

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Third Sunday after the Epiphany Life Sunday



"Little Means A Lot to God"

Saturday, January 20, 2018 – 5:30 pm Sunday, January 21, 2018 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

"Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Welcome to Immanuel!

Guest/Member Cards can be found in the card holder of the pew in front of you. We invite you to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate when we receive the offering. When you fill out these cards each week you make it possible for our pastors to more easily follow up with and provide pastoral care for our guests and members from week to week. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Holy Communion is distributed every Saturday evening, and at either the 7:45 am or 10:15 am service on Sunday mornings. In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of our common confession of the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, while only consuming a very small amount of alcohol. You are also welcome to practice intinction (dipping the edge of the host [bread] into the common cup as it passes by).

Immanuel's Saturday evening service is a bit less formal than our Sunday services. Therefore, you will notice there are no ushers, the offering plate is left in the narthex (entrance) of the church rather than being passed during service, and we have only two individuals distributing Holy Communion. On Saturday night we only use the chalice (common cup) during Holy Communion. If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink wine, you're welcome to practice intinction. Intinction involves dipping the edge of the host (bread) into the wine. In this way, the communicant receives both elements. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

The Saturday service begins on page 2, and the Sunday services begin on page 8.

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Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, LSB 397, "As with Gladness Men of Old"

Please stand

Invocation

- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Confession and Absolution

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(1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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- 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.
- 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 (John 20:19-23)
- C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 113:1–2, 4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 3)

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

praise the name of the LORD!

Blessèd be the name of the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore!

The LORD is high above all nations,

and his glory above the heavens!

He raises the poor from the dust

and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit with princes,

with the princes of his people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Hymn of Praise, LSB 735 v. 1 & 4, "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;
 Have no fear, little flock,
 For the Father has chosen
 To give you the Kingdom;
 Have no fear, little flock!
- Thankful hearts raise to God;
 Thankful hearts raise to God,
 For He stays close beside you,
 In all things works with you;
 Thankful hearts raise to God!

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Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Old Testament Reading, Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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Holy Gospel, Mark 1:14-20

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they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

Children's Message (Parents of very young children may also come forward with their children.)

Hymn of the Day, LSB 364, "Away in a Manger"

Sermon, Jonah 3:1-5, 10, "Little Means A Lot to God"

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- (Special petitions...) Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

Offering (*Please place your offerings in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.*)

Response to Prayer, *LSB* 806, "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" © 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100010322.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son. (Repeat once.)

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat once.)

Give thanks, give thanks.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saving:

Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

(Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now.")

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

The Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always. (John 20:19)

C Amen.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 618, "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" LSB 631, "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this...Go in peace.

C Amen.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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C Amen.

Closing Hymn, "Life Together, Life Forever" (See words on page 19.)

Bells / Postlude

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Divine Service, Setting One

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 151)

Preservice Music [10:15 am – Agape Ringers, "As with Gladness Men of Old" (C. Kocher)]

Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 397, "As with Gladness Men of Old"

(10:15 am – Accompanied by the Agape Ringers and Elden Niemeyer on saxophone)

Please stand

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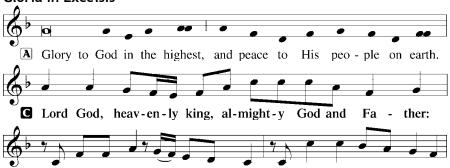
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Gloria in Excelsis



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



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(10:15 am) Agape Ringers, "O Savior, Hear Me" (D. R. Edwards)

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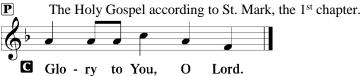
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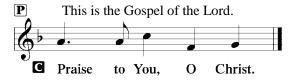


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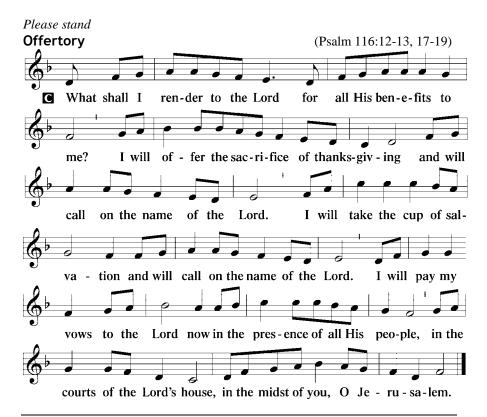
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Offering



The 7:45 am service continues on page 16.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

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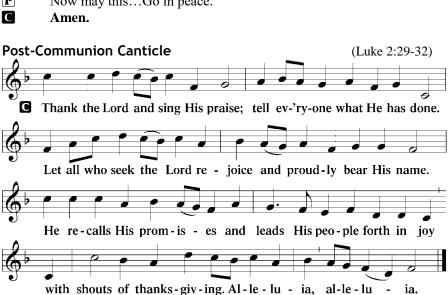
Distribution Hymns

Piano/Organ Selection, "The Holy Child" (Stults) LSB 618, "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" LSB 631, "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

Please stand

Dismissal

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Post-Communion Collect

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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Closing Hymn, "Life Together, Life Forever" (See words on page 19.)

Bells / Postlude

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Worship Helpers

Saturday, January 20, 2018 - 5:30 pm

Preacher/Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Chuck Keller Greeter - Jim Pflasterer

Sunday, January 21, 2018 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup Lector - Warren Frank

Acolvtes - Ali & Blake Kloeppel

Ushers - Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn & Chase Rubemeyer

Sunday, January 21, 2018 - 10:15 am

Preacher/Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Wayne Collmeyer

Acolytes - Hunter Kettler & Jay Grant

Ushers - Rodney & Lisa Clamors, Ollney Mueller Jr., Paul Hoeffken

Media - Mitchell/Tim Scheibe

Ushers - Sunday, January 28, 2018

7:45 am - Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin Whelan

10:15 am - Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher

Acolytes - Sunday, January 28, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Jordyn Koch

Sunday 7:45 am - Alex & Autumn Whelan

Sunday 10:15 am - K. Drewes & L. Patterson Servers - Sunday, January 28, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Howard Shive

Sunday 7:45 am - Chuck Keller

Sunday 10:15 am - Rodney Clamors

Media - Sunday, January 28, 2018 Saturday 5:30 pm - Adrianna Whelan

Sunday 7:45 am - Laurie Sparwasser

Sunday 10:15 am - Lisa Clamors (with recording)

Pianist - Ron Jones Acolyte - Jenna Hoeffken

Media - Greg Hoeffken

Liturgist - Jackson Marchlewski Music Director - Ann Frank

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Music Director - Ann Frank

Lectors - Sunday, January 28, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Wayne Collmeyer

Sunday 10:15 am - Warren Frank

Altar Guild - Sunday, January 28, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Joyce & Diana Sunday 7:45 am - Barbara & Deb

Sunday 10:15 am - n/a

SERMON OUTLINE JONAH 3:1-5, 10 "LITTLE MEANS A LOT TO GOD"

1.	We learn in the account of Jona prophet Jonah to go to capital of the urge the people there to repent God.	
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Just because an unborn child is tiny, just a fully developed		
	, doesn't mean he's less valuable to God.	
4.	God values little –and through him great things come in packages. Consider what	
happened on that first Christmas. Jesus came a, helpless baby		s. Jesus came to earth as
5.	But I really picked that hymn because of a reoccurring phrase in the hymn. And that phrase is	
	Jesus."	
6.	Jesus was recognized as God's Son, our Savior, and celebrated as such even while in his mother's	
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Mrs. Ann Frank, Music Director

Mrs. Linda Polansky, Preschool Director

Closing Hymn, "Life Together, Life Forever"

[Written by Jeffrey E. Burkart. Tune: LSB 803, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"]

- 1. Life together, life forever
 With the Father, Spirit,
 Son;
 Life together, life that never
 Ends because our Savior
 won
 Our salvation through His
 dying
 And His rising from the
 grave.
 "Life together, now and
 ever!"
 Is the promise that God
 gave.
- 2. We were made for life together;
 God created us to be
 Living ever in the garden—
 One with God eternally.
 But we chose to walk in darkness
 Loving self instead of God.
 Life together, lost forever;
 On sin's lonely path we trod.
- 3. Then the LORD had mercy on us;
 Promised He would send the Son
 Who would bring us back together
 And with God again be one.
 Born a child, dear Jesus entered

- This world torn apart by sin
 So that we could live together
 And as one new life begin.
- 4. We were made one in Christ Jesus
 Through baptismal water pure
 And the Word of God together,
 Ever in our LORD secure.
 By the power of the Spirit We once died and rose again!
 Now together, as God's children,
 One in Christ we shall remain.
- 5. Life together, life forever!
 Praise to God the Father sing.
 Life together, life forever!
 To the Son let praises ring.
 Life together, life forever!
 To the Holy Spirit we
 Sing in joy for life together
 With the Holy Trinity!