



## **The Holy Trinity**

**10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist  
May 31, 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 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. This will be a continuous communion. If you need communion brought to you in the pew, please tell the ushers.

## Gathering: *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...*

*Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

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

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

### Prelude

BWV 651 Variation on *Komm Heiliger Geist* By J.S. Bach

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

### Call to Worship

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**A**  **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

P Compassionate God,

**A**  **we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,  
Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love.

**A**  **Amen.**

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



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



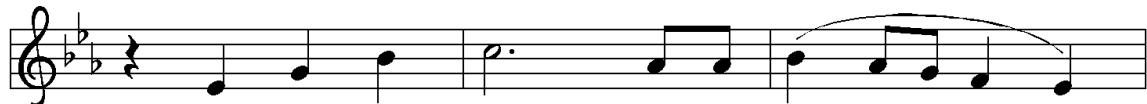
us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

### Greeting

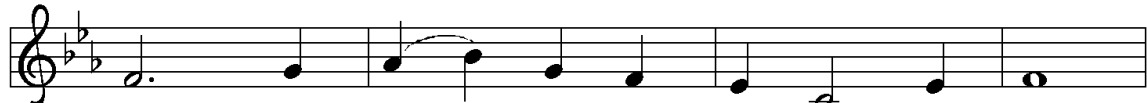
P The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

A  **And also with you!**

Canticle of Praise




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



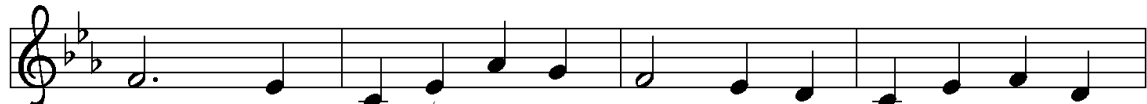
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus




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.

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



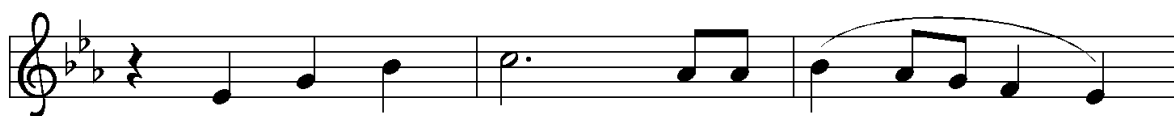
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



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 Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A Amen.**

*The Assembly is seated.*

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

*If you wish to see the text, then use the pew Bible - Page numbers are at the top of the page & in the center.*

**Reading from the Old Testament**

*p.1 in the pew Bible*

**Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

R A reading from Genesis.

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

**A** 🎤 **Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 8**

**Psalm Tone 1, 0 sharps, 0 flats**

*The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through. The organ will only accompany the first two verses and the refrain.*

*The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses. The organ accompanies the first two verses and the remaining verses are sung unaccompanied.*

*All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."*

**Tone:**



**Refrain:**



How ma - jes - tic is your name in all the earth!

<sup>1</sup> O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

<sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,  
human beings that you should | care for them? R**

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

<sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

<sup>7</sup> all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,

<sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup> O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **R**

**Reading from the New Testament**

*p.944 in the pew Bible*

**2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

R A reading from 2 Corinthians.

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**

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Holy, holy, holy is the| Lord of hosts;\* God's glory fills | the whole earth.

**Gospel**

*p.812 in the pew Bible*

**Matthew 28:16-20**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

*The Gospel is read.*

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The Gospel Acclamation Alleluia 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.*

Hymn of the Day

"Come, Join the Dance of Trinity" (KINGSFOLD) ELW 412



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

## The Nicene Creed

L 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 Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.  
*(brief pause)*

L Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making  
us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,

**A  hear our prayer.**

L Proclaiming God, we proclaim the gospel of Jesus to our communities. We pray for our  
bishops Yehiel and Wayne, our pastor Mark, our president Kit, our council, and our justice  
ministries. God of grace,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and  
wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship, especially Maren Baylaender, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, the family of Hailey Veil, Jim Jung, Jim Krokhar, Nancy Lang, Cory Nielsen, Shirley Patrick, Jan Rock, Ionie Smith, Steve Warner, Marina Yarnoff, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts... God of grace,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. 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 Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises especially, Justin, the Martyrs of Uganda, John XXIII, and Boniface. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,

**A hear our prayer.**

P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through 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 ...*

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### **Offering**

*An offering for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.  
Hold your smartphone camera up to this QR code and click on the link that appears on  
your screen to go to our website and make your financial offering online.*



### **Offering Music**

“The Great Commission” by Bruce Greer

Go and preach the Gospel, Go and spread the Word.  
Go and make disciples 'til the nations have heard.  
All that I've commanded, teach them to obey.  
Lo, I'm with you always to the end of the age.

Wait for the promise of the Father, He'll give you power through the Holy Spirit  
to be My witnesses, in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, to the ends of the earth.

Go and preach the Gospel, Go and spread the Word.  
Go and make disciples 'til the nations have heard.  
All that I've commanded, teach them to obey.  
Lo, I'm with you always to the end of the age. Amen!

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new.

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

## Offering Prayer

- L Let us pray.  
L Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever,  
**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.

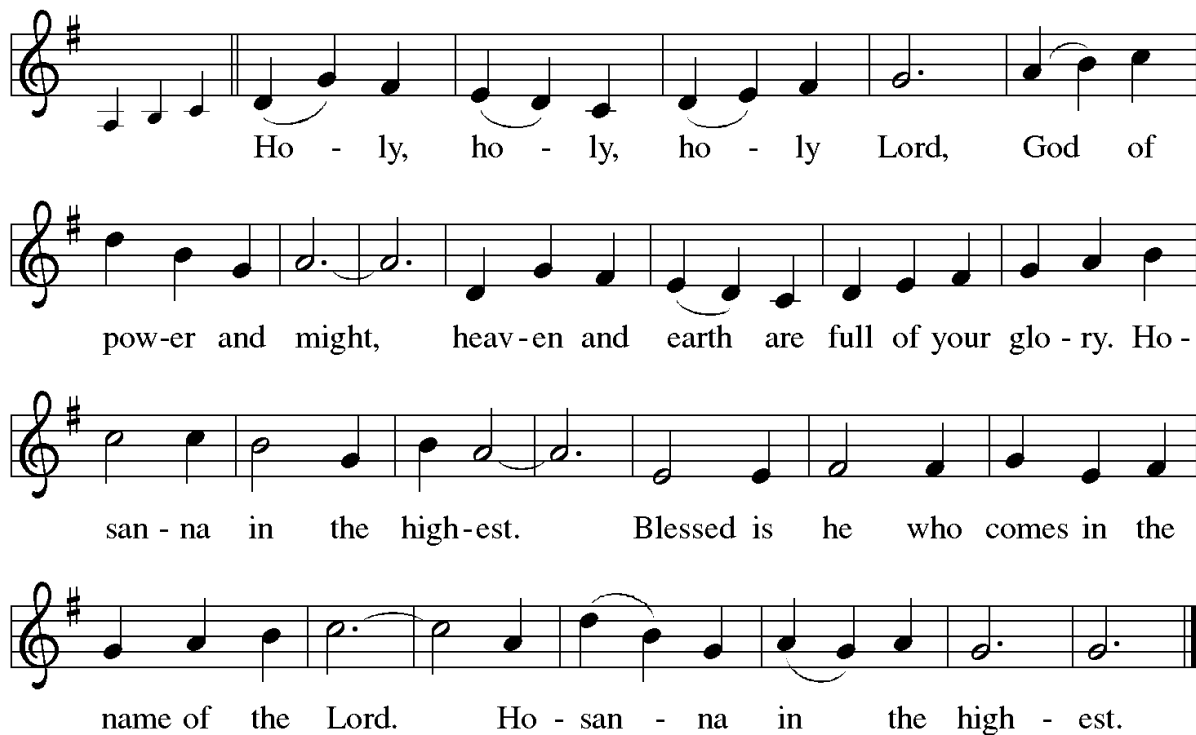
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### Preface *The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:*

- P Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!  
Before all that is, you were God.  
Outside all we know, you are God.  
After all is finished, you will be God.  
Archangels sound the trumpets,  
Angels teach us their song,  
Saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song:



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 Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!  
You beyond the galaxies,  
You under the oceans,  
You inside the leaves,  
You pouring down rain,  
You opening the flowers,  
You feeding the insects,  
You giving us your image,  
You carrying us through the waters,  
You holding us in the night;  
Your smile on Sarah and Abraham,  
Your hand with Moses and Miriam,  
Your words through Deborah and Isaiah;  
You lived as Jesus among us,  
Healing, teaching, dying, rising,  
Inviting us all to your feast.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

Holy God, we remember your Son,  
His life with the humble,  
His death among the wretched,  
His resurrection for us all:  
Your wisdom our guide,  
Your justice our strength,  
Your grace our path to rebirth.  
And so we cry, Mercy:

**A Mercy!**

And so we cry, Glory:

**A Glory!**

And so we cry, Blessing:

**A Blessing!**

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit:  
Enliven this bread,  
Awaken this body,  
Pour us out for each other.  
Transfigure our minds,  
Ignite your church,  
Nourish the life of the earth.  
Make us, while many, united,  
Make us, though broken, whole,  
Make us, despite death, alive.  
And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

**A Come, Holy Spirit!**

And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

**A Come, Holy Spirit!**

And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

**A Come, Holy Spirit!**

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,  
Our Life, our Mercy, our Might,  
Our Table, our Food, our Server,  
Our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,  
Our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine,

Our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,  
Our Way, our Truth, our Life.  
You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!  
Praise now,  
Praise tomorrow,  
Praise forever.  
And so we cry, Amen, amen:

**A Amen, amen!**

### **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 Heaven has come near.  
Come, share in the feast!

**A  We come to be filled with new life.**

*The Assembly is seated.*



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

*Those who wish, please come forward as the ushers direct, to assemble around the rail to receive communion. You may stand or 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. (If you need communion brought to you, please tell the ushers.)*

Communion Hymn

“God, Whose Almighty Word” (ITALIAN HYMN) ELW 673

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

*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...  
Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**A Amen.**

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

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## Blessing

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✝ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.

**A**  **Amen.**

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

**Dismissal**

L Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**A Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

"BWV 652 Fantasia on *Komm Heiliger Geist*" By J.S. Bach

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

*Today's refreshments are hosted by the Hummels.*

*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..... Elora Kloster
- Organists.....Greg Hummel,
- Music Director.....James Morehead
- Table Preparation..... Kathryn Skelton
- Zoom Host..... TBD
- Audio-Visual Technician..... Kevin McDaniel
- Ushers ..... Marlene Chatain, 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, May 31	Church Greening Day	12:30 pm
Tuesday, June 2	Midweek Gathering on Zoom	2:00 pm
Wednesday, June 3	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
Thursday, June 4	Daytime Quilters	9:00 am
Friday, June 5 – Saturday, June 6	Metro Chicago Synod Assembly	
Sunday, June 7	Sunday Hybrid Worship	10:30 am

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

#### **Visit of Mary to Elizabeth**

**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

#### **Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165**

**Monday, June 1, 2026**

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

#### **The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886**

**Wednesday, June 3, 2026**

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

#### **John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963**

**Wednesday, June 3, 2026**

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

#### **Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754**

**Friday, June 5, 2026**

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.

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