

# **Immanuel Lutheran Church**

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**Good News—Holy Communion is celebrated at Immanuel today!** *God loves you! He loves most of all to give you His gifts and today the Risen Jesus comes to give Himself to you in His sacred meal. Because nothing breaks God’s heart more than to see His children miss out on His gifts, it is our heartfelt prayer and God’s deep desire that, as you prepare to receive Him, you give your joyful “Amen!” to these statements:*

- I have been baptized in the name of the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:18-20*
- I am a sinner in need of God’s forgiveness and am sorry for my sins. *1 John 1:8-9*
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. *Ephesians 2:4-9*
- I believe that the body and blood of Jesus Christ—given and shed for the forgiveness of my sins—are truly present *for me* with the bread and wine of Holy Communion. *Matthew 26:26-28*
- As one who lives by God’s forgiveness alone, I strive to live at peace with others and withhold forgiveness from no one. *Matthew 5:23-24*

*At the appropriate time, the ushers will direct forward those wishing to commune. Communicants receive our Lord’s body from pastor and then may choose to receive His blood from either the small cups or the common chalice. Used small cups should be placed in the wicker basket near the front pew. Those who cannot assent to the above statements or otherwise do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing with arms folded across the chest. Please speak with pastor about communion preparation for young children or should you have any questions about our teaching or practice surrounding Holy Communion.*

## ***Iesu Iuva!***

### **Divine Service IV**

Lutheran Service Book pp. 203ff

*Stand to face the cross*

#### **Processional Hymn**

*Before You, Lord, We Bow*

LSB 966

#### **Invocation, Confession and Absolution**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel, as you are able, for a time of silent reflection and self-examination*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1*



A He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\* will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

C **I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,\* my God, in | whom I trust.”**

A Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\* the Most High, who is my | refuge—

C **no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\* no plague come | near your tent.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

A He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\* will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

### Kyrie



In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**



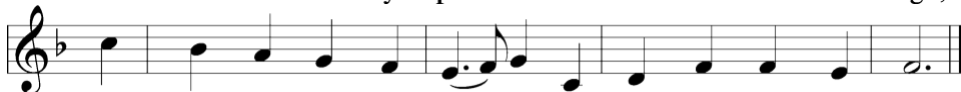
1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** (*Cantor*)

*Romans 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!\*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.\*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

**Epistle**

*Romans 7:14–25a*

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:25–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## Children’s Message

### Hymn of the Day

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

LSB 783

### Sermon

*Stand*

## Credo (*Nicene Creed*)

**All:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

*Sit*

## Offering

**Offertory** (*please stand to sing as offerings are brought forward*)

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

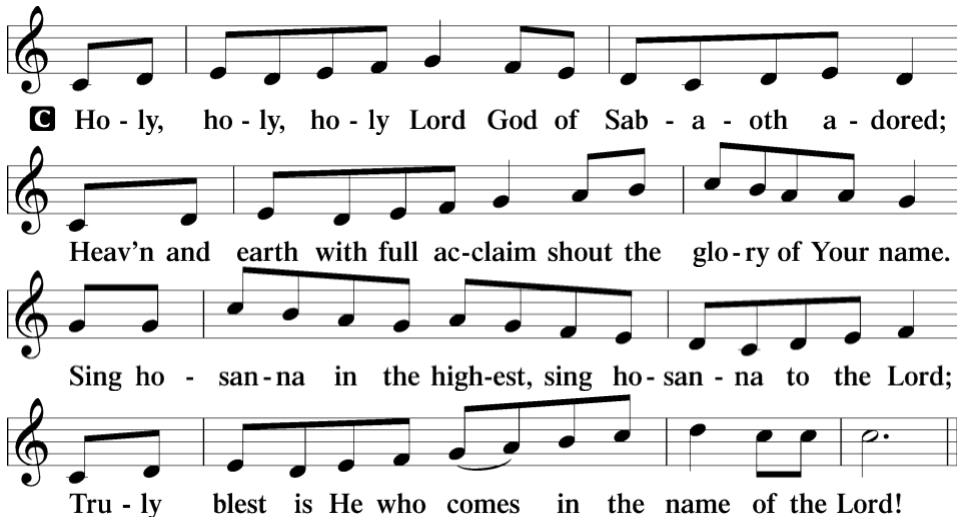
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

**All:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Distribution & Distribution Hymns

*Come unto Me, Ye Weary*

LSB 684

*When Peace, like a River*

LSB 763

*When all have communed, please stand for the blessing.*

## Post-Communion Song

*Nunc Dimittis*

LSB 211

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** [Let us pray.] Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Recessional Hymn

### *God of Our Fathers*

1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:  
Our grateful songs before your throne arise.

2 Your love divine has led us in the past;  
In this free land by you our lot is cast;  
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;  
Your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence  
Make your strong arm our ever sure defense.  
Your true religion in our hearts increase;  
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh your people on their toilsome way;  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace  
Until at last we meet before your face.

### *Brief Silence*

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!      C **Thanks be to God!**

***Soli Deo Gloria!***

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