



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Last Sunday after the Epiphany



Saturday, February 10, 2018 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, February 11, 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.

In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you.

The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, LSB 415, “Jesus on the Mountain Peak”

Please stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Opening Sentences

(Mark 9:5a; 2 Corinthians 3:13, 18)

P When Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John, Peter said,

C “Rabbi, it is good that we are here.”

P But we were not present at that time. Moses “put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze” at the glory fading from his face.

C But now, “We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed.”

Confession and Absolution

(1 John 1:8–9)

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

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

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

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

C Most merciful God, we confess that we often forget Your gracious presence and guiding. We are by nature sinful and unclean and, relying on ourselves, have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. By action and inaction, thoughtless words, and failure to profess the faith within us, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For Jesus’ sake, forgive us, open our eyes to Your presence with us each

day and especially as we gather to receive His body and blood, and lead us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy sent His Son, who revealed the true nature of His glory by dying for us and rising to give us new life. 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.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 32:1-7; antiphon: Psalm 32:10)

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

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.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy!

Hymn of Praise, LSB 818 v. 1, “In Thee Is Gladness”

1 **In Thee is gladness**
 Amid all sadness,
 Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
 By Thee are given
 The gifts of heaven,
 Thou the true Redeemer art.
 Our souls Thou wakest,

**Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely
Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining
To see Thy shining,
Dying or living
To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!**

Collect of the Day

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

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

(10:15 am) **Choir Anthem**, “Lord, We Will Remember Thee” (C. Schalk)

Old Testament Reading, 2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he said, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.” ⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.” ⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood

at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." ¹⁰And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. ^{4:1}Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Mark 9:2-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

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

²And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

(10:15 am) **Congregational Hymn, LSB 744 v. 1-3, 5, “Amazing Grace”**
(The Preschool – 2nd grade children will sing v. 1 by themselves and then ring the Kristal Bells as the congregation sings v. 2-3 & 5.)

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

Hymn of the Day, LSB 413, “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”

Sermon, Mark 9:2-9, “A Mountain Top Experience”

Please stand

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.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people in their various needs.

We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You sent Your Son to be our Savior. Bless all who proclaim His true glory in going to the cross as the atonement for our sins. Grant that His light may shine through us here in our congregation, wherever people of faith gather around Word and Sacrament, and through Your servants everywhere in their public and private lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord over all, who has placed the world's leaders in power, give them opportunity and guidance that they may strive for peace among the nations and rededicate themselves to human liberty and justice for their citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Holy Spirit, bless artists and tradespeople, farmers and ranchers, scientists and technicians; use the gifts You have given them to open our eyes to understand Your good creation and share its blessings. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, guide and protect our armed forces (*especially...*) and police, fire, and first responders. Give them courage and compassion so that we all may live in peace and dignity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving Lord, hear the spoken and silent prayers of those unknown to us—the lonely and forgotten in society, those in broken homes, and all who need nurture, justice, and dignity. Answer them according to Your gracious will. Likewise, we pray for those near and dear to us, (*especially...*). Use us to surround them with Your love, that they may know Your presence to heal and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, use the Word we have heard to strengthen the faith the Spirit has graciously placed within us. Grant us to celebrate the feast knowing that Your answers are better than our prayers. Receive them all for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.


C Amen.

Please be seated

Offering (5:30 pm – Please place your offerings in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.)

Please stand

Offertory/Response to Prayer



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

The 10:15 am service continues on page 10.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

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

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

- C** **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

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. (John 20:19)
- C** **Amen.**

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 387, “Joy to the World”

LSB 408, “Come, Join in Cana’s Feast”

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this...Go in peace.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24-26)

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

The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn, *LSB 417, “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”*

Bells / Postlude

The 10:15 am service continues below.

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Bells / Postlude

We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: immanuelwaterloo.org.

Worship Helpers

Saturday, February 10, 2018 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors
 Media - Adrianna Whelan

Organist - Joan Ruwald
 Acolyte - Jack Metzger

Sunday, February 11, 2018 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server - Warren Frank
 Acolytes - Brayden Richey & Nathan Hemmer
 Ushers - Jim Crawford, Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittieri

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Music Director - Ann Frank
 Greeters - Barb & Courtney Heimbürger
 Media - Lisa Clamors

Sunday, February 11, 2018 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Lector - Ollney Mueller, Jr.
 Acolytes - Ian Schrader & Jenna Hoeffken
 Ushers - Larry Goessling, Jim Smothers, Dave Wiese, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison

Liturgist - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Music Director - Ann Frank
 Media - Greg Hoeffken (with recording)

Worship Helpers - Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 - 9:00 am

Server - n/a Acolyte - n/a Media - n/a

Worship Helpers - Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 - 7:30 pm

Server - Chuck Keller
 Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Wyatt Drewes
 Media - Mitchell/Tim Scheibe (with recording)

Acolytes - Addie & Ben Janssen
 Altar Guild - Janet & Louise

Ushers - Sunday, February 18, 2018

7:45 am - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Dennis & Raymond Brandt, Ed Arras
 10:15 am - Lee Eggemeyer, Ken Schanz, Roger Schanz, Curt Wittbracht

Acolytes - Sunday, February 18, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Hunter Kettler
 Sunday 7:45 am - Lilly Prather & Jay Grant
 Sunday 10:15 am - Ali & Blake Kloeppel

Lectors - Sunday, February 18, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a
 Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank
 Sunday 10:15 am - n/a

Servers - Sunday, February 18, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Wayne Collmeyer
 Sunday 7:45 am - n/a
 Sunday 10:15 am - Howard Shive

Altar Guild - Sunday, February 18, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Dinah Pflasterer
 Sunday 7:45 am - n/a
 Sunday 10:15 am - Shirley & Susan H.

Media - Sunday, February 18, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Greg Hoeffken
 Sunday 7:45 am - Adrianna Whelan (with recording)
 Sunday 10:15 am - Pam Nagel

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