

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist September 29, 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.

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

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

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

+ All may make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

"Ciacona in F Minor" by Johann Pachelbel and "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" by Flor Peeters

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.

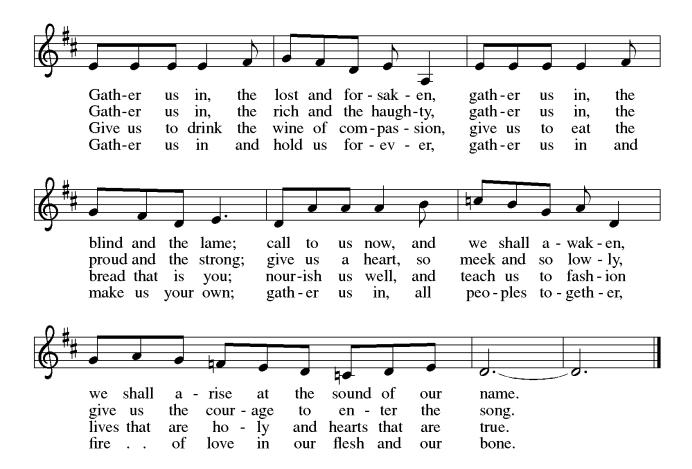
- P Gracious God,
- A 🔮 have mercy on us.

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.

"Gather Us In" (GATHER US IN) **Gathering Song ELW 532** You may reverence the cross as it passes you. Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness 1 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who 2 Here we will take wine and the wa - ter, the here we will take the 3 build-ings con - fin - ing, Not in the dark of not in some heav - en, 4 van - ished 'a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry, bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, light years a - way here in this place the new light is shin - ing, 10 day. brought here in the light of this to you called be light to the whole hu - man race. to call us a - new be salt for the earth. to is the king - dom, and is the day. now now

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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!

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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 Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of 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

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

R A reading from Numbers.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to

him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

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

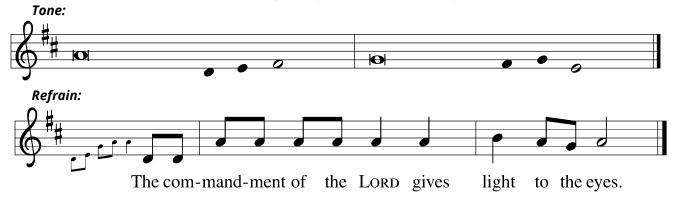
A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 19:7-14

Psalm Tone 10, 2 sharps

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."

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-¹ vives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom ¹ to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and re- [|] joice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and en-¹ dures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous [|] altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than ¹ much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey ¹ in the comb. R

¹¹By them also is your ser-¹ vant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is ¹ great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's [|] own offenses?

Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion ¹ over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a ¹ great offense.

 $^{14}\mbox{Let}$ the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable $^{|}$ in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. R

Reading from the New Testament

James 5:13-20

R A reading from James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and

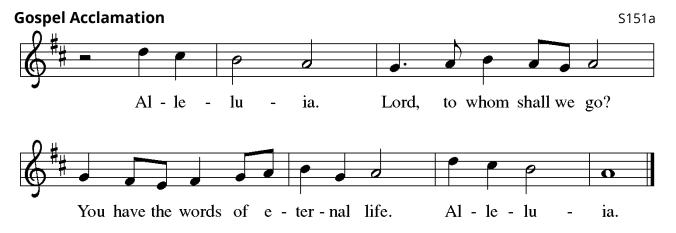
have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Mark 9: 38-50

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

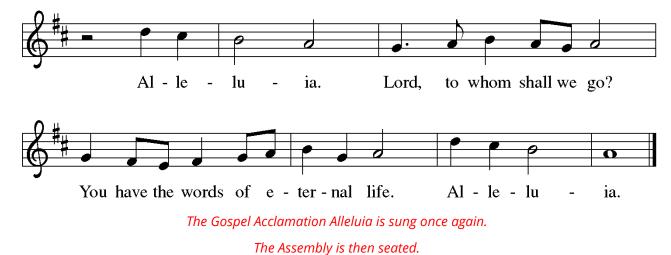
A Glory to you, O Lord!

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for 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." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"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.

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" (MUNICH)



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 We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.
- A 🔮 Your mercy is great.
- L We pray for all of those called to leadership in our community and that their spirits be renewed with vigor and 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. Hear us, O God,

A Your mercy is great.

L We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

- L We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God.
- A Your mercy is great.

L We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

- L We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing, especially Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Dori Jacobson-Wenzel, Jim Jung, Nancy Lang, the family of Betty McVey, Elaine Nelson, Joe Simchak, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts... 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 We give thanks for the saints, especially Michael and All Angels, Jerome, Francis of Assisi, and Theodor Fliedner, who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. 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.

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.



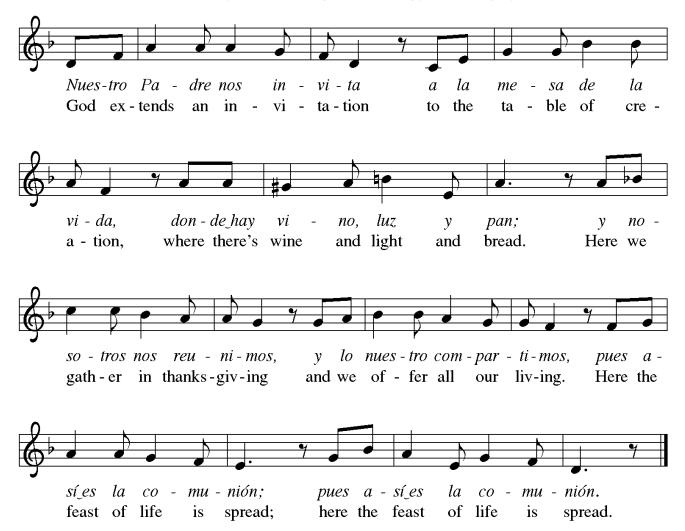
Offering Music

"God Be in My Head" by Arlen Clarke

God be in my head and in my understand.God be in my eyes and in my looking.God be in my mouth and in my speaking.God be in my heart, and in my thinking.God be at my end, and at my departing.

Presentation of the Gifts "God Extends an Invitation"

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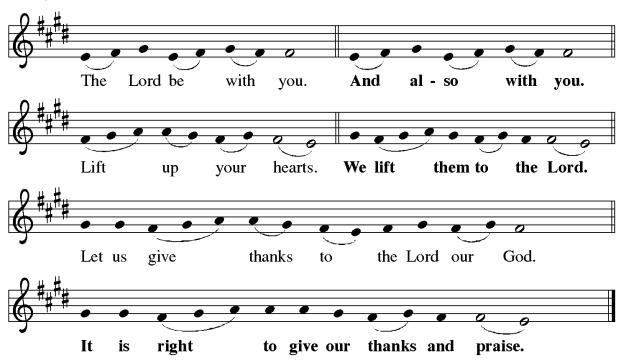


Offering Prayer

- 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

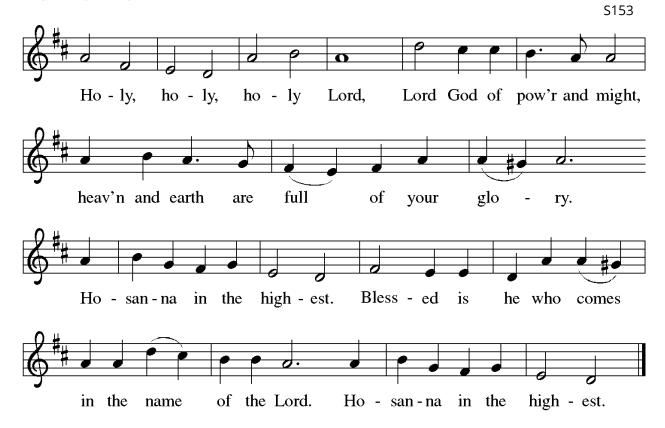
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Preface The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:

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.



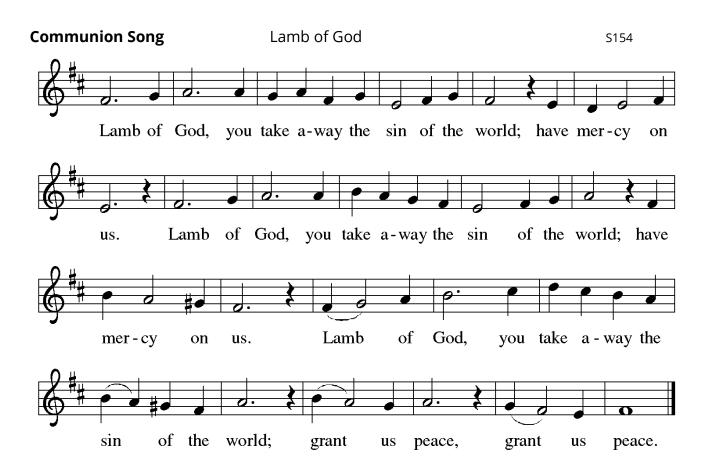
The Lord's Prayer

- 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.

Sending Song "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" (REPTON)

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Postlude

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

Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Michael Wonderlich
Assisting Minister	Kit McCarthy
Lector	Susan Ross
Acolyte	Chris Djuric
Organist	Christine Kraemer
Music Director	
Table Preparation	
Zoom Host	Jim McCarthy
Audio-Visual Technician	Kevin McDaniel, Tom Couch
Ushers	Joe & Terri Simchak
Counters	Diane Keely

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Upcoming Events – for details see the weekly e-blast, *Immanuel Newsfeeds,* or the website Calendar at <u>www.immanuelevanston.org</u>. Worship services can be attended either in person or online.

Sunday, Sept. 29	Vision Keepers 2024 Dinner	5:00 p,
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Midweek Gatherings on Zoom	Noon
Wednesday, Oct. 2	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 3	Daytime Quilters	9:00 am
	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Saturday, Oct. 5	Church Picnic! Blessing of Pets	Noon
Sunday, Oct. 6	Feeding Our Faith	9:00 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am

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.

This week's commemorations...

Michael and All Angels

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420 Monday, September 30, 2024

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Friday, October 4, 2024

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Friday, October 4, 2024

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry. From sundaysandseasons.com.

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Mark Sloss	Pastor
Michael Kloster	Congregation President
Terri Simchak	Congregation Vice President
Dana Barron	Congregation Secretary
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Christine Kraemer	Organist
Laurie Stivers	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu	Parish Administrator

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