



Immanuel  
Lutheran  
of Evanston

## Transfiguration of Our Lord

10:30 A.M.

Worship with Eucharist  
February 15, 2026

# 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 optional during worship service.**

## Facilities

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

## About Our Worship

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

## Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal because Christ invites you! There is no specific age requirement for Communion. There are two options: Those who wish, please come forward as the ushers direct. 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. The acolyte will collect the empty glass.

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 festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle which comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.*

**Prelude** "Plein Jeu," "Duo," "Basse de Cromorne," and "Flutes" by Louis-Nicolas Clerambault;  
"Spiritual: Round About the Mountain" by Noel Da Costa

*The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.*

### 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,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**A** 🗣️ **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Mighty God, lover of justice,

**A** 🗣️ **you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

P The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in ✙ Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**A** 🗣️ **Amen.**

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

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

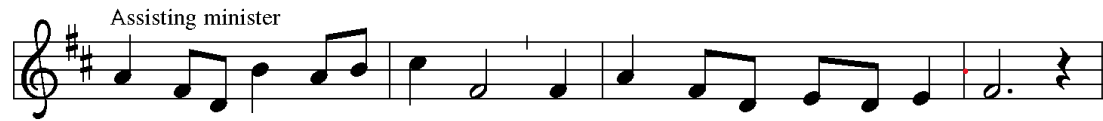
## Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A  **And also with you!**

## Gloria

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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.

## 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, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through 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*

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## Reading from the First Lesson

**Exodus 24:12-18**

R A reading from Exodus.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

**A Thanks be to God!**

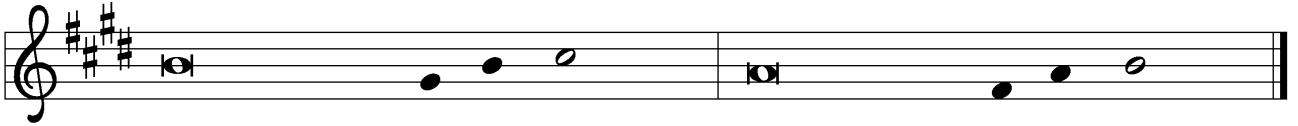
Psalm 2

Psalm Tone 1, 4 sharps

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:



You are my son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

- 1 Why are the nations | in an uproar?  
Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?
- 2 **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together,  
against the LORD and against the | LORD's anointed?**
- 3 "Let us break their | yoke," they say;  
"let us cast off their | bonds from us."
- 4 **God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;  
the LORD holds them | in derision. R**
- 5 Then in wrath God | speaks to them,  
and in rage fills | them with terror.
- 6 **"As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king  
upon Zion, my | holy mountain."**
- 7 Let me announce the decree | of the LORD,  
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.
- 8 **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for | your possession. R**
- 9 You shall crush them with an | iron rod  
and shatter them like a | piece of pottery."
- 10 **And now, you | kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.**
- 11 Submit to the | LORD with fear,  
and with trembling | bow in worship;
- 12 **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God! R**

R A reading from 2 Peter.

<sup>16</sup>We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

<sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.


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

**A**  **Thanks be to God!**

*The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

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



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

**Gospel**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

<sup>1</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**A Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The Gospel Acclamation is sung once again.*

*The Assembly is then seated.*

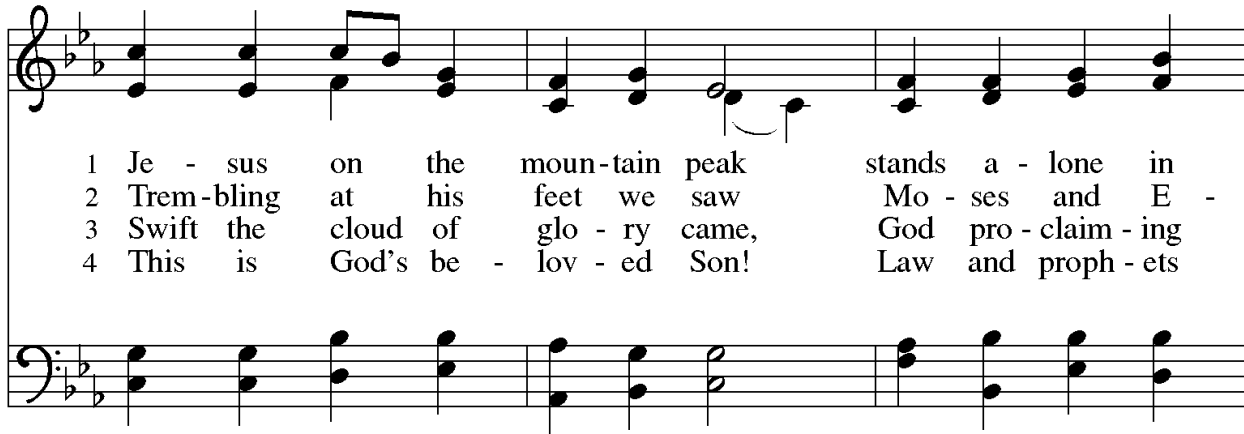
**Sermon**

**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 that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.*

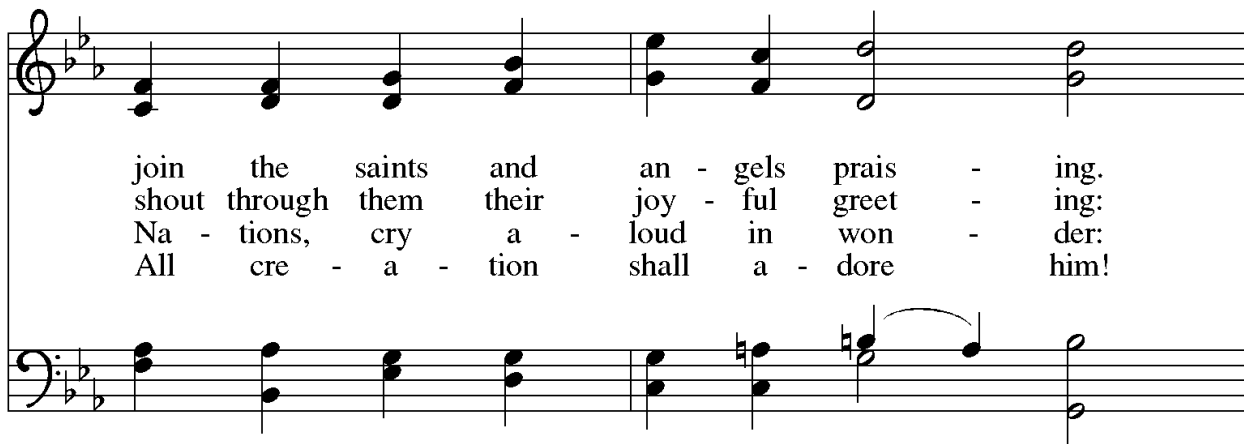
*When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word with song.*



1 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!

## 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.**

## 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. If you are online, please raise your hand.*

*The presiding minister addresses those being installed.*

P A reading from First 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 and appointed* 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 and appointed*?

*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 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 As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*(brief pause)*

L Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God,

**A  receive our prayer.**

L Inspiring God, we see your example of endless love for others and to care and serve them. We pray for our bishops Yehiel and Wayne, our pastor Mark, our president Kit, and the other congregational leaders installed this day. Guide and bless them as they carry out their duties leading us to bear witness to Christ in lives built on faith and love. Merciful God,

**A receive our prayer.**

L Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,

**A receive our prayer.**

L Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God,

**A receive our prayer.**

L Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve, especially Maren Baylaender, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Tom Couch, Jim Jung, Nancy Lang, Dennis Milbrandt, Elaine Nelson, Shirley Patrick, the family of Joseph Sloss, Ionie Smith, Steve Warner, Marina Yarnoff, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Merciful God,

**A receive our prayer.**

L Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. 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 Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, especially Martin Luther, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God,

**A receive our prayer.**

P Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus 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**

**"O Nata Lux"**

By Mariano Gerau

O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
Dignare clemens supplicum  
Laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi  
Dignatus es pro perditis,  
Nos membra confer effici  
Tui beati corporis.

O Light born of Light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness deign to receive  
suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members  
of thy blessed body.

**Presentation of the Gifts**

**"Light Shone in Darkness" (LUX IN TENEBRIS)**

**ELW 307**



1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,  
2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;  
3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,  
Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,  
Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"  
hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!  
glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

## Offering Prayer

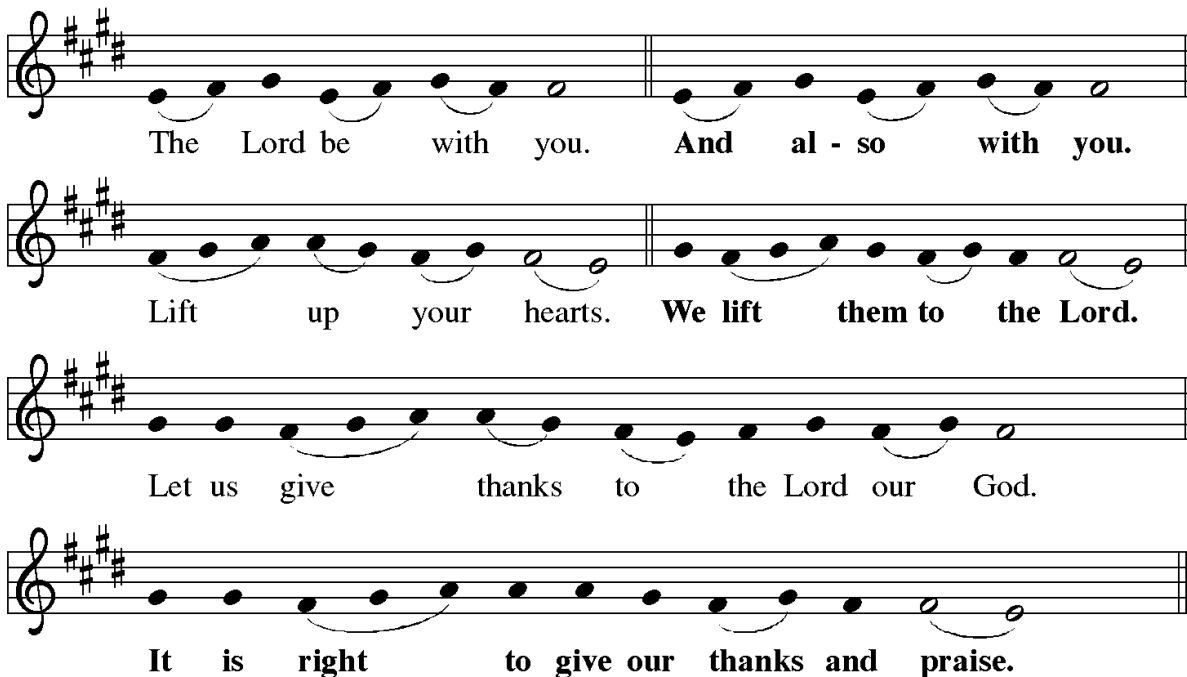
L Let us pray.  
L God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Dialogue

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The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

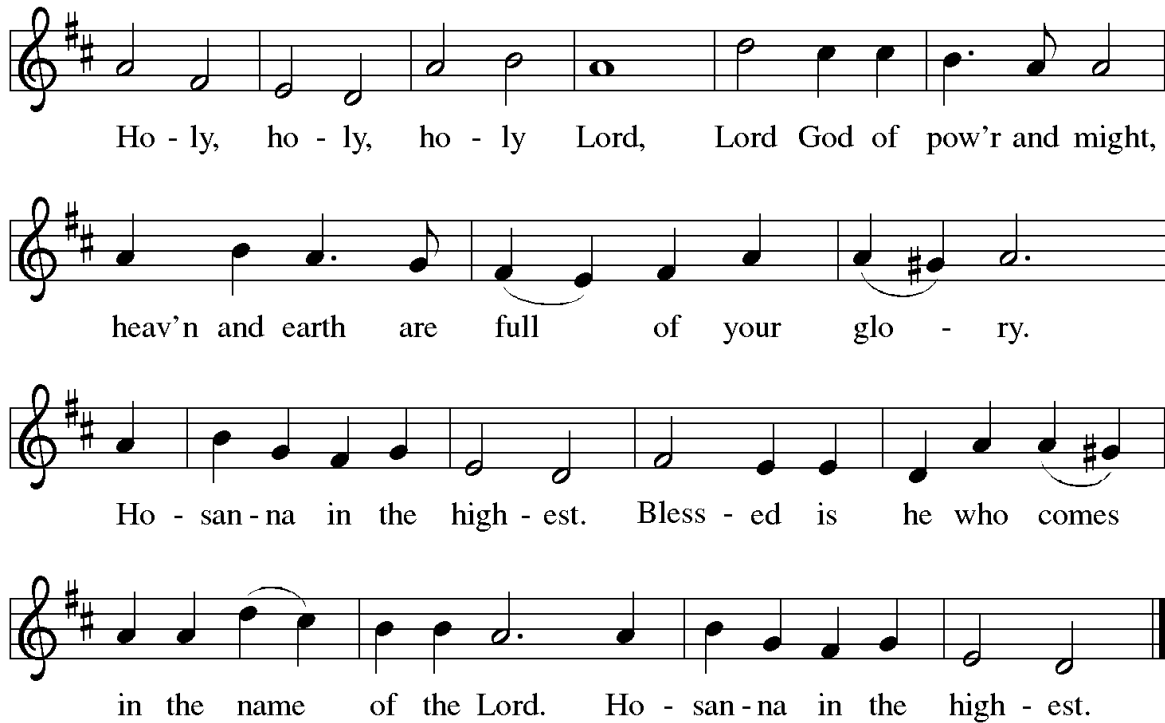
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.

**A We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**A We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**A We thank you, O God.**

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way,  
 at the table, and to the end,

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**A**

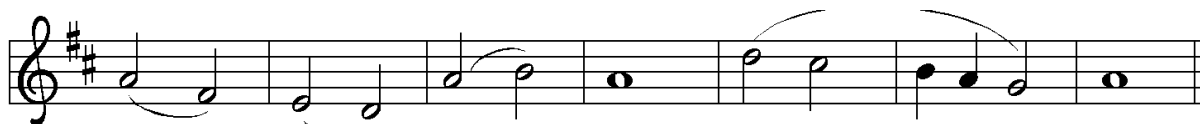


Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
 in our gathering; within this meal;  
 among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,  
 through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit,  
 in your church, without end.

**A**



A - men. a - men. a - men.

### The Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**A** **Our Loving God in heaven, Father and Mother of us all,  
 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 Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

A  We come to the feast of joy.

*The Assembly is seated.*

### Communion Song

Lamb of God

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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."*

*The Assembly sings the hymn.*

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 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 The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**A Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

L Let us pray...  
Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A Amen.**

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

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## **Blessing**

P May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
✝ bless you now and forever.

**A**  **Amen.**

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

**Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

From [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com).

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. Do justice. Love mercy.

A **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

“Caprice” by Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

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

*Today's refreshments are hosted by TBD.*

*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 ..... Kathryn Skelton
- Acolyte..... Kit McCarthy
- Organist ..... Christine Kraemer
- Music Director.....James Morehead
- Table Preparation..... Kathryn Skelton
- Zoom Host..... Jim McCarthy
- Audio-Visual Technician..... Kevin McDaniel
- Ushers ..... Terri Hummel, Nicolai Schousboe

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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.

Sunday, Feb. 15	Council Meeting	12:30 pm
Monday, Feb. 16	Presidents Day	
Tuesday, Feb. 17	Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday	
	Happy Lunar New Year – Year of the Horse	
	Tai-Chi Class	10:45 am
	Midweek Group Bible Study	2:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 18 – Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins</b>	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Feb. 19	Daytime Quilters	9:00 am
	Wilmette Band Practice	7:30 pm
Saturday, Feb. 21	North Shore Squares Dance & Potluck	1:00 pm
Sunday, Feb. 22	Feeding Our Faith	9:00 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	New Community Church	1:00 pm

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

The Rev. Mark Sloss .....	Pastor
Kit McCarthy.....	Congregation President
Michael Kloster .....	Congregation Vice President
Jim Miller .....	Congregation Secretary
Susan Ross .....	Congregation Treasurer
Greg Hummel, Jerry Larson, Laura McDaniel, Jared Peck, Terri Simchak.....	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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