

# The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist October 13, 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. 

■ = 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 ...

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

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

Prelude

"HYFRYDOL" and "RHOSYMEDRE" from *Three Preludes founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes* by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Variation on "RATISBON" by Peter Crisafulli

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 B 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,

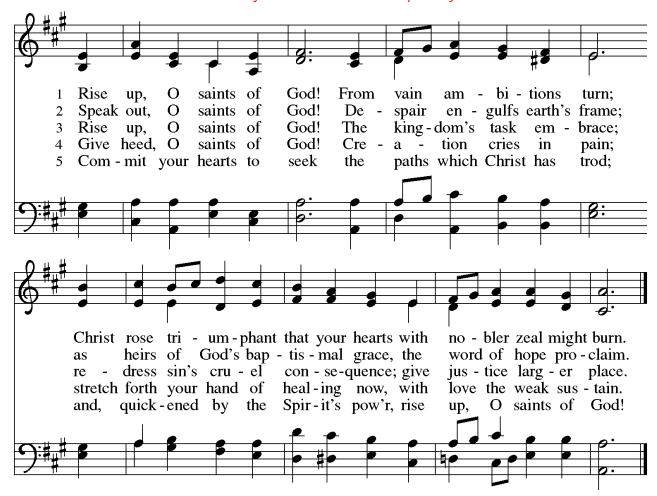
our Savior and Lord.

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.

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 Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, 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**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

R A reading from Amos.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

11Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,

but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

- 15Hate evil and love good,
   and establish justice in the gate;
   it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
   will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.
- R The Word of the Lord. Or, Word of God, word of life.
- A Thanks be to God!

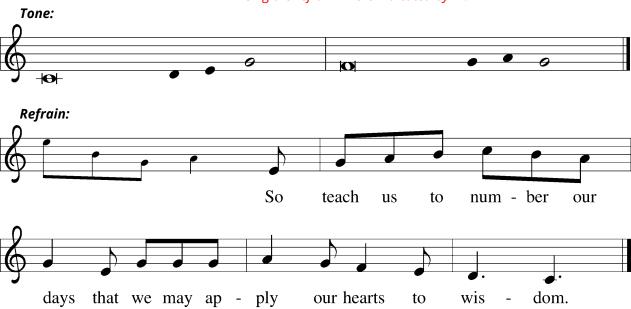
#### Psalm 90:12-17

### **Psalm Tone 4, No Flats**

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>12</sup>So teach us to num- <sup>|</sup> ber our days that we may apply our <sup>|</sup> hearts to wisdom.
- <sup>13</sup>Return, O Lord; how long | will you tarry?
  Be gracious | to your servants. R
- <sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love <sup>I</sup> in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad <sup>I</sup> all our days.
- <sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.
- <sup>16</sup>Show your ser- <sup>I</sup> vants your works, and your splendor <sup>I</sup> to their children.
- <sup>17</sup>May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork. R

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

Hebrews 4:12-16

R A reading from Hebrews.

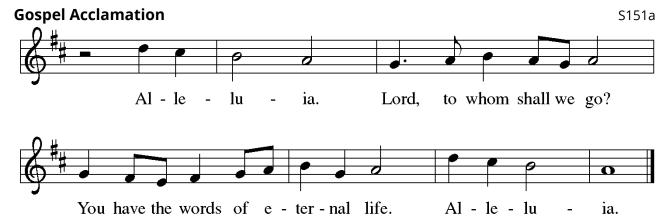
<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 10: 17-31

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

# A Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one

another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

- 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 Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

# (brief pause)

L Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,

# A **§** hear our prayer.

L Compassionate God, as we move through the busy activities of our lives, remind us to pause our minds and welcome 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. God of grace,

# A hear our prayer.

L Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,

### A hear our prayer.

L Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,

### A hear our prayer.

L Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,

### A hear our prayer.

L Joyous God, we give thanks for the miracle of new life. We praise you for the healthy birth of Baby Archie, new grandson of Christine and Mark Kraemer. God of grace,

### A hear our prayer.

L Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely, 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... Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,

### A hear our prayer.

L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.

L God of grace,

### A hear our prayer.

L Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, especially Teresa, Ignatius, and Luke, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace,

### A hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

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**

"Consecration" by Frederick Chatfield

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from Thee. Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use Every power as Thou shalt choose.

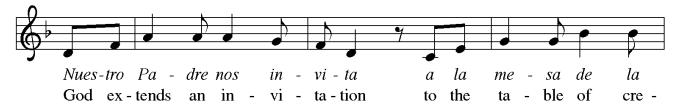
Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

#### Presentation of the Gifts

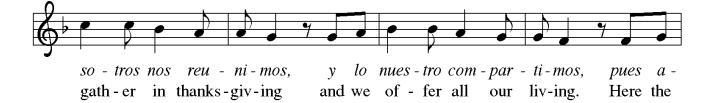
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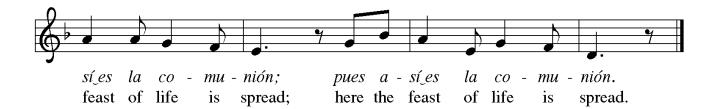
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The Assembly stands and sings twice as the gifts are brought forward.







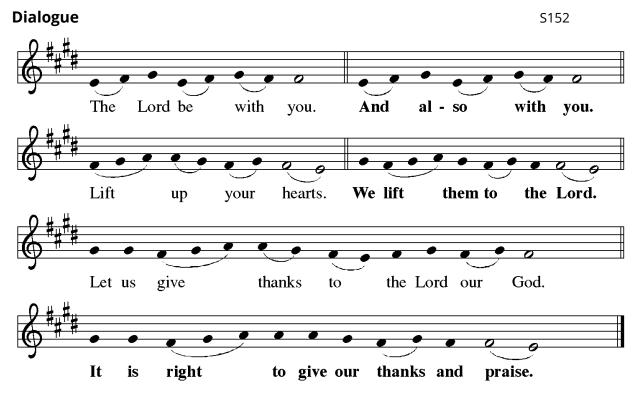


## **Offering Prayer**

- L Let us pray.
- 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.

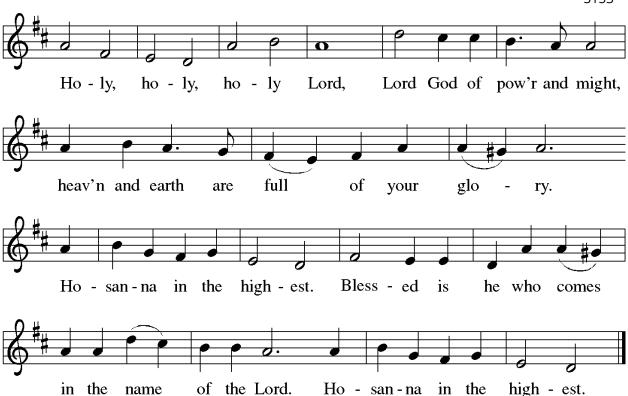
#### A Amen.

# **The Great Thanksgiving**



# **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:

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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.

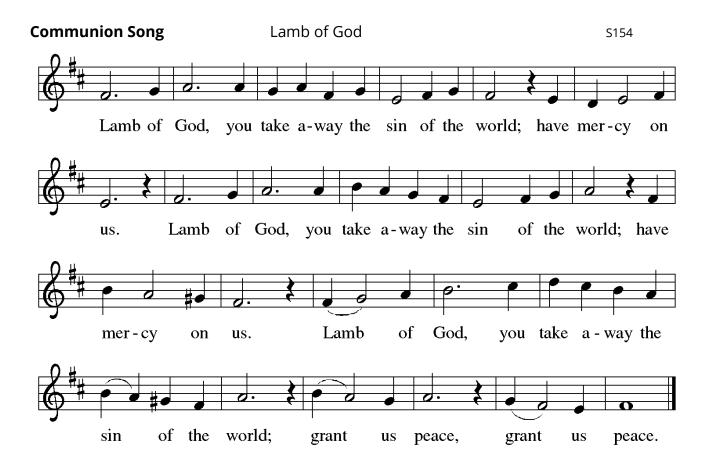
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

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**

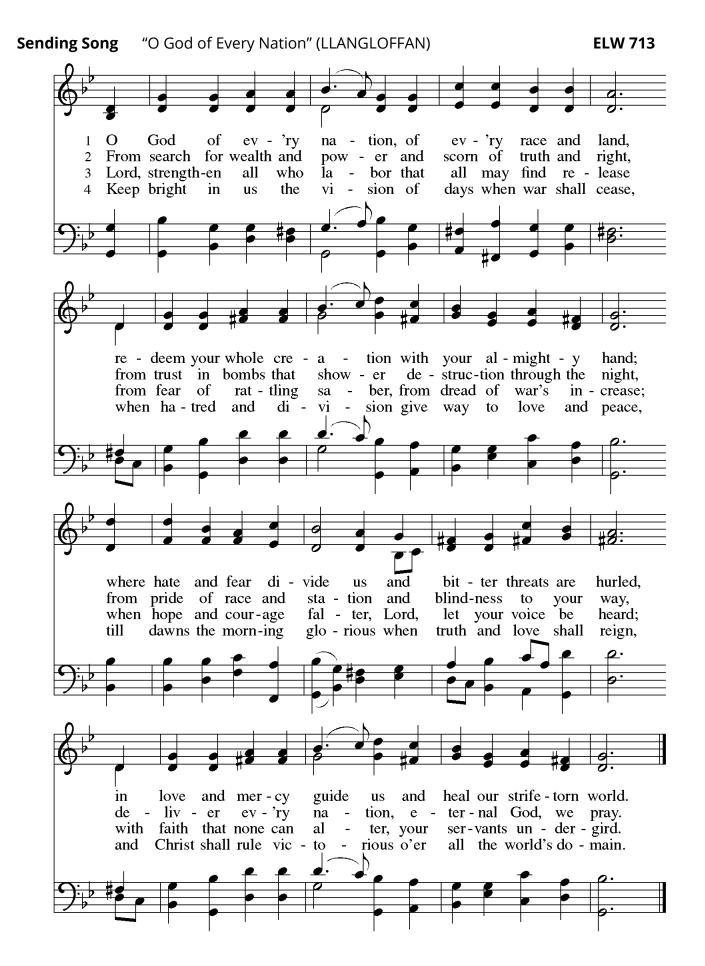
L Let us pray...
Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

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

# **Blessing**

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



#### **Dismissal**

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

### **Postlude**

"BRYN CALFARIA" from *Three Preludes founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes*by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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 TBD.

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

# Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister	Laurie Stivers
Lector	Dana Barron
Acolyte	Chris Djuric
Organist	
Music Director	James Morehead
Table Preparation	Marlene Chatain
Zoom Host	Jerry Larson
Audio-Visual TechnicianKev	in McDaniel, Tom Couch
UshersSte	eve Andes, Jim Rakowsky
Counters	Jerry Larson

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

Sunday, Oct. 13	Stark Committee Meeting	12:15 pm
Monday, Oct. 14	Indigenous Peoples Day	
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Midweek Gathering Via Zoom	Noon
Wednesday, Oct. 16	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 17	Group Spiritual Direction	7:00 pm
	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Saturday, Oct. 19	Organ Scholar Recital-Trevor Good	2:00 pm
Sunday, Oct. 20	Feeding Our Faith	9:00 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Solar Panels Celebration!	11:30 pm

### This week's commemorations...

# Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582 Tuesday, October 15, 2024

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged; Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

# Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115 Thursday, October 17, 2024

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

# Luke, Evangelist

#### Friday, October 18, 2024

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

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