



## **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist  
March 2, 2025**

# 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 will be collected by the Acolyte. 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 ...*

*Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.*

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

*✠ All may make the sign of the cross.*

### Prelude

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" BWV 654 by J.S. Bach and  
"Jesus on the Mountain Peak" by Marilyn Biery

### Confession and Forgiveness

*The Assembly stands as able.*

*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 creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**A**  **Amen.**

**P** Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess  
our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Merciful God,

**A** **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.  
Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.  
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;  
we resist your call to oppose injustice;  
we give in to scarcity and fear;  
we assume the worst about one another.  
Cleanse us from our faults  
and release us from their grasp.  
Show us your lovingkindness.  
Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**A**  **Amen.**

**P** God proclaims these words of assurance:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine."  
In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.

**A** **Amen.**

*You may reverence the cross as it passes you.*

1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in  
 2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing  
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph-ets and the law  
 in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!  
 sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.

join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:  
 All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## 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"

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Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### 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 Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our 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*

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**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures.**

**Exodus 34:29-35**

R A reading from Exodus.

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

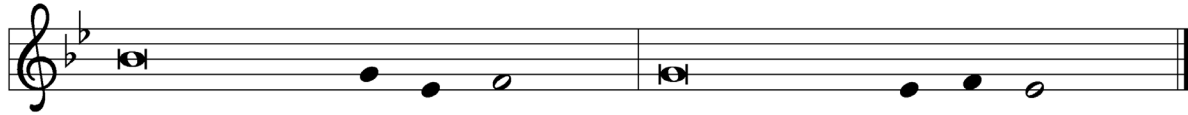
R The Word of the Lord. Or, Word of God, word of life.

**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:**

Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD;  
wor - ship up - on God's ho - ly hill.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the <sup>1</sup> people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let <sup>1</sup> the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD, <sup>1</sup> great in Zion,  
is high a- <sup>1</sup> bove all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them confess God's name, which is <sup>1</sup> great and awesome;  
God is the <sup>1</sup> Holy One.

<sup>4</sup> **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- <sup>1</sup> tablished equity;  
you have executed justice and righteous- <sup>1</sup> ness in Jacob. R**

<sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- <sup>1</sup> fore God's footstool;  
God is the <sup>1</sup> Holy One.

<sup>6</sup> **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon  
your <sup>1</sup> name, O LORD,  
they called upon you, and you <sup>1</sup> answered them,**

<sup>7</sup> you spoke to them out of the pil- <sup>1</sup> lar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree <sup>1</sup> that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup> **O LORD our God, you answered <sup>1</sup> them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their <sup>1</sup> evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's <sup>1</sup> holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the <sup>1</sup> Holy One. R

**Reading from the New Testament**

**2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2**

R A reading from 2 Corinthians.

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory



that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

This is my | Son, my Chosen,\* list- | ten to him!

## Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

**A Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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.*

1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;

your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

**Installation of Leaders in the Congregation**

*The assembly is seated. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

P The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these *sisters and brothers* will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

*The offices and names of those who are to be installed are read. As each name is read please come forward.*

P Living together in trust and hope, let us confess 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.**

*The presiding minister addresses those being installed.*

P A reading from Second Corinthians.  
There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

*The presiding minister continues.*

P You have been *elected* to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

*The presiding minister addresses those being installed.*

P On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:  
Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been *elected*?

C *Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

*The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly.*

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

P People of God, I ask you:  
Will you support these, your *elected* leaders,  
and will you share in the mutual ministry

that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**A We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.*

P I now declare you installed as officers and council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

**A Amen.**

*The service continues with Prayers of the People. The newly installed people remain.*

### **Prayers of the People**

L With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*(brief pause)*

L Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace,

**A  hear our prayer.**

L We pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Michael, our council, our ministries, and all who guide and instruct our community. Energize their spirits for the work ahead. God of grace,

**A hear our prayer.**

L We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace,

**A hear our prayer.**

L We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts, especially, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Terri Hummel, Dori Jacobson-Wenzel, Jim Jung, Nancy Lang, Elaine Nelson, Bill Pullin, Kathy Roderer, Patty Schubert, Larry Turpin, Steve Warner, the family of Julie Woestehoff, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. God of grace,

**A hear our prayer.**

L God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. 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 Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people, especially John Wesley and Charles Wesley, Perpetua and Felicity. We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. God of grace,

**A hear our prayer.**

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**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.*

*After the greeting of peace, the newly installed leaders return to their places.*

*The Assembly is seated.*

**Meal:** *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ ...*

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

**Offering Music**

"Transfiguration"  
By William D. Thompson

O light of light, love given birth;  
Jesus Redeemer of the earth:  
More bright than day your face did show,  
Your raiment whiter than the snow.  
Two prophets who had faith to see,  
With your elect found company;  
The heavens above your glory name,  
Your Father's voice his Son proclaimed.  
May all who seek to praise aright,  
Through purer lives show forth your light.  
To you, the King of glory, now  
All faithful hearts adoring bow.

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



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.  
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

**Offering Prayer**

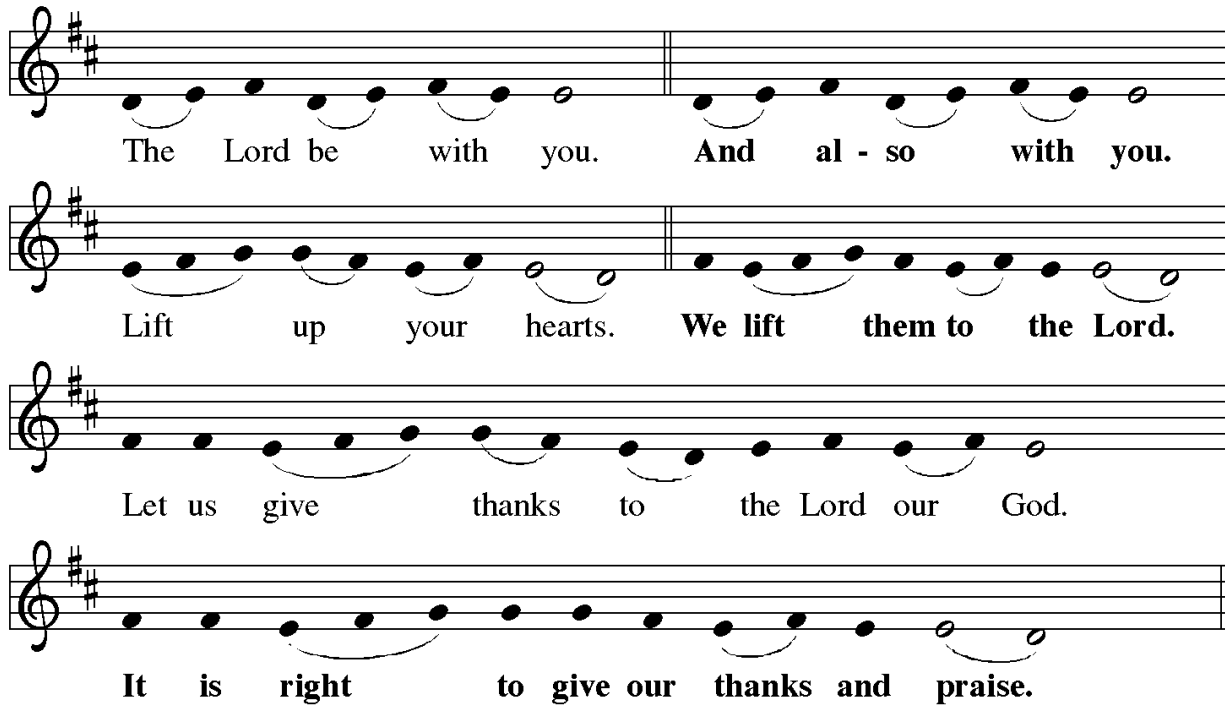
- L Let us pray.
- L God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.  
Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.

**A Amen.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Dialogue

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**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, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,  
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.  
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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

P Al-might-y Lord [do-sol-mi-do],  
 we praise your shining light, your glowing grace.  
 From before the earth's foundation,  
 you loved us and promised us life forever.  
 Within the earth's deep sadness,  
 we laud your great and glorious might.  
 Despite our tears and sinning,  
 we sing of the gladness of your mercy.  
 We praise your Son, our Morn-ing Star. [do-sol-mi-do]  
 Christ is our dia-mond bright,  
 our trea-sure dear. [do-sol-mi-do, sol-la-la-sol]  
 He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love.  
 He keeps us yours and fails us never—  
 today, tomorrow, and every day.  
 On the night before his great salvation,  
 he 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.  
With joy we tell our story:  
Al-le-lu-ia! [sol-mi-sol-mi]  
[Assembly echoes:] Al-le-lu-ia!  
We call for your Spirit on us and this meal.  
Refresh our souls with this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of your Son.  
Nourish us as branches of your tree,  
and enlighten us with your undying flame.  
We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son,  
we exult in the Spirit.  
Transport us in our yearning,  
and be for us the end and the beginning,  
our purest pleasure, our victorious crown,  
our never-ending love.  
And so we pray and praise:  
A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men. [high do-sol-la-sol, fa-mi-re-do]

**A A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men.** [Assembly echoes]

### **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 The joy of the Lord is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**A  We come to the table with open hearts.**

*The Assembly is seated.*

The musical score is written on four staves of a single treble clef. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence on the last staff.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### 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 assemble around the rail to receive communion. Those who are able may kneel. You will 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 will be collected by the Acolyte. This will be a continuous communion.*

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."*

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

*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...  
Nourishing God,  
at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray.

**A Amen.**

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

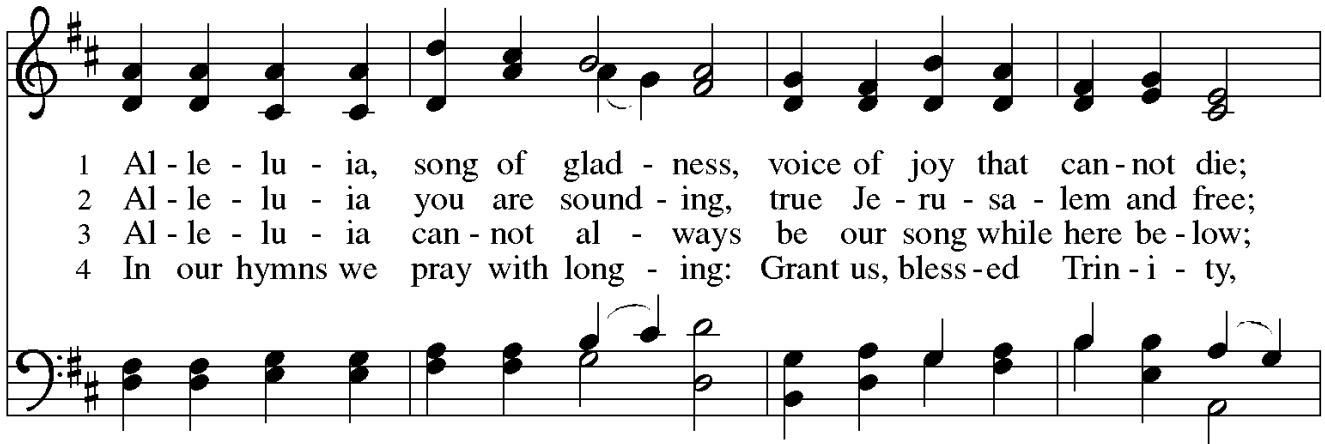
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### **Blessing**

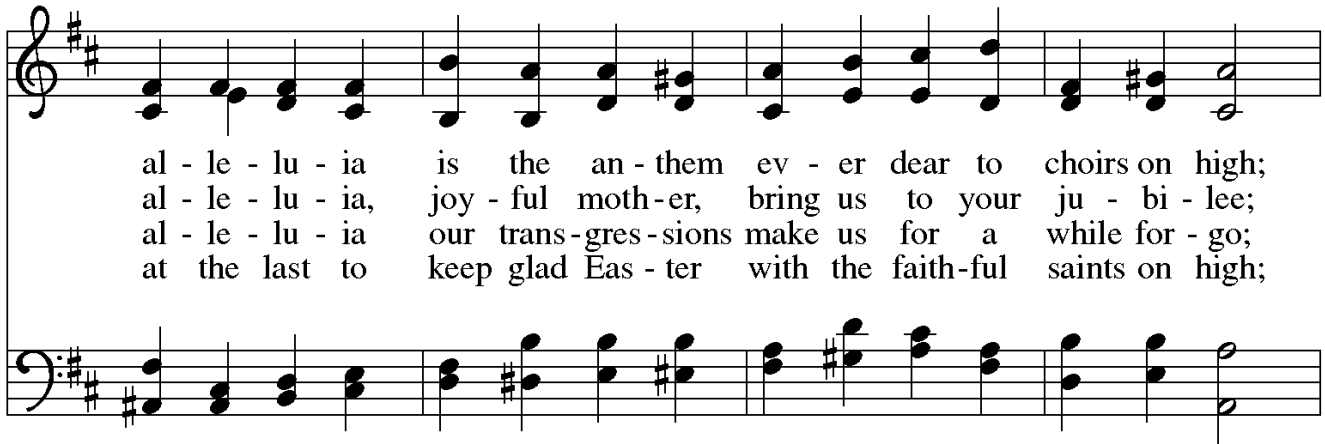
P The Spirit of the triune God  
✝ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

**A**  **Amen.**

*We say goodbye to Alleluia during Lent and joyfully return to singing Alleluia at Easter.*



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

**Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Live in hope.

A 🗣️ **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

“Jubilate” by Emma Lou Diemer

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

*Today's refreshments are hosted by Anne Heider & Diane Keely.*

*Come enjoy one another's company and learn what's happening in and throughout the Immanuel congregation!!*

**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 ..... Chris Djuric
- Lector ..... Greg Hummel
- Acolyte ..... Elora Kloster
- Organist..... Christine Kraemer
- Music Director .....Jimmy Morehead
- Table Preparation ..... Terri Simchak
- Zoom Host ..... Bert Mount
- Audio-Visual Technician ..... Kevin McDaniel
- Ushers ..... Nicolai Schousboe
- Counter ..... Dana Barron

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## This week's commemorations....

### John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church

#### Sunday, March 2, 2025

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

### Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202

#### Friday, March 7, 2025

Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, an enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

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**Upcoming Events** – for details see the weekly e-blast, *Immanuel Newsfeeds*, or the website Calendar at [www.immanuelevanston.org](http://www.immanuelevanston.org). Worship services can be attended either in person or online.

Tuesday, Mar. 4	Tai Chi Class	6:30 am
	Midweek Gathering on Zoom	2:00 pm
Wednesday, Mar. 5- <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
	Ash Wednesday Worship Service	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Mar. 6	Tai Chi Class	6:30 am
	Daytime Quilters	9:00 am
	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Sunday, Mar. 9	<b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS-</b> <i>Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday night</i>	
	Feeding Our Faith	9:00 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am





## **Immanuel's Staff and Leadership**

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

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