

The Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist October 20, 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 ...

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

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

+ All may make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

"A Mighty Fortress" by Dietrich Buxtehude, "O Christ, Our Hope" by Peter Planyavsky, and "A Mighty Fortress" BWV 720 by J.S. Bach

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,

- 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.



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 Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, 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

R A reading from Isaiah.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.
⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.
⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Isaiah 53:4-12

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

 ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
 ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors.

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."

Reading from the New Testament

Hebrews 5:1-10

R A reading from Hebrews.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he

must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

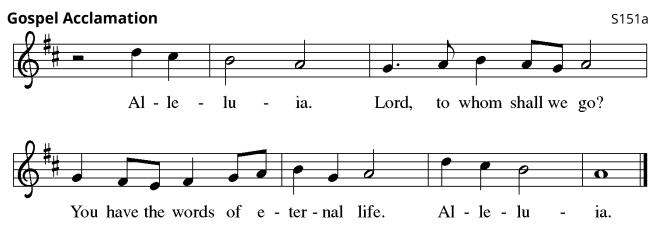
according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 10:35-45

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

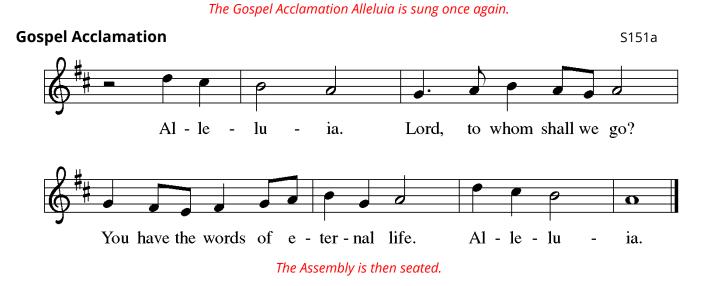
A Glory to you, O Lord!

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they

recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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



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.



Mission Moment

Susan Ross

The Apostle's Creed

L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

Α	l believe in God, the Father almighty,
	creator of heaven and earth.
	l 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.
	l 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 Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your 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 God of grace,

A 🞍 hear our prayer.

L Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace,

A hear our prayer.

L Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace,

A hear our prayer.

L Sustaining One, be with us in the fullness of your power as we strive to be ever better stewards of your grace, your mysteries, and your creation. We thank you for the solar panels installed here, for the power they provide and for all who benefit from their power.

Bless us with vision and energy for change as we care for the Earth and for each other. God of grace,

A hear our prayer.

L Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace, especially Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Alice Graf, Dori Jacobson-Wenzel, Jim Jung, Nancy Lang, Elaine Nelson, Kathy Roderer, 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 Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heerman, and Paul Gerhardt who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. 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.



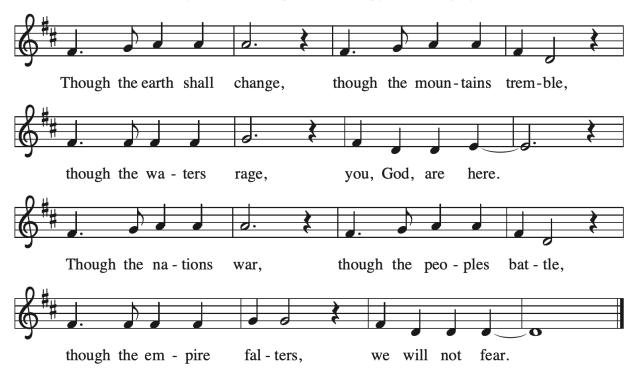
Offering Music

"Teach Me, O Lord" by Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O lord, the way of my statues, And I shall keep it unto the end. **Presentation of the Gifts**

"Though the Earth Shall Change"

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

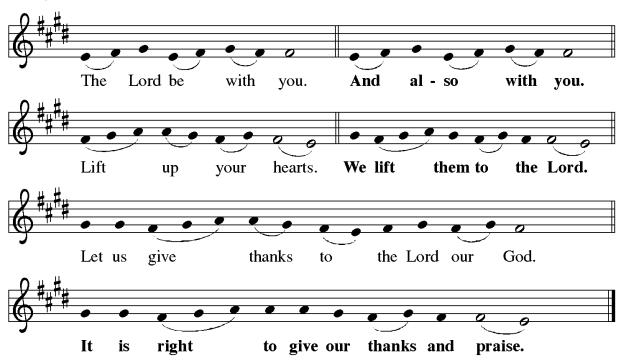


Offering Prayer

- 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

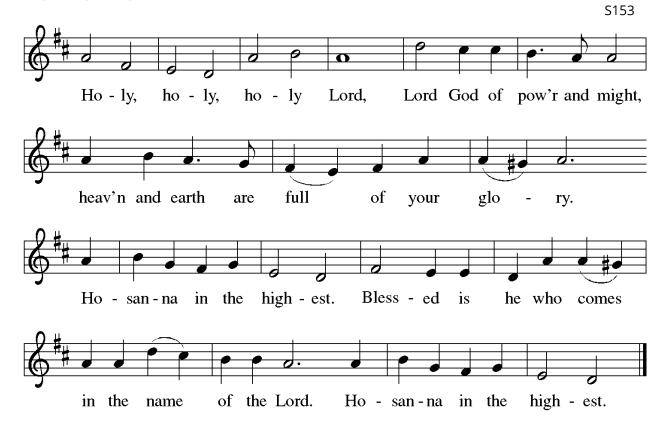
Dialogue



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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.

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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.



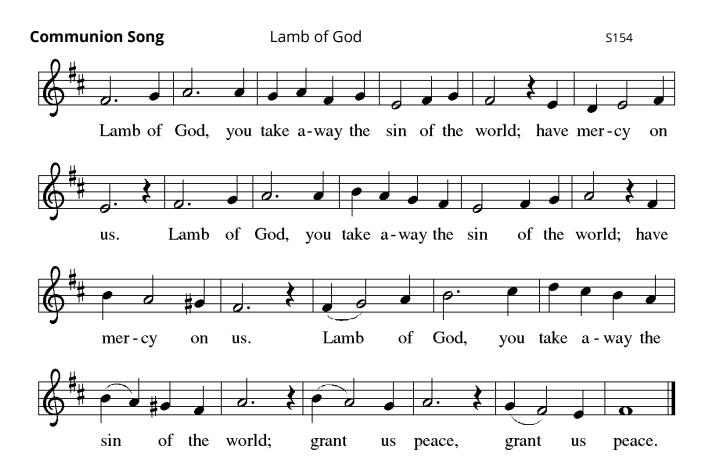
The Lord's Prayer

- 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."





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

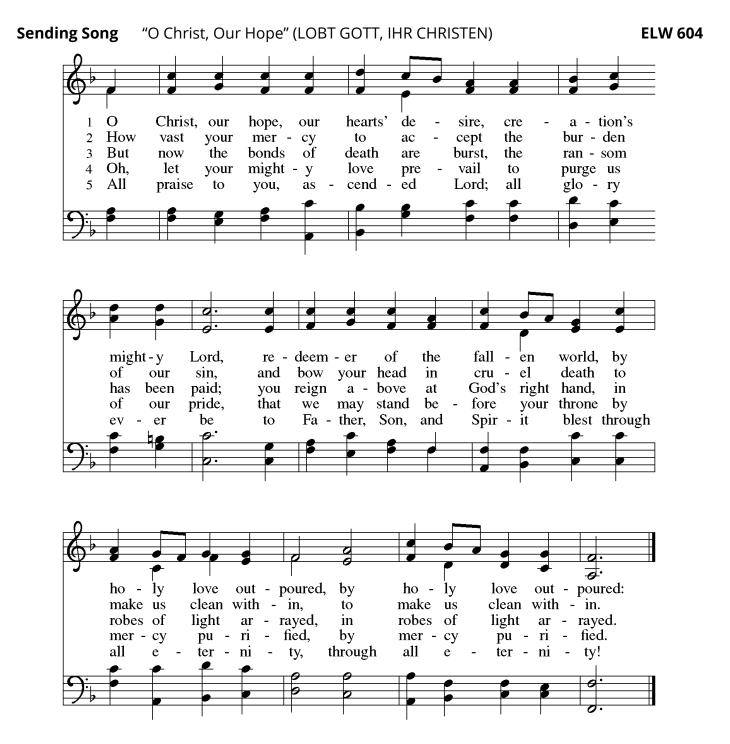
and to be at peace with one another,

- 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

"A Mighty Fortress" by Helmut Walcha

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

Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister	
Lector	
Acolyte	Kit McCarthy
Organist	Christine Kraemer
Music Director	
Table Preparation	Kit McCarthy
Zoom Host	
Audio-Visual Technician	
Ushers	Terri Hummel
Mission Moment	Susan Ross
Counters	Terri Simchak

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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, Oct. 20	Solar Celebration!	11:30 am
	Council Meeting	2:30 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 22	Midweek Gathering Via Zoom	2:00 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 23	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 24	Daytime Quilters	9:00 am
	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Saturday, Oct. 26	Congolese Community Event	2:00 pm
Sunday, Oct. 27	Sunday Worship at St. Paul's Lutheran	10:30 am
REFORMATION SUNDAY	Church	

This week's commemorations...

James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62 Wednesday, October 23, 2024

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters Saturday, October 26, 2024

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin. From sundaysandseasons.com.

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