



The Sixth Sunday of Pentecost
U.S. Semiquincentennial Worship

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist
July 5, 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, standing to receive the elements. 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 ...*

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. The prophet describes an everlasting realm that contrasts with earthly nations, one marked by peace, humility, and freedom. Jesus associates with those excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with selfish desires; we lament flawed systems; and we seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather around word, water, and meal by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Here we find rest for our souls and hope for life in beloved community.

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

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

Prelude "Abide with Me" by J.S. Bach, Selections from J. Linker's "Sunday Morning Suite,"
and "Lord of All Hopefulness" arranged by B. Culli

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary,
glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

A 🗣️ **Amen.**

P Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of all mercy,

A 🗣️ **we have sinned against you,
our neighbors, and your creation.
Within ourselves and our communities,
our desire to do what is good
is at war with the evil that dwells in us.
We lament the evil that holds us captive.
We repent of the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us
for lives of compassion and courage
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

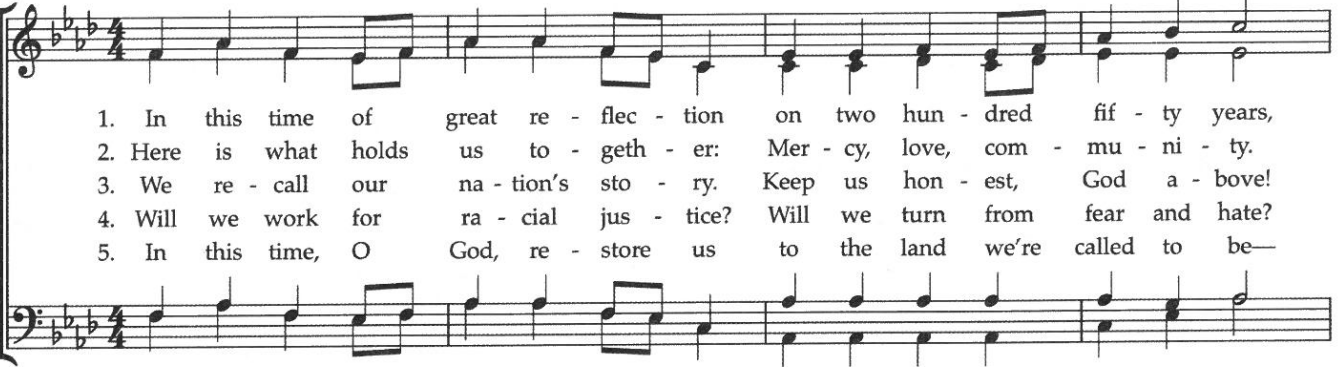
P All-merciful, Almighty God
forgive you all your sins
through the grace of ✙ Jesus Christ,
and by the Spirit's power
strengthen you in doing what is good.

A 🗣️ **Amen.**

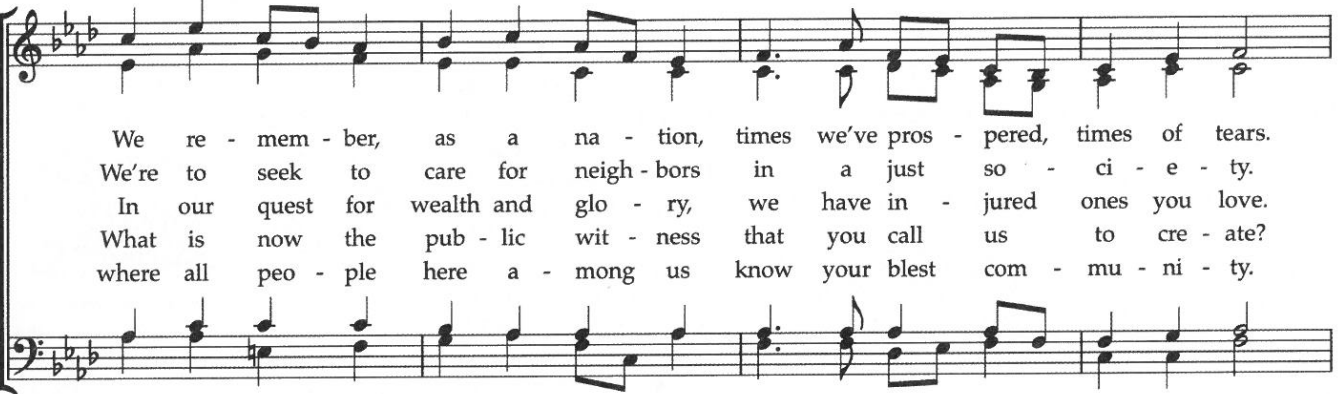
Gathering Song

"In This Time of Great Reflection"

You may reverence the cross as it passes you.



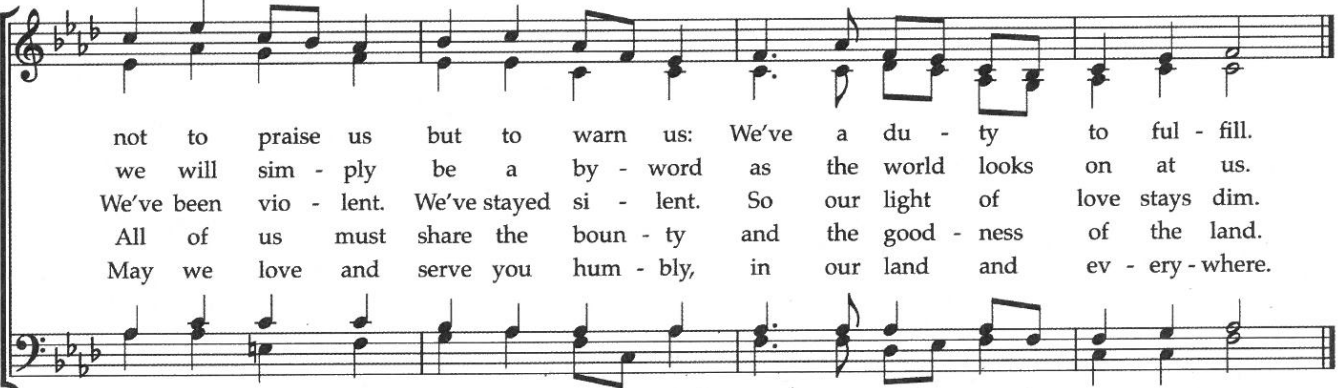
1. In this time of great re - flec - tion on two hun - dred fif - ty years,
2. Here is what holds us to - geth - er: Mer - cy, love, com - mu - ni - ty.
3. We re - call our na - tion's sto - ry. Keep us hon - est, God a - bove!
4. Will we work for ra - cial jus - tice? Will we turn from fear and hate?
5. In this time, O God, re - store us to the land we're called to be—



We re - mem - ber, as a na - tion, times we've pros - pered, times of tears.
We're to seek to care for neigh - bors in a just so - ci - e - ty.
In our quest for wealth and glo - ry, we have in - jured ones you love.
What is now the pub - lic wit - ness that you call us to cre - ate?
where all peo - ple here a - mong us know your blest com - mu - ni - ty.



"We shall be," a prea - cher told us, "as a ci - ty on a hill"—
If we fail to help the nee - dy and to build a land that's just,
Through en - slave - ment, through dis - place - ment, we have cho - sen ways of sin.
As we ce - le - brate our coun - try, help us, Lord, to un - der - stand:
May we seek to be that ci - ty, not with pride but as a prayer.



not to praise us but to warn us: We've a du - ty to ful - fill.
we will sim - ply be a by - word as the world looks on at us.
We've been vio - lent. We've stayed si - lent. So our light of love stays dim.
All of us must share the boun - ty and the good - ness of the land.
May we love and serve you hum - bly, in our land and ev - ery - where.

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!**

Canticle of Praise

S99

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.

Continued on the next page...

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 You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

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

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.773 in the pew Bible

Zechariah 9:9-12

R A reading from Zechariah.

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

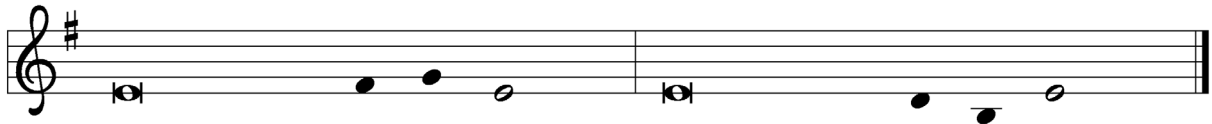
A 🎤 **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 145:8-14

Psalm Tone 8, 1 sharp

The organ will play the tone. All sing the psalm in unison. There is no refrain.

Tone:



⁸ **The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

⁹ **LORD, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works.**

¹⁰ **All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.**

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹² **that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.**

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- |
out all ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.

¹⁴ **The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.**

Reading from the New Testament

p.918 in the pew Bible

Romans 7:15-25a

R A reading from Romans.

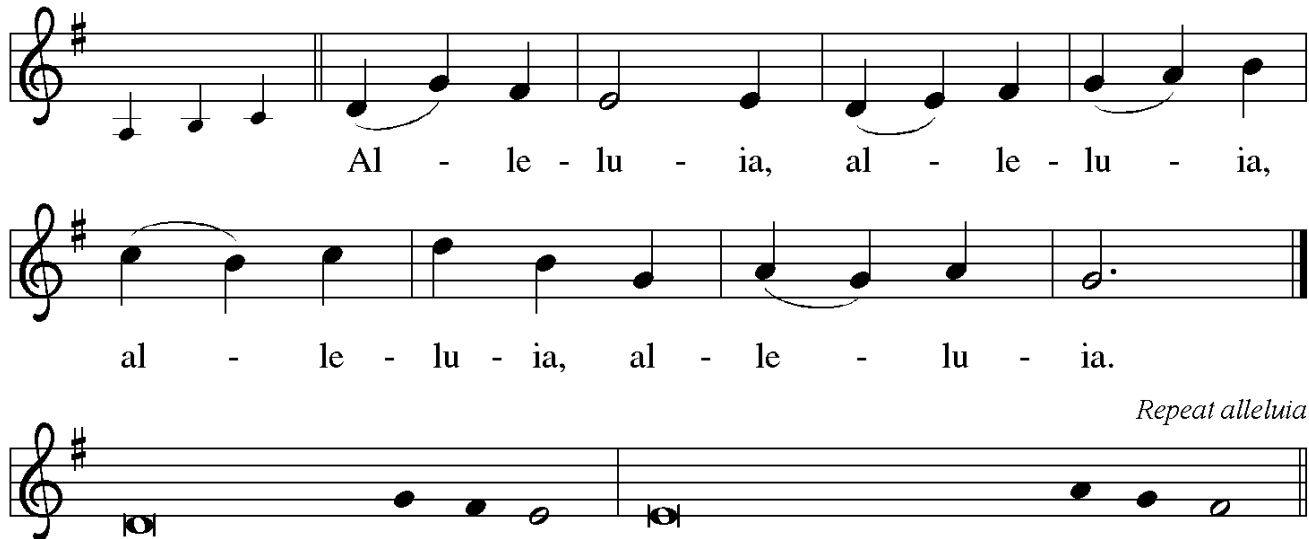
R The Word of the Lord. Or, Word of God, word of life.

A **Thanks be to God!**

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

S102



Blessed are you, Lord of | heav'n and earth;* you have revealed these | things to infants.

Gospel

p.792 in the pew Bible

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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.



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

The Apostle's Creed

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

A **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the ✠ resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

- L Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

(brief pause)

- L Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church you have called out from every nation. Knit us together into one body and heal the divisions we have caused. Overcome our timidity to witness and act in the public square when your purpose is being thwarted. Bless rostered and lay leaders with clarity and courage as they center your people in the gospel. We pray for our bishops Yehiel, Wayne and Erik, our bishop-elect; our pastor Mark, our president Kit, our council, and our justice ministries. God of grace,

A  **hear our prayer.**

- L Joyful God, let the light of your joy and love radiate from us as we serve our neighbors and friends of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge. God of grace,

A **hear our prayer.**

- L All your works praise you, O God. From the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the western islands, these lands and waters have sustained peoples over many centuries. As we take our part in creation's praise, revive our wonder at what you have fashioned, and enliven our will to ensure health for future generations. God of grace,

A **hear our prayer.**

- L Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. We come from many nations with many languages; make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. As the United States of America marks its declaration of independence, give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of that trust, so that both here and abroad, justice, humility, and peace may flourish. God of grace,

A **hear our prayer.**

- L You are the Mother of exiles, O God. Extend your arms to all who are tired, who live with poverty, the tempest-tossed, all who yearn to breathe free. Embrace people seeking refuge; those incarcerated, detained, or disappeared; and neighbors fearing those they once trusted. Give healing and hope to people in any oppression and have need, especially Maren Baylaender, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Jim Jung, Jim Krokhar, Nancy Lang, Cory Nielsen, Shirley Patrick, Beth Rohrer, 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 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 We remember before you those who have died in every generation: Jan Hus, Benedict, and those who have died ensuring the freedoms of this country: people in the armed

services, peace officers, advocates, and activists. Gather us, together with those who have gone before us, and with saints of every tribe and nation, into the holy city you have prepared. God of grace,

A hear our prayer.

P Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

A Amen.

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

A 🗣️ And also with you.

*Greet one another in the peace of Christ, saying "Peace be with you,"
"The peace of the Lord," or similar words.*

The Assembly is seated.

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

Offering

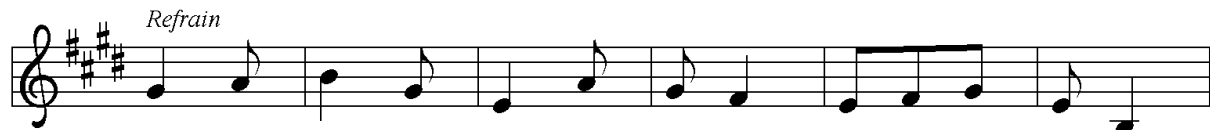
*An offering for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.
Hold your smartphone camera up to this QR code and click on the link that appears on
your screen to go to our website and make your financial offering online.*



Offering Music

"Pastorale" by Charles Wesley

Refrain



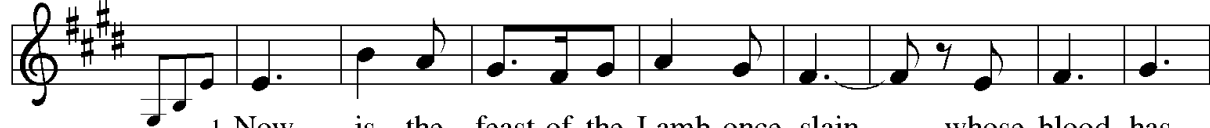
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



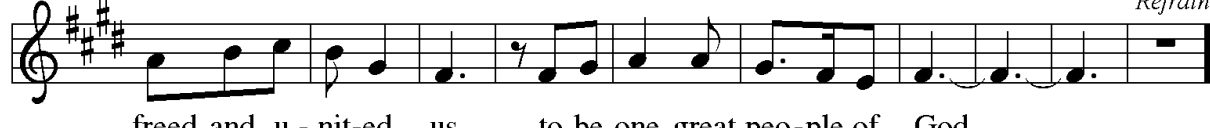
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



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



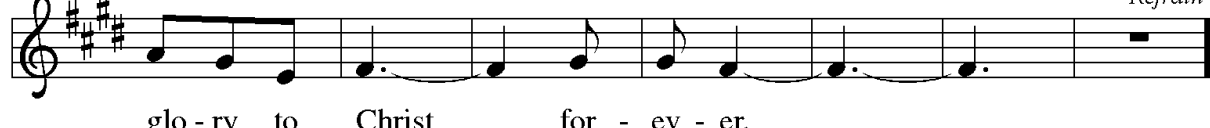
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



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



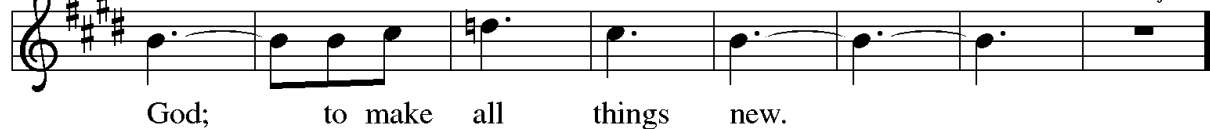
2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



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



Refrain
God; to make all things new.

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

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.
L Blessed are you, O God,
for waves of grain and harvesters,
fruitful vines and winepresses,
for our labor and our rest,
for the gifts of your hand in this land.
Transform us and what we offer
into the banquet of your compassion,
serving your love without limits
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

A Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

S107

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 on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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,
you alone are Majesty,
you alone are Excellency,
you alone are Sovereign.

Within the vast reaches you splashed into being,
you formed our star and this planet:
purple mountains, fruited plains,
crystal waters, towering forests, gleaming mines.
Here you fashioned human beings
in our infinite variety and hue,
yet each one created equal,
to care for one another
and our earthly home.

In a time of peace
enforced by the cruelty of empire,
you came in Jesus to share our life.
Born under the rule of a merciless king,
Jesus revealed the merciful realm of God.
Moving across borders
to people broken and oppressed,
Jesus brought healing, restoration, and freedom.

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, therefore,
Christ's execution at the hands of a ruthless regime,
Christ's resurrection that buries death,
Christ's ascension to rule with love forever,
we declare the revolutionary mystery of faith::

A



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

The musical notation is a single staff in G-clef and D major (one sharp). It begins with a double bar line. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes: 'Christ has died.' (4 notes), 'Christ is' (2 notes), 'ris - en.' (4 notes, with a dash under 'ris'), 'Christ will come' (6 notes), and 'a - gain.' (4 notes, with a dash under 'a'). The piece ends with a double bar line.

God, shed your grace on us.
Shower your Holy Spirit
on these gifts of bread and wine
and on your people gathered this day.
Ignite in us the flame of freedom—
freedom from prejudice, from supremacy, from fear;
freedom for acceptance, for welcome,
for the shalom that you have first shown to us.

Faithful God, loving God:
Your Majesty shines forth in weakness.
Your Excellency is revealed to infants.
Your Sovereignty reigns from a cross.

Yours, O God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
is the everlasting kingdom,
the peaceable power,
and the humble glory,
now and forever.

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 Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven:
Taste and know that God is good to all.

A 🗿 We come to be filled with new life.

The Assembly is seated.

Communion Song

Lamb of God

S112

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

"Here is Bread" (HERE IS BREAD)

ELW 483



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.

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...

We thank you, God of heaven and earth,
that you fill our deepest need
with the very gift of Jesus Christ,
broken and poured out for us.
Pour us out into a broken world.
Channel our common life
toward the common good,
following the way our Savior leads us
now and forever.

A Amen.

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

Blessing

P The Author of life,
the Word of salvation,
the Breath of new birth,
✝ one God, bless you
and equip you for living and serving,
today and every day.

A  **Amen.**



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.
A Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus” Say arranged by Roberta Rowland-Raybold

*Please stay for a time of fellowship and announcements immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.
Today’s refreshments are hosted by Jim Miller & Bert Mount.
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 Anne Heider
- Lector Kathryn Skelton
- Acolyte..... Chris Djuric
- Organists.....Laurie Stivers
- Music Director.....James Morehead
- Table Preparation..... Kathryn Skelton
- Zoom Host..... Jerry Larson
- Audio-Visual Technician..... Kevin McDaniel
- Ushers 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. Worship services can be attended either in person or online.

Tuesday, July 7	Tai-chi	10:30 am
	Midweek Gathering on Zoom	2:00 pm
	Ridgeville Band Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Wednesday, July 8	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
Friday, July 10	An ABBA Candlelight Experience	7:00 pm, 9:00 pm
	Concert	
Sunday, July 12	Sunday Hybrid Worship	10:30 am
	New Community Church	1:00 pm

This week's commemorations...

Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415

Monday, July 6, 2026

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540

Saturday, July 11, 2026

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others..

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Immanuel’s Staff and Leadership

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