



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist
July 26, 2026**



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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 ...*

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

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

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

Prelude

"Spring" by Franz Joseph Haydn
Sara Mauk, Trombonist

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

A 🗣️ **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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!**

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 Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

Reading from the Old Testament *p.266 in the pew Bible* **1 Kings 3:5-12**

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

Psalm Tone 5, 3 flats

Tone:



129 Your de- | crees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

130 When your word is opened | it gives light;
it gives understanding | to the simple.

131 I open my | mouth and pant
because I long for | your commandments.

132 Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,
as you always do to those who | love your name.

133 Order my footsteps | in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

134 Rescue me from those | who oppress me,
and I will keep | your commandments.

135 Let your face shine up- | on your servant
and teach | me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed | streams of tears,
because people do not | keep your teaching.

p.919 in the pew Bible

R A reading from Romans.

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

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

Many will com from | east and west,* and will eat in the king- | dom of heaven.

Gospel

p.795 in the pew Bible

Matthew 13: 13:31-33, 44-52

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 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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 God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace,

A  **hear our prayer.**

L God our spirit, flow energy into our minds and souls to work for our neighbors' well-being. 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 God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace,

A **hear our prayer.**

L God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace,

A **hear our prayer.**

L God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. We pray for especially Maren Baylaender, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Jim Jung, Jim Krokar, 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 God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. 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 God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope of those who came before, especially Johann Sebastian Bach, Henrich Shcutz, George Frederick Handel, Mary, Marth, Lazarus, and King Olaf, we give you thanks. God of grace,

A **hear our prayer.**

P Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

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

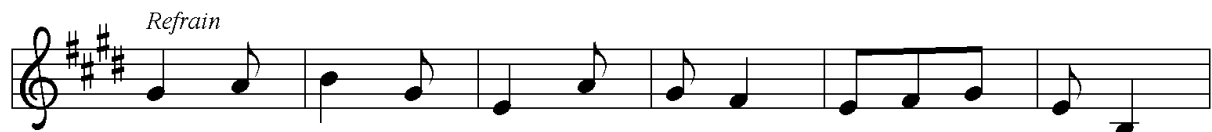
*An offering for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.
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your screen to go to our website and make your financial offering online.*



Offering Music

"Bourée" by George F. Handel
Sara Mauk, Trombonist

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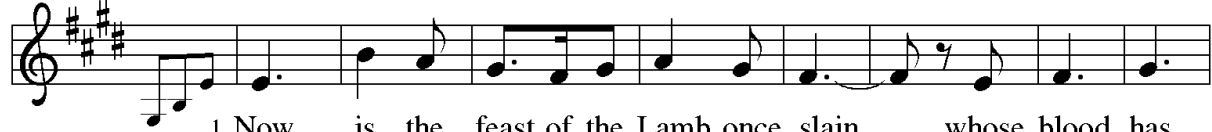
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



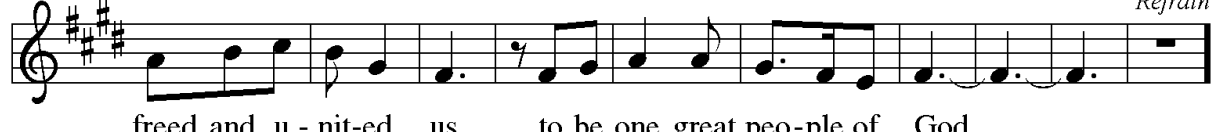
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



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



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



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



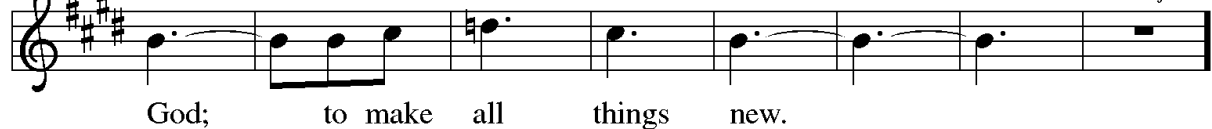
2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



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glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



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



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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 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 Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
From age to age your creation sings your praises.
You feed even the birds of the air,
and you clothe the fields with lilies.
You gave your blessing to Abraham and his descendants,
and you spoke with Moses, Elijah, and David.
Blessed are you, Lord our God:
Blessed are you, Lord our God.

You fulfilled your covenant with us in Jesus.
He is Emmanuel, your beloved Son,
the star that guides us to wisdom,
the treasure hidden in a field.
He is the landowner who overpays the workers,
the judge who separates good from evil.
Blessed are you, Lord our God:

Blessed are you, Lord our God.

For us he lived, for us he died, for us he rose to eternal life.
Then and now he invites us to your banquet.
On 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.

We hear his call, we repent our ways,
and we enter with joy into the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you, Lord our God:

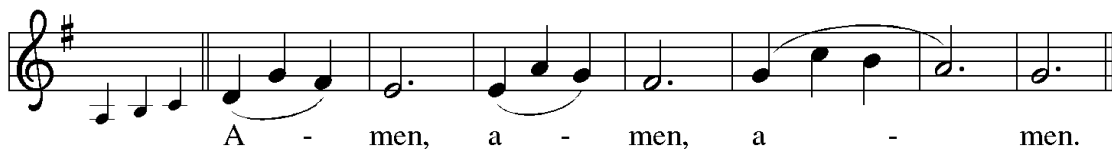
A Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Send your Holy Spirit here on your gathered disciples.
Make of this meal the body and blood of forgiveness.
Heal us and grant us your righteousness,
that we may love you and serve our neighbors.
Blessed are you, Lord our God:

A Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
our Father in heaven,
the Rock on which we build,
the Dove alighting on us all.
We worship you and sing our praises,
today and to the end of the age.

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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!

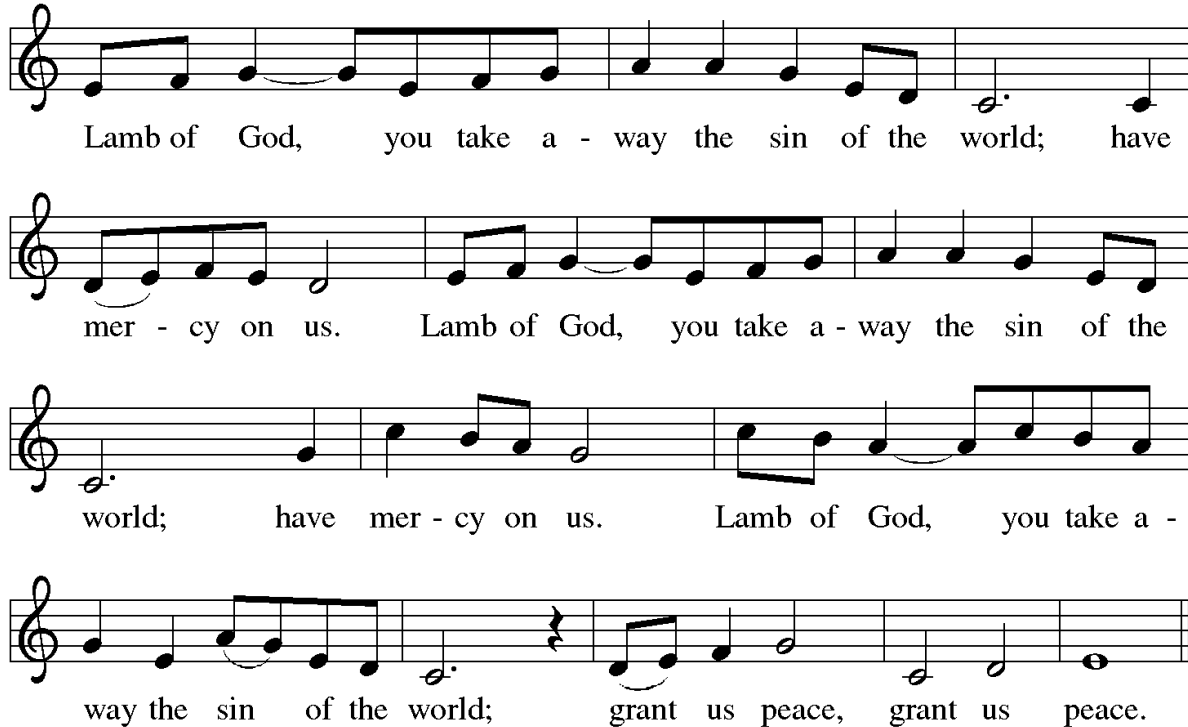
A  We come to be filled with new life.

The Assembly is seated.

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

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.)

Refrain



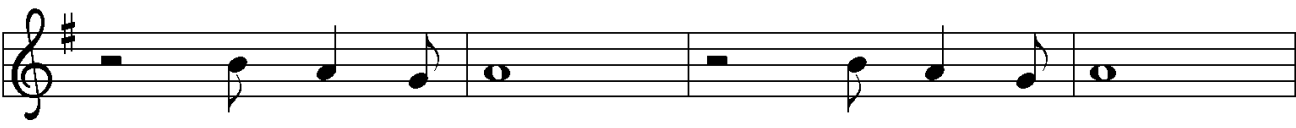
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain for	the	fields,	scat - tered	and	grown,



Refrain

wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

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 ...*

Blessing

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

A  **Amen.**

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Refrain

Dismissal

L Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
A Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Gigue” by Arcangelo Corelli
Sara Mauk, Trombonist

*Please stay for a time of fellowship and announcements immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.
Today’s refreshments are hosted by Tom Couch & Melanie Anderson.
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 Dana Barron
- Acolyte..... Chris Djuric
- OrganistJames Morehead
- Guest MusicianSara Mauk
- Music Director.....James Morehead
- Table Preparation..... Terri Simchak
- Zoom Host.....Jim Miller
- 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. Worship services can be attended either in person or online.

Sunday, July 26	New Community Church	1:00 pm
	New Community Church Event – Fellowship Hall	3:00 pm
Tuesday, July 28	Tai-chi	10:30 am
	Midweek Gathering on Zoom	2:00 pm
Wednesday, July 29	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
Thursday, July 30	Daytime Quilters	9:00 am
Friday, July 31	Tai-chi	10:30 am
Sunday, Aug. 2	Sunday Hybrid Worship	10:30 am
	New Community Church	1:00 pm

This week's commemorations...

Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, *Messiah*, is a setting of scriptural texts.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

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We’ve been worshiping God and serving the Evanston community since 1888!**