

The Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist November 10, 2024

Welcome!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge. We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.

We're glad God has called you here today! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

Masks are now optional during worship service.

Facilities

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at any time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays, see the church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. Parking meters are free until 1:00 P.M. on Sunday.
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by the elevator.
- We love having children in worship! Activity bags are available from the ushers. There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome." Please use the Internet responsibly!

About Our Worship

Our Sunday worship is organized around the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It has a familiar form each week, but the content changes for each service according to a calendar shared with many other Christians. The liturgy is printed in this bulletin. If you're worshipping via Zoom, please remain muted until you get to the part where you will be invited to unmute and participate in some parts of the liturgy, as marked by this symbol. $\frac{1}{2}$ = UNMUTE

Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal because Christ invites you! There is no specific age requirement for Communion. There are two options: You may come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and wine or grape juice from the Assisting Minister. The glasses will be pre-poured, with the grape juice in the inner circle and wine in the outer circle. Each person will take their own glass from the tray. Empty glasses can be deposited in trays on the front pews. This will be a continuous communion, standing to receive the elements. The other option is we have individually packaged communion with either wine or grape juice that you can pick up at the entrance of the sanctuary. The pastor will say "The body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you" following the singing of the Communion Song. Please deposit the cups and wrappers in the trash receptacles as you leave the sanctuary.

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

+ All may make the sign of the cross.

Prelude""Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" BWV 731 by J.S. Bach, "In the Garden" and
"Blessed Assurance" by Gerald Near, and "In Green Pastures" by Harold Darke

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.
- A 🔮 Amen.
- P Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
- A we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power.
 We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
 Unbind us and set us free.
 Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus.
 Amen.
- P These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever.
 For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more.
 Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.
- A 🔮 Amen.

The Assembly stands to sing.

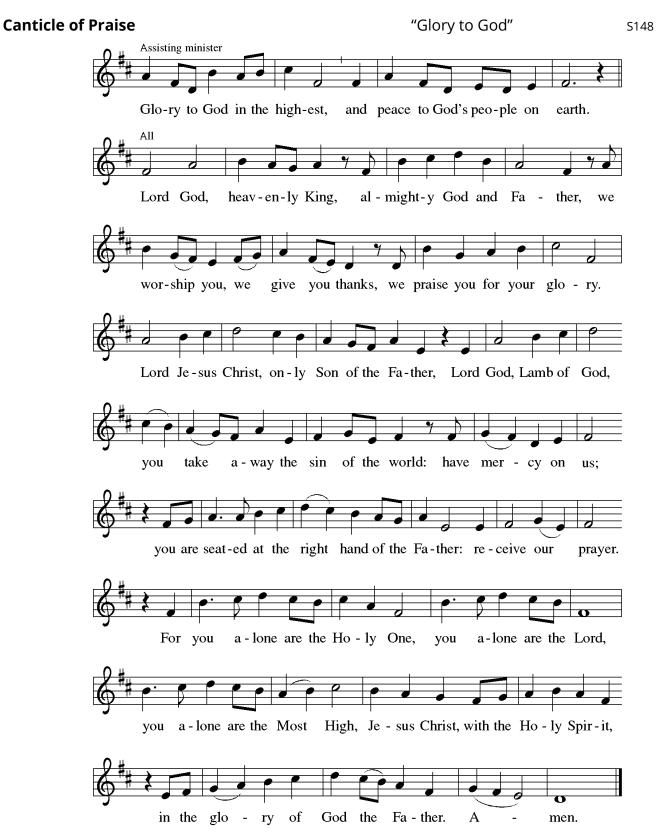
Gathering Song

"All Depends on Our Possessing" (ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN) You may reverence the cross as it passes you. **ELW 589**

All God's free de pends pos - sess - ing grace and 1 on our God, who hith - er ĥas fed me and man - y 2 - to to 3 When with sor - row Ι am strick - en, hope my heart а alĪ Well you know what best grant me; the long - ing 4 to 5 If days should length - en, God, on earth my my wea - ry bless - ing, though all wealth de - part. stant earth - ly con has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine. joys quick - en, shall stilled. new will all my long - ing be hopes that haunt me, and sor - row, have their day. joy soul still strength - en; all my trust in you Ι place. They who trust with faith un - shak - en their God by are God, who did gent - ly school me dai - ly SO and who kind - ness be - ing lov - ing -To vour ten - der all my shall doubt your wis - dom Ι nev - er; as you will, SO Earth - ly wealth is a - bid - ing; like not a stream a 0 for - sak - en will daunt - less heart. not and keep а di - vine. guides and rules me, will re main help my Ι sur - ren - der; Lord, on you a lone Ι build. be it ev - er; Ι com - mit you my way. to glid - ing; safe way it's Ι an - chor in your grace.

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, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through 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.

1 Kings 17:8-16

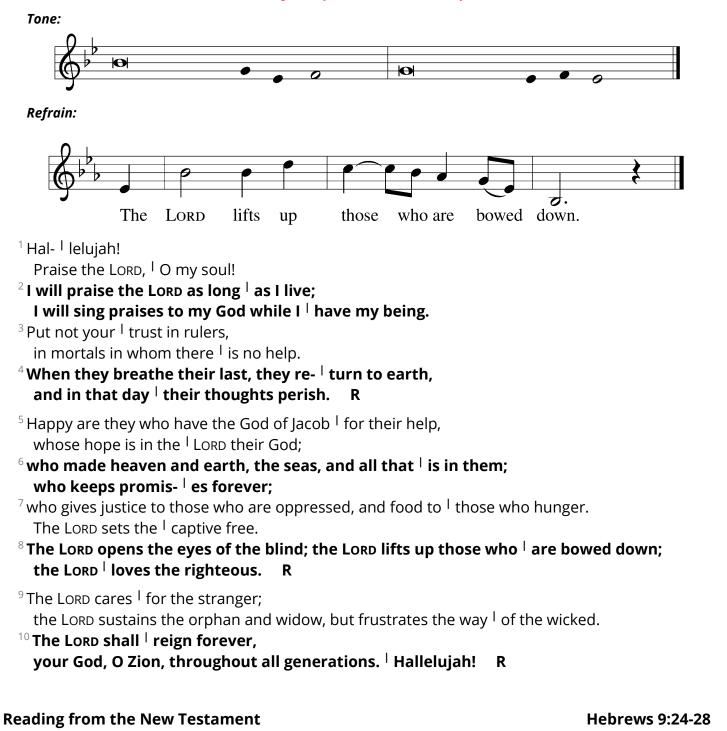
R A reading from 1 Kings.

⁸ The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

- 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 right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses.

All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."



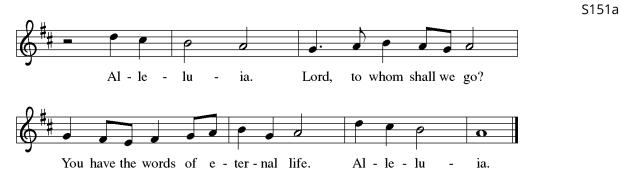
- R A reading from Hebrews
- ²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the

foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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- A 🔮 Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

The Gospel Acclamation 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 or from the sermon that 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 Assembly is seated.

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 Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

(brief pause)

L Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. We pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Michael, our council, our justice & equity ministry, and all who guide and instruct our communities. Merciful God,

A 🔮 receive our prayer.

L Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill, especially Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Marlene Chatain, 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 [...]. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,,

A receive our prayer.

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

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

L Hear us, O God,

A your mercy is great.

L Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long, especially Martin and Søren Aabye Kierkegaard. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through 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 ...

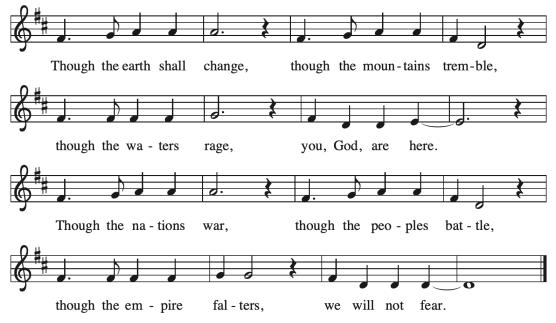
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Offering Music

"Give Almes of Thy Goods" By Christopher Tye

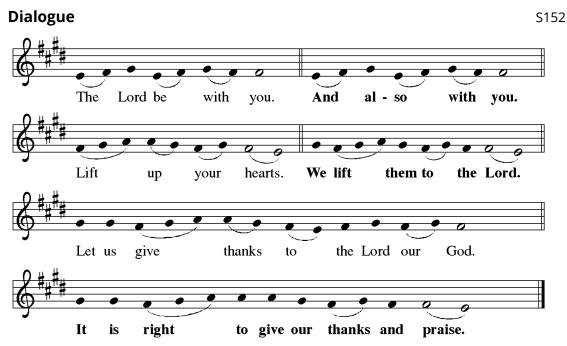
Give almes of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor one, and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee. The Assembly stands and sings twice as the gifts are brought forward.



Offering Prayer

- L Let us pray.
- Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
 Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.
- A Amen.

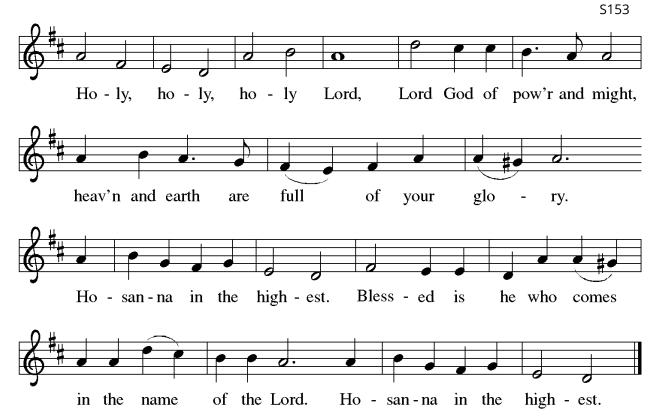
The Great Thanksgiving



Preface The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy The Assembly joins in singing:



Thanksgiving at the Table

P 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 Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy,

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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

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- 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.

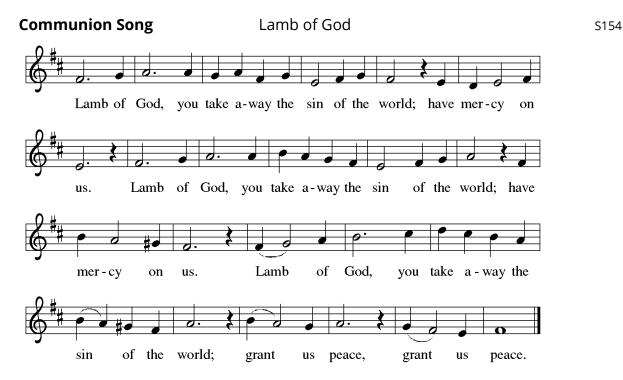
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

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

- Let us pray...
 Faithful God,
 you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
 in the body and blood of your Son.
 Now send us out to labor with you,
 in service to the world you have made,
 and among the people you have made your home,
 in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- A Amen.

Stewardship: Illuminating Our Gratitude with Generosity

You may now come forward and place your Statement of Intent cards in the basket provided.

Offering of Our Commitments

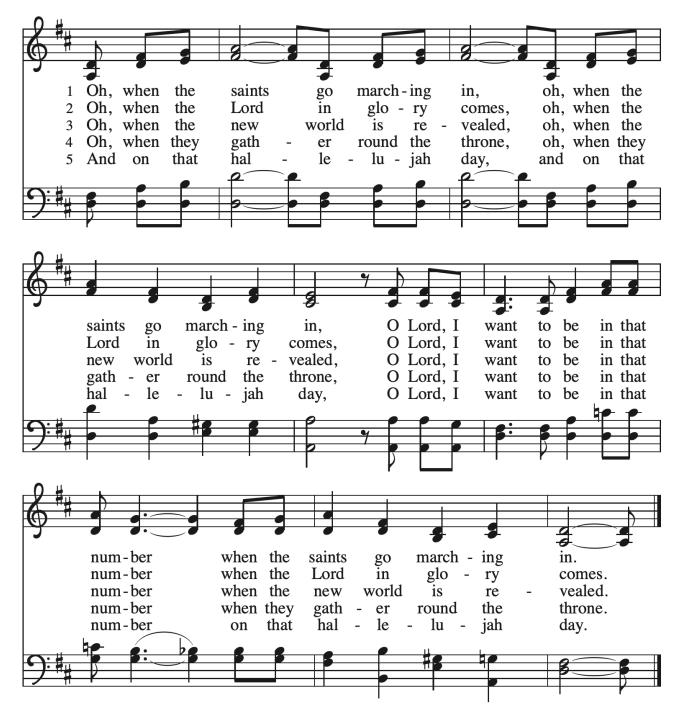
P Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving.
These intent cards are but tokens of the abundant gifts that have been given to us and they are commitments in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become.
Inspire our growth in the joy of generosity, and may our light shine to make your reign of love become tomorrow's reality.

A Amen.

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

Blessing

- P The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out,
 + bless you now and forever.
- A 🔮 Amen.



Dismissal

- L Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
- A 🛯 👲 Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"A Mighty Fortress" by Johann Pachelbel

Please stay for a time of fellowship and announcements immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall. Today our Justice & Equity Ministry presents Guest Speaker Todd Maxman, who will speak on "Civil Rights & Social Justice on the North Shore in Our Community and Our Schools." Today's refreshments are hosted by the Kraemer Family. Come enjoy one another's company and this opportunity for extended fellowship!!



To join coffee hour via Zoom on a smartphone, scan with your camera to get the link.

Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister	Anne Heider
Lector	
Acolyte	Elora Kloster
Organist	Christine Kraemer
Music Director	
Table Preparation	Terri Simchak
Zoom Host	Jerry Larson
Audio-Visual Technician	Kevin McDaniel
Ushers	Nicolai Schousboe, Bert Mount
Counter	Steve Warner

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This week's commemorations....

Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397 Monday, November 11, 2024

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855 Monday, November 11, 2024

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

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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, Nov. 10	Coffee Hour Guest: Todd Maxman	Noon
Monday, Nov. 11	Veterans Day	
Tuesday, Nov. 12	Midweek Spiritual Gathering	2:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 13	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Nov. 14	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Saturday, Nov. 16	Hansol Kim Organ Scholar Concert	3:00 pm
Sunday, Nov. 17	Feeding Our Faith	9:00 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Council Meeting	2:30 pm

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Mark Sloss	Pastor
Michael Kloster	
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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