

"To be a leader, be a bridge."

14th century Welsh proverb

The world has more than a bate of bridge burners, and even quite a few bridge builders, but what we need, in order for sacred justice to fully unfurl, is people who are willing to be a bridge;

people whose identity
is so grounded in hope
that they will span the gap
with their very selves,
in order for love
to blossom
and grace
to bear fruit.

Rev. Todd Jenkins Living Waters for the World

MORNING WORSHIP WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 5, 2025 Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE Prelude, Fugue and Variation Franck

Please enjoy the prelude as a time of silent preparation for worship.

INTROIT O Taste and See V. Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Paula Lewein

Leader: Siblings in Christ,

let us praise and worship God who has called us together,

let us celebrate God's majesty,

and delight in the wonder of God's love.

People: Together we shall confess our sins

and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

Leader: As the scriptures are read,

we can allow Gods' word to speak to us,

and ponder its meaning for our lives.

People: In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,

we pray for others as well as for ourselves,

and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

All: All this we do, because we believe in the presence

among us of our Savior Jesus Christ,

and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

from the [Anglican] Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

* HYMN 317 In Christ There Is No East or West (vs. 1-3)

McKee

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Teresa Larson

Leader: Lord, we confess our day-to-day failure to be human.

People: Lord, we confess to You.

Leader: Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are,

often because we do not understand what loving means,

often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

People: Lord, we confess to You.

^{*} Stand as you are able.

Leader: Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other

and we erect barriers of division.

People: Lord, we confess to You.

Leader: Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word,

we have built up walls of prejudice.

All: Lord, we confess that by selfishness

and lack of sympathy we have stifled generosity

and left little time for others.

Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us to listen

to Your word of forgiveness. Come fill this moment and

free us from our sin. Amen.

from the Cathedral of Saint George, Cape Town South Africa

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Larson

* THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

All: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

* RESPONSE (the congregation sings)

In Christ now meet both east and west; In him meet south and north. All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deacon Lewein

THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 37:1-7

(OT 510)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rev. Larson

ANTHEM O Sacred and Blessed Feast

Peter Fay

O sacred and blessed feast, in which Christ is now our food; as we recall within our hearts Jesus' better passion. O sacred, grace fills our very souls. O sacred with the future all glorious. O sacred, Jesus promised to us all. O sacred, Alleluia.

GREETINGS AND INVITATIONS

Rev. Larson

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

Please sign the red Friendship Folder and greet one another following the service. Online worshipers please indicate your presence using the link on the website.

OFFERTORY Prelude on 'Rhosymedre' Vaughan Williams

Today's unenveloped offerings will support Living Water for the World.

* DOXOLOGY (the congregation sings – note new text)
Praise God, who fills each cup and plate,
Whose table's wide and love is great.
From broken bread, may all be fed,
And justice rise where fear has spread. Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Robert Ater

This is an open table.

All are invited to commune, regardless of age or denomination.

Leader: Friends, this is the Lord's Table, and we are all invited.

Many will come from north and south, east and west,

to find acceptance and to feast at this table.

You, too, are invited.

So come, not because you are strong,

but because you are weak;

Come, not because of any goodness of your own,

but because you need mercy and help.

Come because you love a little

and would like to love more.

Come because Christ loves you and gave himself for you.

Lift up your hearts and minds above your cares and fears,

and let this bread and wine be to you the sign

and pledge of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Revs. Larson & Ater

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy Lord, Everlasting God:

You formed the universe in Your wisdom,

and created all things by Your power;

You set us in families on the earth to live with You in faith.

We praise You for the gifts of bread and wine, and for

a table spread in the world as a sign of Your love for all people.

With people of faith from all times and places,

we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for You alone are holy.

The Sanctus (Hymn 1, verse 4; all sing)

Holy, Holy! Lord God almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Leader: Holy God, we thank You for Jesus,

who broke bread with sinners and outcasts and who gave his life for a broken world.

Risen from the dead, Jesus broke bread with his disciples,

commanding them to feed his people and to make disciples of all nations.

People: We praise You that Jesus Christ is with us in the

of the earth in truth and grace and peace.

breaking of bread, and that he comes to all the peoples

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger,

and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

People: Because there is one bread,

we who are many are one body,

for we all partake of the one bread.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever abides in me bears much fruit,

and by this God is glorified."

People: In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body –

Jews or Greeks, slaves or free -

and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Leader: The cup of blessing that we bless,

is it not a sharing in the life of Christ?

The bread that we break,

is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

People: O God, who calls us to be the Body of Christ,

we give ourselves to You;

and with the church in all places,

we thank You for Your redeeming love in Jesus Christ.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and

lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, THE BLESSING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The common loaf on the table symbolizes the unity of the Body of Christ.

The variety of breads in the baskets symbolizes the diversity within the Body.

The bread is served in baskets made in the village of Mwandi, Zambia.

Gluten-free bread is at the center of each basket.

It is our practice to serve unfermented wine.

The chalice used today is from Nairobi, Kenya.

ANTHEM O Bread of Life from Heaven

D. White

O Bread of Life from heaven to saints and angels given; O Manna from above! The souls that hunger, feed thou; the hearts that seek thee, lead thou; with thy sweet, tender love. [Ill] Bewell, flute

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Larson

Children, youth, and teachers gather at the font for prayer before proceeding to Church School in the Peaceable Kingdom on the lower level.

* HYMN 526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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THE SCRIPTURES John 7:37-39

(NT 100)

Romans 15:7-13

(NT 163)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

"Rivers of Living Water"

Rev. Ater

* HYMN 749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Ater

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

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The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Kay Helen Silet, mother and grandmother to Scott Silet and Kate and Harry Lewis.

The Coffee Hour flowers in the Upper Room are given in celebration of Rev. Teresa Larson's fifth ordination anniversary on October 4 by Rev. Ater and Dr. Block, her first colleagues in ministry at Immanuel Church.

After the postlude, an elder will be at the font to hear prayer requests.

Worshipers are invited to **Coffee Hour in the Upper Room** following the service. Coffee is hosted by members of the Mission Committee.

Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 188th anniversary this year. Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, from neighborhoods throughout the city, and as far north as Port Washington, as far south as Kenosha, and as far west as Summit. Our livestream worship extends our community across the country.

Welcome Team members this morning are Leslie Davis, Kathy Brumder, and Claire Moulis. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available this Sunday from 9:30 until noon. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level; elevator access is also available. The **Care Corner** in the northeast corner of the Sanctuary is available for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during worship. There is also a "crying room" on the second floor that offers sight and sound of the Sanctuary. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email for information about **Church School** activities: https://conta.cc/4gOOUdf. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

ABOUT WORSHIP TODAY World Communion Sunday

Today, Immanuel Church joins congregations around the world in celebrating World Communion Sunday, acknowledging the faith that binds us together with siblings in Christ, wherever we live. We celebrate Immanuel's long-standing commitment to local and international mission. The Communion Table is set with chalices, bowls, baskets, and fabrics from mission trips to Zambia, Kenya, and Peru. This year we celebrate our connection with Living Waters for the World (LWW) and our return to Cuba to visit our partners and water systems there at the end of the month.

Living Waters for the World presentation in the Upper Room at 11:15

Following worship, the Mission Committee will host a special coffee hour in the Upper Room and members of Immanuel's LWW team will offer a presentation on their upcoming trip. The team (Marge Brindley, Carol Kraft, David Klehm, Paula Lewein, Jay Lewein, Leslie Smart, and Rev. Rob Ater) will be commissioned during morning worship on Sunday, October 19.

WELCOME ORIENTATION BEING PLANNED for October 19 or 26 following worship

Designed for those interested in nurturing a deeper Immanuel connection and/or considering membership, participants will have an opportunity to hear Immanuel's story and learn about our shared mission and ministry. For more information or to indicate an interest in attending, speak with one of the ministers today or contact Rev. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

"A PEACE OF MY MIND": A WEEKEND WITH JOHN NOLTER THIS Weekend, October 10-12

Internationally acclaimed photographer, author, and peace advocate John Noltner will share his commitment to bridging the gaps that divide us. His multimedia project, "A Peace of My Mind," reflecting stories that bridge divides and encourage dialogue, is widely shown throughout the country. After being introduced to "A Peace of My Mind" through the Interfaith Conference, Immanuel is pleased to welcome John to Milwaukee! **Please join us for these free events.**

Friday, Oct. 10 "A Peace of My Mind" Photo Exhibit & Opening Reception, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Saturday, Oct. 11 "A Peace of My Mind" Exhibit open from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

10:00-noon: "A Peace of My Mind: Thoughts on Faith" in the Upper Room, community lunch to follow. *Sign up using the link below by Oct 7*.

Noon-4:30: Studio & Stories - Immanuel members and friends can sign up to have their portraits taken and share part of their Immanuel story (*more details below*).

Sunday, Oct. 12 "A Peace of My Mind" Exhibit open from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

11:15-12:15: Closing keynote in the Upper Room, presentation of Immanuel's portraits

For Immanuel members and friends: Share your Immanuel story! On Saturday afternoon, John will be taking portrait photos and asking for responses to the prompt "Tell about a time Immanuel has inspired your faith" in 25 words or less. John will compile the portraits and responses for the closing keynote on Sunday.

Sign up for lunch and a studio time at Coffee Hour or by clicking here:

https://bit.ly/IPC_NoltnerEventOct2025

Copies of John's book, Lessons on the Road to Peace, are available for \$10 in the Parlor today.

LEGACY SOCIETY BRUNCH + Sunday, October 19 An invitation to include Immanuel in your estate plans

Remembering Immanuel Church in your estate plans is an important way for congregation members to support our congregation's mission for years to come. Members and friends who would like to learn more about how to include Immanuel in estate planning, are invited to join the Stewardship Committee for a **Legacy Society brunch at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 19** in the Upper Room. The brunch will also honor current members of the Legacy Society, those who have included Immanuel Church in their planned giving, wills, and bequests. RSVP to the church office (414-276-4757 or ipc@immanuelwi.org), or sign up on the clipboard during Coffee Hour in the Upper Room.



FALL ASSEMBLY

Sunday, October 19, 2025 + 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Serb Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Avenue We listen. We learn. We take action!

Sign up at Coffee Hour or online at: https://bit.ly/RSVP_CG_Assembly_Oct2025

This gathering of over 1,000 people is the next step in deepening relationships and helping to support crime reduction efforts on Milwaukee's Southside and continued support for tenants organizing for better living conditions.

Immanuel hopes to turn-out 50 people – join Immanuel's delegation as we show up and show our support!

Common Ground (<u>www.commongroundwi.org</u>) is a non-partisan, multiracial alliance of congregations, schools, nonprofits, small businesses and neighborhood groups with a sixteen-year track record of effective, meaningful change in greater Milwaukee. Immanuel is a founding member. Questions about Common Ground? Follow the link above or contact a member of Immanuel's Common Ground Core Team: Margaret Crowley, Paula Lewein, Martha Mainland, Sharon Rose, and Rob Ater.

PUTTING THE IMMANUEL GARDENS TO BED Saturday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. (Rain date Oct. 25)

The Immanuel Church grounds and gardens are a big part of the welcoming face we offer to the community. With the arrival of Fall weather, the Landscaping Team needs your help to clean up the grounds and cut back the plants. If you enjoy gardening and want to contribute to the beauty of the gardens, please join us on Saturday, October 18. Sign up today at Coffee Hour or at: https://bit.ly/IPC_Gardens_FallCleanUp_2025. Please contact Trustee Keith Pierce at keith Pierce at klpierce46@gmail.com if you have any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE Responding to August Flooding in Southeastern Wisconsin Donations for cleanup buckets needed!

The Milwaukee Presbytery's Disaster Preparedness Task Force is asking for emergency cleanup buckets to assist with recovery efforts throughout southeastern Wisconsin after the flooding in August. Each bucket contains 16 different cleaning supplies, totaling around \$75 per bucket. Immanuel Church School children and youth will assemble 20 cleanup buckets after worship on November 9 and need donations! Sign up to donate items on the flipchart in the Upper Room or by clicking here: https://bit.ly/IPC_PDA_CleanUpBuckets2025. You may also make a financial donation toward the cost of the project; write "PDA buckets" in the memo line of a check or donate online at: bit.ly/IPC_PDA_BucketDonation. All donations must be received by Monday, November 3.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Mark Connelly, Dave Salisbury, and Curtiss Peck; Camera operator – Rabah Rennane.

PARISH LIFE COUNCIL OUTING TO MILWAUKEE REP "Come From Away" + Sunday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Join the Parish Life Council for a special outing to *Come From Away* at the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre. This exhilarating Tony award-winning musical shares the true story of nearly 7,000 airline passengers from all over the world who were grounded in the small Canadian town of Gander during the wake of 9/11. Tickets are \$55.00 each. Sign up and make your payment in the Parlor or by clicking here (https://bit.ly/IPC_Outing_to_ComeFromAway) and Rev. Larson will be in touch with information on how to pay online.

SURVEY FROM TRANSITION TEAM Pastoral Leadership Skills

Transition Team members will be available again this Sunday to share a list of 20 "pastoral leadership skills" of which you'll be asked to select your top five. This is one final piece of information that will guide our Human Resources Committee and Session in making plans for our church's future. Look for team members with clipboards after worship today! Or complete the survey online at: https://bit.ly/IPC_TransitionTeam_Survey_Fall2025.

DO YOU NEED TO CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND?

Are you missing an umbrella, glove, water bottle or other personal item? The "Lost and Found" basket in the Astor Street coatroom is full. Please stop in the coatroom today to reclaim items – they will be laid out on the shelf next to the entrance to the women's restroom. There is also a "lost and found" basket in the Nursery on the lower level. If your household uses the nursery, check there, too. Unclaimed items in both lost and found areas will be donated later this month.

"ONLINE GIVING" CARDS IN PEW RACKS

Many Immanuel friends and members submit donations to the church through online banking services. If that is true for you, feel free to place in the offering plate one of the pew-rack cards printed with the phrase "I Support Immanuel Church Through Online Gifts." The act of receiving a weekly offering is an important part of our worship life - an expression of faithfulness requested of all members. The card also lists a QR code for a quick link to our website's donation page. The goal is to facilitate and celebrate our acts of being good stewards of God's many gifts.

ALTERNATE WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

- 1. Mail a check to the office: 1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202.
- 2. Go to our website: https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving
- 3. **Scan this QR code** with your smart phone camera to connect to giving options on Immanuel's site (vanco.com).
- 4. **Text 833-712-0259** the amount you wish to give. You will receive a link to giving options on Immanuel's site (vanco.com).

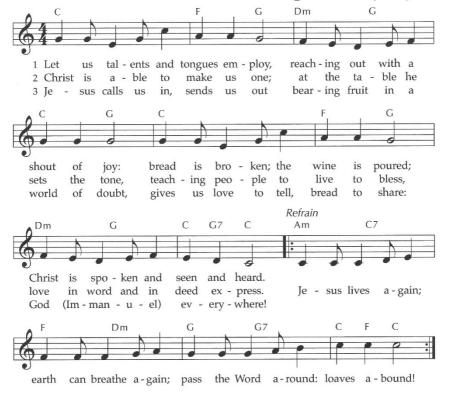


317 In Christ There Is No East or West



This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. | : J. J. : |

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

Come! Live in the Light!



The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	The server of th
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October 5	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
8:55	Choir rehearsal
9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ Lower level
10:00	Morning Worship; Rev. Ater preaching
	Celebration of the Lord's Supper
10:30-11:15	Church School for children and youth ~
	The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level
11:15	Coffee Hour in the Upper Room
11:15	Living Waters for the World presentation ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday 6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ Choir Room, lower level
Tuesday 6:00	Meeting of the Board of Deacons ~ Conference Room
Wednesday 4:00	Mission Committee meeting ~ Block Conference Room
Thursday 7:00	Church School Committee meeting ~ virtual
Friday 5:00	John Noltner Photo Exhibit Opening Reception ~ Parlor
Saturday 9:00-4:30	Photo Exhibit open for viewing ~ Parlor
10:00	"A Peace of My Mind: Thoughts on Faith" with John
	Noltner ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
NEXT SUNDAY	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 12 8:55	Choir rehearsal
9:00-10:00	Photo Exhibit open for viewing ~ Parlor
9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ Lower level
10:00	Morning Worship; Dr. Bush preaching
10:30-11:15	Church School for children and youth ~
	The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level
11:15	Keynote with John Noltner ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Oct. 13 6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ Choir Room, lower level
Oct. 14 9:00	Finance Committee meeting ~ virtual
4:30	Budget Formation Committee meeting ~ Church Office
6:00	HR Committee meeting ~ Block Conference Room
Oct. 16 4:00	Adult Ed Committee meeting ~ virtual
Oct. 18 9:30	Transition Team meeting ~ Block Conference Room

The **Immanuel Columbarium** is open today and every Sunday until noon.

Needed: Chancel flower sponsors. If you would like to sponsor the flowers in the sanctuary **on November 2 or later in 2025** (\$150 total for the two arrangements), please contact the church office (<u>ipc@immanuelwi.org</u>).

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING: Worshipers may park behind another car in the Waverly or Telluris/Brico (north) lots. **PLEASE place a Sunday bulletin on your dashboard with your name and cell phone number and move your car immediately after worship.** Please DO NOT park in the Barnett Gallery lot.

PORTABLE HEARING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE





Bulletins returned to the tables in the Narthex will be recycled.





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> > > October 5, 2025