

# Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*Connecting people with God and with other people to make a difference!*

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## Anniversary Service with Holy Communion

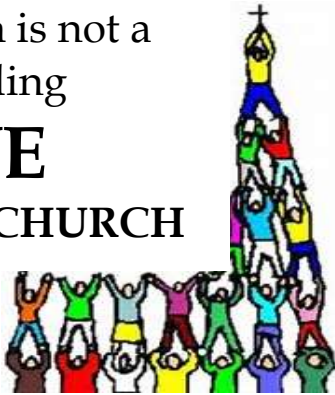
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### *Remember, Rejoice, Re-Dedicate*

A Church is not a  
building  
**WE**  
**ARE THE CHURCH**



We **Remember** our past and all those who went before us. We **Remember** God's steadfastness and blessings for the past 225 years.

We **Rejoice** in Christ's presence in our midst, in his holy Word and the Sacraments. We **Rejoice** God's mercy, love, and saving grace.

We **Re-Dedicate** ourselves to be the hands of God and ambassadors for Christ, and to loving our neighbors as ourselves.

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#### A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS:

**Welcome!** We are glad you are here. All that you need to participate in the worship service is in this folder. Parts printed in bold are spoken by the congregation, other parts are spoken by the worship leader or assistants.

You are invited to participate in the **Lord's Supper** (Holy Communion, the Eucharist). Information that we hope is helpful to you is printed on page 9 of this worship folder. Please take it home for future reference.

**Restrooms** are located adjacent to the lobby. Just leave through the main door and turn to your right. The ladies' room is down the short hallway to the left, the men's room around the corner to your right.

After the service enjoy a **reception** that will include a champagne toast (or sparkling water) as well as a selection of quality nibbles and fine treats in the fellowship hall on the ground level. Just walk down the main stairs and turn right.

Wir freuen uns über Ihren Besuch und heißen Sie herzlich **willkommen**. Dieses Heftchen enthält alles, was Sie für den Gottesdienst brauchen. Die fettgedruckten Worte werden von der Gemeinde gesprochen, alle anderen vom Pfarrer oder den Gottesdiensthelfern.

Wir laden Sie ein, am **Abendmahl** teilzunehmen. Einige erklärende und hoffentlich hilfreiche Hinweise dazu finden Sie auf Seite 9 dieses Heftchens. Bitte nehmen Sie dieses Heftchen ruhig mit nach Hause.

Die **Toiletten** erreichen Sie, indem Sie den Gottesdienstraum durch die Doppeltür verlassen und sich nach rechts wenden. Die Damentoilette ist am Ende des kurzen Korridors, der nach links abgeht. Die Herrentoilette ist rechts um die Ecke.

Nach dem Gottesdienst gibt es im Gemeindesaal einen kleinen **Empfang** mit Champagner bzw. Sprudel und leckeren Kleinigkeiten. Der Gemeindesaal befindet sich im Untergeschoss. Sie finden dorthin, indem Sie die Treppe am Haupteingang hinuntergehen und sich dann nach rechts wenden. Sie sind herzlich eingeladen.

We extend a special welcome to Bishop Claire Burkat and thank her for her message.

# REMEMBER

## We Gather for Worship / Wir Versammeln Uns zum Gottesdienst

### The Organ Prelude / Orgelvorspiel

### Words of Welcome / Begrüßung

### Prayer before Worship / Rüstgebet

*Please pray quietly for yourself and all worship ministers as we prepare for worship. You are invited to use either your own words or the following prayer:*

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### Ringing of the Bells / Glockengeläut

\*- Congregation Stands

**\* Hymn / Lied:** *Now, Thank We All Our God*  
ELW (Red Hymnal) #840

- 1 Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us still in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

*Nun danket alle Gott*  
EG (Blau Hymnal) #321

- 1 Nun danket alle Gott  
mit Herzen, Mund und Händen,  
der große Dinge tut  
an uns und allen Enden,  
der uns von Mutterleib  
und Kindesbeinen an  
unzählig viel zugut  
bis hierher hat getan.
- 2 Der ewigreiche Gott  
woll uns bei unserm Leben  
ein immer fröhlich Herz  
und edlen Frieden geben  
und uns in seiner Gnad  
erhalten fort und fort  
und uns aus aller Not  
erlösen hier und dort.

3 All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns,  
with them in highest heaven  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

3 Lob, Ehr und Preis sei Gott  
dem Vater und dem Sohne  
und Gott dem Heiligen Geist  
im höchsten Himmelsthronen,  
ihm, dem dreieinigen Gott,  
wie es im Anfang war  
und ist und bleiben wird  
so jetzt und immerdar.

## Litany of Remembrance

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

**Praise the Lord! Give thanks to him!**

God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

**God has blessed us and brought us to this place.**

God has caused his name to dwell in our midst.

**God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.**

God has shown us his glory in his mighty word.

**God has shown us the way of truth and life.**

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

**Praise the Lord! Give thanks to him!**

For 225 years, God has nurtured and fed us.

**For 225 years, God has shown us his grace.**

For 225 years, God has given himself in Word and Sacrament.

**For 225 years, God has empowered us with his Holy Spirit.**

For 225 years, God has made us his witnesses in the world.

**For 225 years, God has placed us in loving fellowship with one another.**

Praise the Lord for 225 years! Praise him for many more!

**Praise the Lord for evermore! Oh, praise the name of the Lord!**

## Choir / Chor:

*Immanuel, God With Us*  
Arranged by Lloyd Larson, 2015

O Immanuel, God with us;  
Spirit revealed in us,  
that we may be your hope to the world!

O Immanuel, God with us;  
with a light to break the darkness  
that we may show your hope to the world!

Be God in us.

## First Reading: Genesis 18:1-5, 10-14a (CEV)

18 One hot summer afternoon Abraham was sitting by the entrance to his tent near the sacred trees of Mamre, when the Lord appeared to him. <sup>2</sup>Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. He quickly ran to meet them, bowed with his face to the ground, <sup>3</sup>and said, "Please come to my home where I can serve you. <sup>4</sup>I'll have some

## Erste Lesung: Mose 18,1-5, 10-14a

18 Und der HERR erschien ihm im Hain Mamre, da saß er an der Tür seiner Hütte, da der Tag am heißesten war. <sup>2</sup>Und als er seine Augen aufhob und sah, siehe, da standen drei Männer vor ihm. Und da er sie sah, lief er ihnen entgegen von der Tür seiner Hütte und bückte sich nieder zur Erde <sup>3</sup>und sprach: HERR, habe ich Gnade gefunden vor deinen Augen,

water brought, so you can wash your feet, then you can rest under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me get you some food to give you strength before you leave. I would be honored to serve you." "Thank you very much," they answered. "We accept your offer."

<sup>10</sup>One of the guests was the Lord, and he said, "I'll come back about this time next year, and when I do, Sarah will already have a son." Sarah was behind Abraham, listening at the entrance to the tent. <sup>11</sup>Abraham and Sarah were very old, and Sarah was well past the age for having children. <sup>12</sup>So she laughed and said to herself, "Now that I am worn out and my husband is old, will I really know such happiness?" <sup>13</sup>The Lord asked Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh? Does she doubt that she can have a child in her old age?" <sup>14</sup>I am the Lord! There is nothing too difficult for me.

so gehe nicht an deinem Knecht vorüber. <sup>4</sup>Man soll euch ein wenig Wasser bringen und eure Füße waschen, und lehnt euch unter den Baum. <sup>5</sup>Und ich will einen Bissen Brot bringen, daß ihr euer Herz labt; darnach sollt ihr fortgehen. Denn darum seid ihr zu eurem Knecht gekommen. Sie sprachen: Tue wie du gesagt hast.

<sup>10</sup>Da sprach er: Ich will wieder zu dir kommen über ein Jahr; siehe, so soll Sara, dein Weib, einen Sohn haben. Das hörte Sara hinter ihm, hinter der Tür der Hütte. <sup>11</sup>Und sie waren beide, Abraham und Sara, alt und wohl betagt, also daß es Sara nicht mehr ging nach der Weiber Weise. <sup>12</sup>Darum lachte sie bei sich selbst und sprach: Nun ich alt bin, soll ich noch Wollust pflegen, und mein Herr ist auch alt? <sup>13</sup>Da sprach der HERR zu Abraham: Warum lacht Sara und spricht: Meinst du, das es wahr sei, daß ich noch gebären werde, so ich doch alt bin? <sup>14</sup>Sollte dem HERRN etwas unmöglich sein?

Word of God, word of life.  
Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm / Der Psalm:

Psalm 103:1-13 (CEV)



With all my heart  
**I praise the LORD,**  
and with all that I am  
**I praise his holy name!**

<sup>2</sup>With all my heart  
**I praise the LORD!**  
**I will never forget how kind he has been.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD forgives our sins,  
**heals us when we are sick,**  
**and protects us from death. R**

His kindness and love  
**are a crown on our heads.**

<sup>5</sup>Each day that we live,  
**he provides for our needs**  
**and gives us the strength of a young eagle.**

<sup>6</sup>For all who are mistreated,  
**the LORD brings justice.**

<sup>7</sup>He taught his Law to Moses  
**and showed all Israel what he could do.**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful!

**He is kind and patient, and his love never fails. R**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD won't always be angry

**and point out our sins;**

<sup>10</sup>he doesn't punish us

**as our sins deserve.**

<sup>11</sup>How great is God's love for all who worship him?

**Greater than the distance between heaven and earth!**

<sup>12</sup>How far has the LORD taken our sins from us?

**Farther than the distance from east to west!**

<sup>13</sup>Just as parents are kind to their children,

**the LORD is kind to all who worship him. R**

## **Second Reading: Romans 11:33-12:5 (CEV)**

<sup>33</sup>Who can measure the wealth and wisdom and knowledge of God? Who can understand his decisions or explain what he does? <sup>34</sup>"Has anyone known the thoughts of the Lord or given him advice? <sup>35</sup>Has anyone loaned something to the Lord that must be repaid?" <sup>36</sup>Everything comes from the Lord. All things were made because of him and will return to him. Praise the Lord forever! Amen.

<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God. <sup>2</sup>Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him. <sup>3</sup>I realize how kind God has been to me, and so I tell each of you not to think you are better than you really are. Use good sense and measure yourself by the amount of faith that God has given you. <sup>4</sup>A body is made up of many parts, and each of them has its own use. <sup>5</sup>That's how it is with us. There are many of us, but we each are part of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Zweite Lesung: Römer 11,33-12:5**

<sup>33</sup>O welche eine Tiefe des Reichtums, beides, der Weisheit und Erkenntnis Gottes! Wie gar unbegreiflich sind sein Gerichte und unerforschlich seine Wege! <sup>34</sup>Denn wer hat des HERRN Sinn erkannt, oder wer ist sein Ratgeber gewesen? <sup>35</sup>Oder wer hat ihm etwas zuvor gegeben, daß ihm werde wiedervergolten? <sup>36</sup>Denn von ihm und durch ihn und zu ihm sind alle Dinge. Ihm sei Ehre in Ewigkeit! Amen.

<sup>12</sup> Ich ermahne euch nun, liebe Brüder, durch die Barmherzigkeit Gottes, daß ihr eure Leiber begeben zum Opfer, das da lebendig, heilig und Gott wohlgefällig sei, welches sei euer vernünftiger Gottesdienst. <sup>2</sup>Und stellet euch nicht dieser Welt gleich, sondern verändert euch durch die Erneuerung eures Sinnes, auf daß ihr prüfen möget, welches da sei der gute, wohlgefällige und vollkommene Gotteswille. <sup>3</sup>Denn ich sage euch durch die Gnade, die mir gegeben ist, jedermann unter euch, daß niemand weiter von sich halte, als sich's gebührt zu halten, sondern daß er von sich mäßig halte, ein jeglicher, nach dem Gott ausgeteilt hat das Maß des Glaubens. <sup>4</sup>Denn gleicherweise als wir in einem Leibe viele Glieder haben, aber alle Glieder nicht einerlei Geschäft haben, <sup>5</sup>also sind wir viele ein Leib in Christus, aber untereinander ist einer des andern Glied.

**A Historical Moment: 225 Years of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church**

# REJOICE

**\* Hymn / Lied:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
ELW (Red Hymnal) #858

*Lobe den Herren*  
EG (Blau Hymnal) #317 v 1-4

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

- 1 Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren,  
Meine geliebete Seele, das ist mein Begehren.  
Kommet zu Hauf, Psalter und Harfe, wacht auf,  
lasset den Lobgesang hören!
- 2 Lobe den Herren, der alles so herrlich regieret,  
der dich auf Adellers Fittichen sicher geführtet,  
der dich erhält, wie es dir selber gefällt;  
hast du nicht dieses verspüret?
- 3 Lobe den Herren, der künstlich und fein dich bereitet,  
der dir Gesundheit Verliehen, dich freundlich geleitet.  
In wieviel Not hat dich der gnädige Gott  
über dir Flügel gebreitet!
- 4 Lobe den Herren; was in mir ist, lobe den Namen.  
Alles was Odem hat, lobe mit Abrahams Samen.  
Er ist dein Licht,  
Seele, vergiß es ja nicht.  
Lobende, schließe mit Amen!

**\* The Great Thanksgiving (spoken) / Lobgebet**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you. / Und mit deinem Geist.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord. / Wir erheben sie zum Herrn.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise. / Das ist würdig und recht.**

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 is the Lord of hosts.  
Hei - lig, hei - lig, hei - lig, hei - lig - ist der Herr.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly be to God a - lone.  
Hei - lig, hei - lig, hei - lig, hei - lig ist nur er.

He from the be - gin - ning reigns from sea to sea,  
Er, der nie be - gon - nen, er, der im - mer war.

in his might and glo - ry, through e - ter - ni - ty.  
E - wig ist und wal - tet, sein ward im - mer - dar.

Glo - ry, laud and hon - or to his Ho - ly Name.  
Al - macht, wun - der, lie - be, al - les rings - um - her.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ev - er - more the same.  
Hei - lig, hei - lig, hei - lig, hei - lig ist der Herr.

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.

Unser Herr Jesus Christus, in der Nacht, da er verraten ward, nahm er das Brot, dankte und brach's und gab's seinen Jüngern und sprach: Nehmet hin und esset. Das ist mein Leib, der für euch gegeben wird. Solches tut zu meinem Gedächtnis.

Again, after the 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.

Desgleichen nahm er auch den Kelch nach dem Abendmahl, dankte und gab ihnen den und sprach: Nehmet hin und trinket alle daraus, dieser Kelch ist der neue Bund in meinem Blut, das für euch vergossen wird zur Vergebung der Sünden. Solches tut, sooft ihr's trinket, zu meinem Gedächtnis.

### \* Lord's Prayer / Das Vaterunser

*(Please pray quietly as led by your heart and mind)*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

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 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.

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.

*Vater unser im Himmel.  
Geheiligt werde dein Name.  
Dein Reich komme.  
Dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel,  
so auf Erden.  
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.  
Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,  
wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern.  
Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,  
sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.  
Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.  
Amen.*

### **\* Invitation to Communion / Einladung zum Abendmahl**

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
Our Lord's body let us take together.

**Hymn / Lied:** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* ELW (Red Hymnal) #674      *Kommt mit Gaben und Lobgesang* EG (Blau Hymnal) #229

1. Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
2. Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

1. Kommt mit Gaben und Lobgesang,  
jubelt laut und sagt fröhlich Dank:  
Er bricht Brot und reicht uns den Wein  
fühlbar will er uns nahe sein. Erde, atme auf,  
Wort, nimm deinen Lauf!  
Er, der lebt, gebot: Teilt das Brot! Erde, atme auf,  
Wort, nimm deinen Lauf!  
Er, der lebt, gebot: Teilt das Brot!
2. Christus eint uns und gibt am Heil  
seines Mahles uns allen teil,  
lehrt uns leben von Gott bejaht.  
Wahre Liebe schenkt Wort und Tat. Erde, atme  
auf, Wort, nimm deinen Lauf!  
Er, der lebt, gebot: Teilt das Brot! Erde, atme auf,  
Wort, nimm deinen Lauf!  
Er, der lebt, gebot: Teilt das Brot!



## Communion

*For Holy Communion: Please come forward as guided by the ushers to receive bread from Bishop Burkat, and then wine or grape juice from the assistants. You may drink wine directly from the common cup, or you may take a pre-filled glass from the tray that follows. The glasses in the center of the tray (pale gold) are grape juice; glasses to the outside (red) are wine. Persons not yet baptized and children who have not yet received Communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

## Abendmahl

*Hinweise zur Feier des Abendmahls: Wenn der Pfarrer und die Gottesdiensthelfer bereit sind, das Abendmahl auszuteilen, wird jemand Sie einladen, nach vorn zu gehen. Bishop Burkat wird Ihnen ein kleines Stück Brot (den Leib Christi) in die offene Hand legen. Bitte verzehren sie es sofort und gehen weiter, um das Blut Christi (roter Wein oder gelber Traubensaft) von dem Helfer zu empfangen, der ein Tablet mit kleinen Gläsern hält. Sie können aber auch das Blut Christi (Wein) aus dem Gemeinschaftskelch trinken. Noch nicht getaufte Personen oder Kinder, die noch keinen Abendmahlsunterricht hatten, sind eingeladen, nach vorn zu kommen, um vom Pfarrer ein Segenswort zu empfangen.*

## Choir / Chor:

*Laudamus Te*  
Composed by Natalie Sleeth, 1980

Laudamus te.

Wir loben dich, preisen dich, beten dich an.

We praise you, Lord, this joyful day.

We praise you, we bless you, we magnify your name.

Unto you all glory be, now and for eternity.

Heaven and earth are full of thee, Holy, Holy One in Three.

## \* Prayer After Communion / Gebet nach dem Abendmahl

Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have fed us with this heavenly food. In your grace and by your Spirit, help us to be what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world. Send us out, renewed by this sacramental meal, to do the work you have given us to do: to witness for Christ, to love you with singleness of heart, and to serve you with clarity of purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## \* Gospel Acclamation / Das Halleluja



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Herr, wo - hin solln wir geh'n?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Du hast \_\_\_ Wor - te des ew'-gen Lebens.

## \* The Holy Gospel / Das Evangelium

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Matthew 22:34-40; 28:18-20 (NRSV)

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup>He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## The Sermon / Die Predigt

**Bishop Claire Burkat**

The Rev. Claire Schenot Burkat was elected to a second term as bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in May 2012. She took office as the Synod's fourth bishop on July 1, 2006. She is spiritual leader of the 90,000 members and more than 150 congregations in the City of Philadelphia and Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties.

During her tenure, Bishop Burkat has led the Synod through an extensive strategic planning process focusing on new priorities and avenues for Lutheran witness in the 21st century. Under her leadership the Synod launched the Forward Together in Faith campaign that

### Matthäus 22,34-40; 28,18-20

<sup>34</sup>Da aber die Pharisäer hörten, wie er den Sadduzäern das Maul gestopft hatte, versammelten sie sich. <sup>35</sup>Und einer unter ihnen, ein Schriftgelehrter, versuchte ihn und sprach: <sup>36</sup>Meister, welches ist das vornehmste Gebot im Gesetz? <sup>37</sup>Jesus aber sprach zu ihm: "Du sollst lieben Gott, deinen HERRN, von ganzem Herzen, von ganzer Seele und von ganzem Gemüte." <sup>38</sup>Dies ist das vornehmste und größte Gebot. <sup>39</sup>Das andere aber ist ihm gleich; Du sollst deinen Nächsten lieben wie dich selbst. <sup>40</sup>In diesen zwei Geboten hängt das ganze Gesetz und die Propheten.

<sup>18</sup>Und Jesus trat zu ihnen, redete mit ihnen und sprach: Mir ist gegeben alle Gewalt im Himmel und auf Erden. <sup>19</sup>Darum gehet hin und lehret alle Völker und taufet sie im Namen des Vaters und des Sohnes und des heiligen Geistes, <sup>20</sup>und lehret sie halten alles, was ich euch befohlen habe. Und siehe, ich bin bei euch alle Tage bis an der Welt Ende.

focuses on equipping congregational leaders, innovating ministry, communicating our stories and building networks.

Bishop Burkat has been a leader in local and national ecumenical and interfaith initiatives. She is co-convenor of the Religious Leaders Council of Philadelphia, which brings together Christians, Jews and Muslims on issues of concern to the region. She is a member of the steering committee of Christian Churches Together in the USA, a national body inclusive of the diversity of Christian families in the United States – Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Evangelical/ Pentecostal, historic Protestant, and historic Black churches.

Ordained in 1978, Bishop Burkat has served the Church of Jesus Christ in a variety of capacities over three decades. At the time of her election, Bishop Burkat served as mission director for the Synod and the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. She previously served as an assistant to three Synod bishops and as mission director for the New Jersey Synod. She has overseen the planting of 16 ELCA congregations and designed a strategy for redevelopment of at-risk congregations that has been

adapted for use in the ELCA. Her first call to ordained ministry was to Holy Trinity in Abington, PA.

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## Hymn / Lied:

### *The Church Song (We are the Church)* Text and Music by Jay Beech, 1988

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We are the Church, the bo-dy of our Lord; —  
we are all God's child - ren, we have been re stored.  
The Church is not a build - ing —  
You can go to wor - ship  
The Church is not a busi - ness  
The Church it is the peo - ple, —  
where peo - ple go to pray; —  
but you can - not go to Church; —  
a com - mit - tee or a board; —  
— liv - ing out their lives —  
it's not made out — of — sticks and stones,  
you can't find a build - ing — that's a - live —  
it's not a cor - po - ra - tion for —  
— called, en - light - ened, sanc - ti - fied —  
it's not made out of clay. —  
no mat - ter how you search. —  
the busi - ness of the Lord. —  
for the work of Je - sus Christ. —

## Announcements / Bekanntmachungen

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings / Dankopfer

## Choir / Chor:

*Where Your Treasure Is*  
Composed by Marty Haugen, 2000

**Congregation:** Please join in the refrain.

### Refrain:

Where your treas - ure is, there your  
heart shall be. All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you  
free. Seek the things that last; come and  
learn from me. Where your  
treas - ure is, your heart shall be.

What do you gain from all your worry,  
what you should eat or what to wear?  
There is no peace in stress or hurry.  
Do you not know that you are held within Gods care? **Refrain.**

Look at the ravens high above you.  
They do not work their whole life through,  
and yet God feeds them and protects them.  
So how much more will God protect and care for you? **Refrain.**

Behold the lilies in their splendor.  
In grace and beauty are they dressed,  
and yet so soon their bloom is faded.  
So how much more will those who look to God be blessed? **Refrain.**

### \* Offertory / Offertorium

tune: *Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Preis Gott, der allen Segen gibt  
Preist ihn, ihr Menschen, die er liebt!  
Ihr Himmelschöre, alle preist  
Den Vater, Sohn und Heil'gen Geist

### \* Prayers of Intercession

*Each petition ends:* Lord in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

### Allgemeines Kirchengebet

(Nach jeder Bitte) Wir rufen:  
**Erhöre unser Gebet.**

# RE-DEDICATE

## Third Reading: Acts 2:1-5, 41-47 (ESV)

2 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

<sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Word of God, word of life.  
Thanks be to God.

## Litany: Forward Looking

The Lord God in his goodness has blessed us with 225 years of mission and ministry as Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a remembering people, and it is good that we remember that God has chosen us, baptized us, and brought us together as the Church of Christ in this place. As remembering people, we look back at all the saving acts of God: the Creation, the Flood, the Covenant, the Exodus, the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Church.

We are a remembering people, but we are also a people of this day, brought together by God to be a holy fellowship of believers: the Body of Christ, sharing, caring, working in the world, and living in the hope of the world to come.

## Dritte Lesung: Apostelgeschichte 2,1-5

2 Und als der Tag der Pfingsten erfüllt war, waren sie alle einmütig beieinander. <sup>2</sup> Und es geschah schnell ein Brausen vom Himmel wie eines gewaltigen Windes und erfüllte das ganze Haus, da sie saßen. <sup>3</sup> Und es erschienen ihnen Zungen, zerteilt, wie von Feuer; und er setzte sich auf einen jeglichen unter ihnen; <sup>4</sup> und sie wurden alle voll des Heiligen Geistes und fingen an, zu predigen mit anderen Zungen, nach dem der Geist ihnen gab auszusprechen. <sup>5</sup> Es waren aber Juden zu Jerusalem wohnend, die waren gottesfürchtige Männer aus allerlei Volk, das unter dem Himmel ist.

<sup>41</sup> Die nun sein Wort gern annahmen, ließen sich taufen; und wurden hinzugetan an dem Tage bei dreitausend Seelen. <sup>42</sup> Sie blieben aber beständig in der Apostel Lehre und in der Gemeinschaft und im Brotbrechen und im Gebet. <sup>43</sup> Es kam auch alle Seelen Furcht an, und geschahen viel Wunder und Zeichen durch die Apostel. <sup>44</sup> Alle aber, die gläubig waren geworden, waren beieinander und hielten alle Dinge gemein. <sup>45</sup> Ihre Güter und Habe verkauften sie und teilten sie aus unter alle, nach dem jedermann not war. <sup>46</sup> Und sie waren täglich und stets beieinander einmütig im Tempel und brachen das Brot hin und her in Häusern, <sup>47</sup> nahmen die Speise und lobten Gott mit Freuden und einfältigem Herzen und hatten Gnade beim ganzen Volk. Der HERR aber tat hinzu täglich, die da selig wurden, zu der Gemeinde.

Our eyes look back with thanksgiving. Our eyes look forward in hope. Therefore, with thanksgiving for the past and hope for the future, let us dedicate ourselves and our lives to the mission which God gives us as the Church of Jesus Christ in this place in the days to come.

**Almighty God, we give you thanks for the work you have done in this place.**

**We give you thanks for your love and faithfulness.**

**When we called on your name, you made your presence known to us.**

**When we prayed, you heard us.**

**When we preached your Word and administered your Sacraments, you were in our midst.**

**You have accepted our humble sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.**

**You have listened to our confessions and forgiven our sins.**

**And you have sent your Holy Spirit to heal and comfort our hurts, our sorrows,  
our infirmities, and our losses.**

Continue to empower us with your Spirit, O Lord, that we might proclaim your Gospel to all people.

**We dedicate our lives to your service.**

Help us to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in all that we do and say.

**We dedicate our lives to your service.**

Show us how we might give care and support to the needy, love and mercy to the broken and forlorn.

**We dedicate our lives to your service.**

Show us new ways of loving one another and those around us.

**We dedicate our lives to your service.**

Break down barriers which divide us, and make us all one in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Renew us by the Spirit, given at our baptisms, so that we might be challenged to move beyond our ruts, our apathy, and our anxieties of inadequacy.

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Grant that we may continually grow in the Spirit and in the ministry that you give us as members of your royal priesthood, the priesthood of all believers, so that we may carry out our mission of service and love.

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Continue to comfort, heal, and lift up the broken and afflicted among us. By the promise of your presence, bring us your healing love.

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Bring us at last to the joy of your eternal kingdom, where, with the faithful of this church who have gone before us and with all your saints, we may evermore praise your name.

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Blessed Lord, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills and make us wholly yours. Use us at Immanuel as you will, to the glory of your holy name and the welfare of your people; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Re-Dedication / Erneuerung der Bereitschaft zur Mitarbeit**

Do you, children of God, ambassadors for Christ, and participants in the fellowship of Immanuel Lutheran Church trust

that nothing is impossible with God?

That Immanuel Lutheran Church can still be of great use to God?

That you still have much to offer for God's future work at Immanuel?

**I do with the help of God.**

Will you dedicate yourself  
to the "40 Days of Prayer" emphasis,  
to conversations about God's Will for our congregation's future,  
and to exploring your active role in God's future work at Immanuel?

**I will with the help of God.**

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the world, you are the seed of the Word. May God abundantly bless you in your efforts re-dedicate yourself to His work at and through Immanuel Church.

**Amen.**

## Choir / Chor:

*Bring Forth the Kingdom*  
Composed by Marty Haugen, 1986

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!  
Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the city of God.

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!

You are a seed of the word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God!

We are a blest and a pilgrim people: bound for the kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God!

## \* Blessing

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.

## \* Segen

Der Herr segne dich und behüte dich.  
Der Herr lasse sein Angesicht leuchten über dich  
und sei dir gnädig.  
Der Herr erhebe sein Angesicht auf dich  
und gebe dir Frieden.



\* Hymn / Lied:

We Are Called  
ELW (Red Hymnal) #720

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be

Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*  
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to  
love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -  
oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

\* Sending / Aussendung

The worship has ended. The service begins.  
Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude / Orgelnachspiel

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