

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Immanuel

Church

Making known by Word and Action the Healing Presence of God in Christ Jesus with Us and with the World.

Immanuel's Mission



Welcome to Immanuel

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When we celebrate Holy Communion we are eating and drinking the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because the Bible says it is possible for someone to eat and drink to their harm if their understanding of the sacrament is lacking, we ask our visitors to speak with our Pastor before communing here for the first time. Ask an usher to help you find our Pastor before the service begins, or call during the week.

Divine Service ~ Setting 1 The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 15, 2017 - 9:30 am

WELCOME to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*

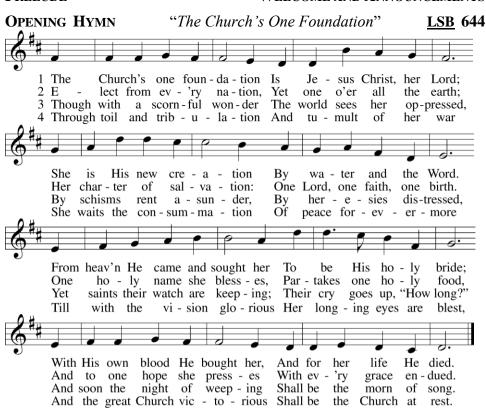




God has worked faith in our hearts to respond in joy to His gracious invitation. But our preoccupation with our personal agendas and the world's allure can turn our hearts away. Jesus couches that problem in a parable. Worse, we might think that we can enter heaven, the eternal banquet, *on our terms*, supposing we need not be clothed in Christ's righteousness alone. Yet God's preoccupation is to keep sending out His special invitation to one and all. What joy Paul leads us in as he writes the Epistle! Our current circumstances mean nothing compared to the eternal banquet to which we are invited by the overflowing grace of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,

And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.

O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace

That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

Please stand...

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 25:6, 8-9

- P On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
- **G** He will swallow up death forever.
- **P** It will be said on that day,
- **©** "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.
- **P** This is the Lord; we have waited for Him;
- **C** let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

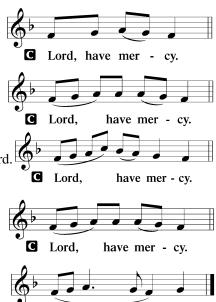
P We have heard the invitation but must confess that we have not always responded in true faith. But God has promised grace and mercy for Jesus' sake. Let us therefore go to His throne of grace.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and our sinful condition...

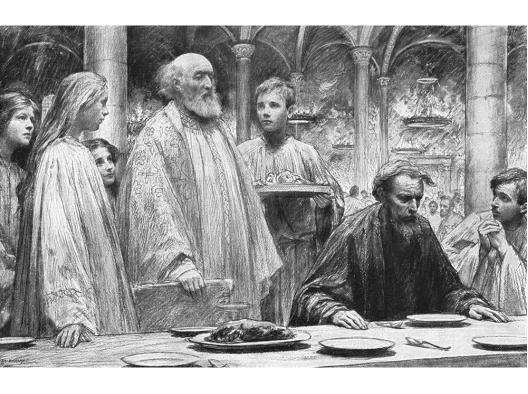
- **P** Father in heaven,
- we confess that too often we have turned deaf ears to Your gracious invitation. We have thought our plans were most important. We have spoken as if You could not hear. We have acted according to the expectations of the world around us. Worse, there is no good within us by which we can amend our sinful condition. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by Your Holy Spirit increase the faith You have worked within us. Grant us to reflect in our daily living the righteousness and rejoicing we shall know at the wedding feast of the Lamb, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P In His great mercy, God has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He has promised to eat and drink with prophets and apostles at His Table. By our Lord's death and resurrection, your sins have been paid for; your seats are reserved. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, & for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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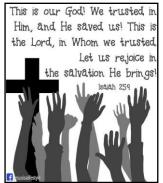


Let us pray: Almighty God, You are with us here in time and have invited us into Your heavenly presence in eternity. Open our hearts and minds so that we may respond to Your special invitation in humble joy now and in eternal rejoicing at Your heavenly banquet; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

L The Old Testament Reading for The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Isaiah, chapter twenty-five.



On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4–13

L The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter four.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence,

if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Please stand...



ALLELUIA VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

st Matthew 22:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to st Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them

shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated...



SERMON "A Special Invitation to the King's Gracious Banquet!!"



Please stand...

CREED The Nicene Creed

P We profess our faith together...

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 of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes:
"let us pray to the Lord:"
Congregational response:

"Lord, have mercy!")

SHARING THE PEACE

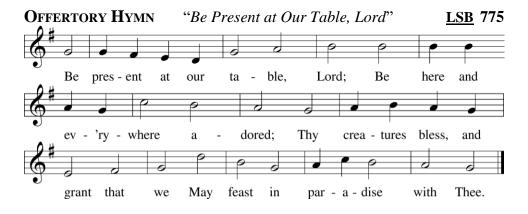
(We greet one another in the Name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation / unity of the Spirit.)

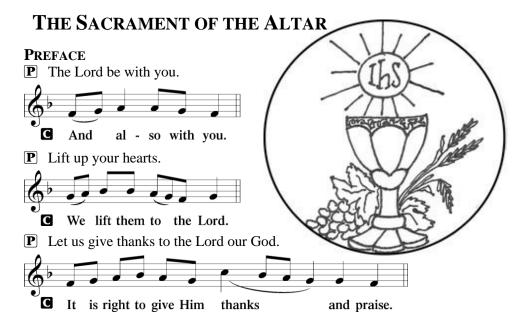
Please be seated as music begins...

OFFERING / MUSICAL OFFERING

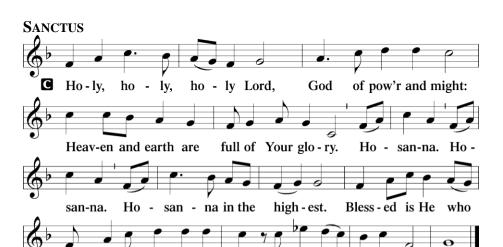
(As the Offering is gathered, please sign the attendance folder near the center aisle and pass to the person sitting next to you.) ne. Amen.

Please stand...





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, by whose death and resurrection we are given a robe of His righteousness and invited to the eternal banquet. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na

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.

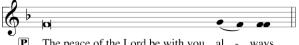
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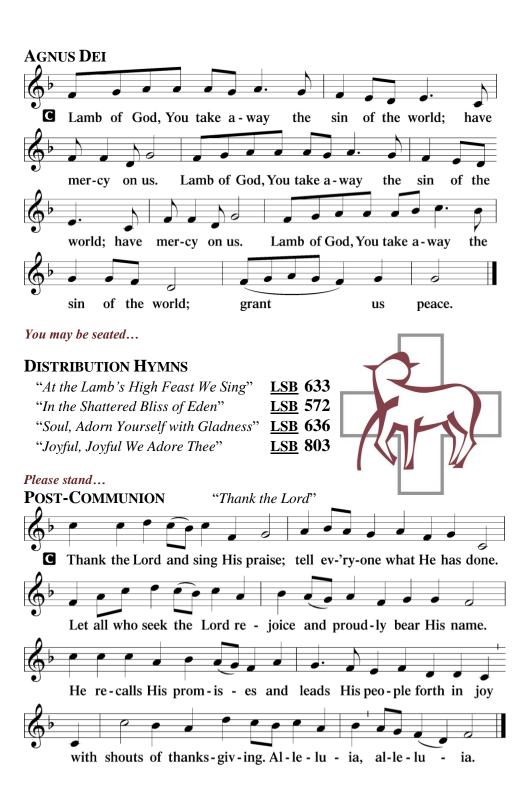
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."





The peace of the Lord be with you al -



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

give thanks You. We to almighty God, that You have strengthened us in this foretaste of the feast to come. Be our shepherd and guide so that we may increase in faith and love as we respond to Your gracious call; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now forever. C Amen.



Happy Birthday!!

BENEDICTION

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 give you peace.



HYMN OF THE MONTH "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 656 →

POSTLUDE

Today's Service folder is sponsored by Wayne L Jan Mann in honor of the Birthday of their great friend, Annie Clark!

