

## **Christ the King**

## 10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist November 24, 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. ## = 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 ...

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

+ All may make the sign of the cross.

#### **Prelude**

"Prelude, Petit Canon, Improvisation" by Nadia Boulanger

### **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.

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!

**Canticle of Praise** "Glory to God" S148



## **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, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

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

## Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures.

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

R A reading from Daniel.

<sup>9</sup> As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup> As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages

should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away.

that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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.

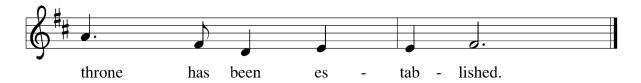
All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."

#### Tone:



### Refrain:





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and <sup>1</sup> armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- I not be moved.

- <sup>2</sup> Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established; you are from | everlasting. R
  - <sup>3</sup> The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted <sup>1</sup> up their voice; the waters have lifted up their <sup>1</sup> pounding waves.
- <sup>4</sup> Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea, mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.
- <sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are <sup>1</sup> very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- <sup>1</sup> evermore. **R**

## **Reading from the New Testament**

**Revelation 1:4b-8** 

- R A reading from Revelation.
  - <sup>4b</sup> Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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 Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel John 18:33-37

P The holy gospel according to John.

## A Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>33</sup> Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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.

Hymn of the Day "O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us" (ALL SAINTS NEW) ELW 431



#### The Nicene Creed

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

#### A We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the + resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. 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 Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people. Merciful God.
- A **§** receive our prayer.

L Inspire and strengthen the resolve for compassion and justice in our community and 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 Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God,

## A receive our prayer.

L Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God,

## A receive our prayer.

L Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Bring healing and wholeness, to all who are ill or hurting, especially Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Marlene Chatain, Alice Graf, Dori Jacobson-Wenzel, Jim Jung, Mark Kraemer, Nancy Lang, Elaine Nelson, Kathy Roderer, Joe Simchak, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. Merciful God,

## A receive our prayer.

L Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. 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 Merciful God,

#### A receive our prayer.

L In your eternal presence the saints, especially Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, William Passavant, Isaac Watts, and the Apostle Andrew, sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. 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 ...

**Offering** An offering for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.

## **Offering Music**

"My Eternal King" By Jane M. Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby, Nor yet because who love Thee not Must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace; For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, And manifold disgrace;

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, Should I not love Thee well?

Not for the hope of winning heav'n Or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught, Not seeking a reward;

But as Thyself hast loved me, O everlasting Lord!

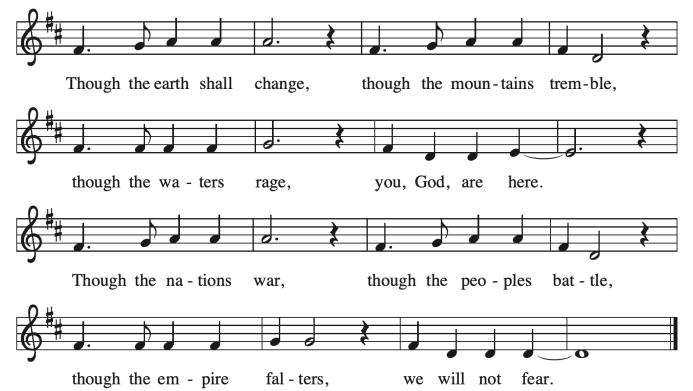
E'en so I love Thee, and will love, And in Thy praise will sing; Solely because Thou are my God, And my Eternal King.

#### **Presentation of the Gifts**

"Though the Earth Shall Change"

**ACS 1035** 

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

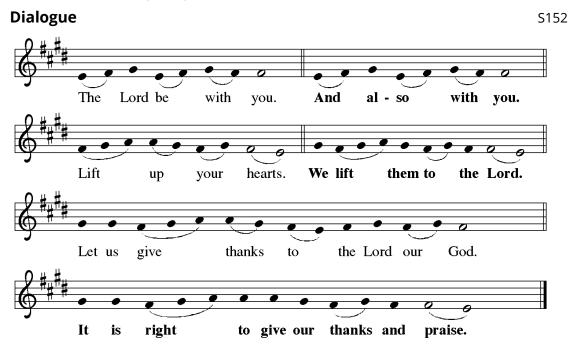


## **Offering Prayer**

- L Let us pray.
- L 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.

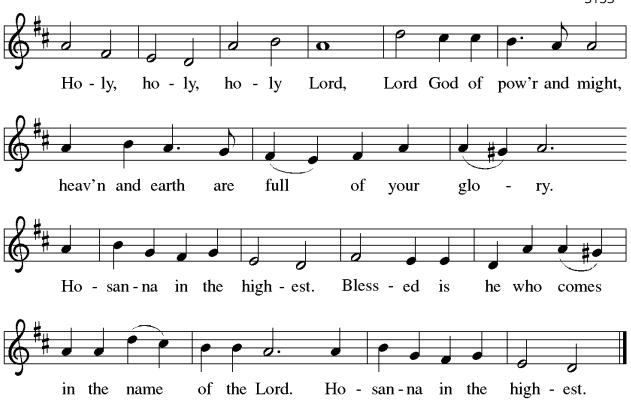
## The Great Thanksgiving



#### **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:





## 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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P 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.

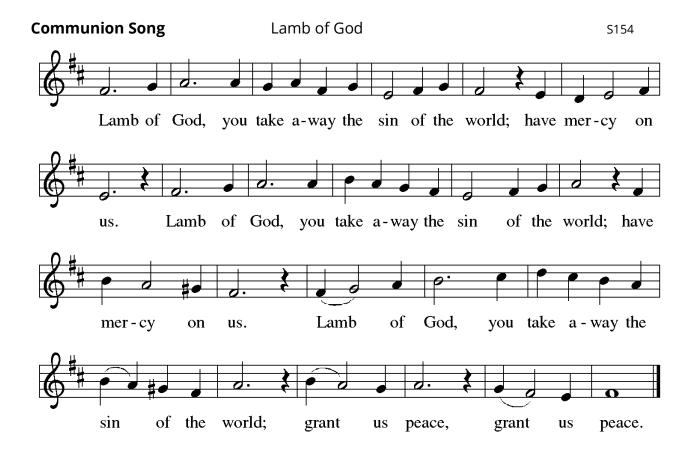
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

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...
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.

**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.



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#### **Dismissal**

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

**Postlude** "Toccata" by John Lee

Please stay for a time of fellowship and announcements immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.

Today's refreshments are hosted by the Café Immanuel Team.

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	Kit McCarthy
Lector	Dana Barron
Acolyte	Chris Djuric
Organist	
Music Director	
Table Preparation	Terri Simchak
Zoom Host	Jerry Larson
Audio-Visual Technician	Kevin McDaniel
Ushers	Nicolai Schousboe
Counter	Dana Barron

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#### This week's commemorations....

# Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America

#### Sunday, November 24, 2024

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

#### Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748 Monday, November 25, 2024

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

#### Andrew, Apostle

#### Saturday, November 30, 2024

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands. From sundaysandseasons.com.

**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, Nov. 24	New Community Church Event- Fellowship Hall	3:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 26	Midweek Spiritual Gathering (Zoom only)	2:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 27	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
Thursday, Nov. 28	Happy Thanksgiving!	
Friday, Nov. 29	Native American Heritage Day	
Sunday, Dec. 1	Feeding Our Faith	9:00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	Sunday Worship	10:30 am

## Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Mark Sloss	Pastor
Michael Kloster	Congregation President
Terri Simchak	
Dana Barron	Congregation Secretary
Susan Ross	Congregation Treasurer
Greg Hummel, Diane Keely, Jerry Larson, Kit McCarthy, Steve Warner	Congregation Council Members
Laurie Stivers	Financial Secretary
James Morehead	
Christine Kraemer	Organist
Laurie Stivers	Associate Organist
lane Kaihatsu	Parish Administrator

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