Assisting Minister	Laurie Stivers
Lector	Kathry Skelton
Acolyte	Kit McCarthy
Organist	Christine Kraemer
Music Director	
Table Preparation	Kit McCarthy
Zoom Host	Bert Mount
Audio-Visual Technician	Kevin McDaniel, Tom Couch
Ushers	Nicolai Schousboe
Counters	Steve Warner

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Wednesday, Sept. 25	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 26	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Saturday, Sept. 28	Trombone Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
Sunday, Sept. 29	Bike The Ridge	9:00 am
	Feeding Our Faith	9:00 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Vision Keepers 2024 Dinner	5:00 pm

Pastor Mark will be on vacation Sept. 16-29. For pastoral care, please contact the church office at 847-864-4464 or parish-admin@immanuelevanston.org.

#### 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	
James Morehead	Music Director
Christine Kraemer	Organist
Laurie Stivers	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu	Parish Administrator

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