



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Second Sunday of Easter



"One in Testimony"

Saturday, April 7, 2018 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, April 8, 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* 470 v. 1-4, “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

Please stand

Invocation and Opening Sentences

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

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

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P He brings us light

C that shines in our darkness.

P He brings us life

C that death cannot overcome

P God is light.

C In Him there is no darkness at all.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

P In the Epistle, John writes, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” Let us consider our sins so that we do not deceive ourselves with false righteousness.

Silence for reflection

P Heavenly Father,

C we have chosen darkness instead of light. We have chosen death instead of life. Forgive us. Let Your light and life come to us again.

P John also writes, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Having heard your confession, and trusting in God’s Word and promises, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of the risen Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. “We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day (1 Chronicles 16:8-12; Psalm 105:8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

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 461 v. 1-2, 8, “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

- 1** I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2** He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
- 8** He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Collect of the Day

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

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

(10:15 am) **Saxophone Selection, “Up from the Grave He Arose”**

(F.Bock)

First Reading, Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, 1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.” ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but

believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 470 v. 5-9, “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

Sermon, Acts 4:32-35, “One in Testimony”

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 whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, we live in a world of darkness where many are plagued by shame, abuse, neglect, and hatred. Shine Your light into the dark corners of our hearts that we always walk in fellowship with You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Lord, we live in a world of death where threats of war, terrorism, disease, and disasters constantly abound. But You are the God of life. In the midst of all this death, bring the hope and comfort of Christ's resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, there are many who do not know the joy of Your light and life and many who refuse to believe the power of Your resurrection unless they can see or experience something profound. Lead them to confess alongside Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, send healing and care to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, (*especially...*). Strengthen them with Your healing hand, and bring them the joy of fellowship we have in the communion of saints. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, many grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. [*Today we remember the families and friends of...*]. Comfort them with the hope of resurrection life, which is ours in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, every good and perfect gift comes from You. We thank You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice. Grant that our rejoicing draw us back to the Good News of Your light and life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, at one time Your Church was united so that the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul. Unite Your Church once again so that we enjoy fellowship rather than fractured division. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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.) [7:45 am – Saxophone Selection, “Up from the Grave He Arose” (F.Bock)]

Please stand

Offertory/Response to Prayer, *LSB* 463 v. 1 & 4, “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim’s feet. Alleluia!**
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying, He has destroyed death, and by His rising again, He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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 467, “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” (7:45 am – Played by Julie Zeiger on the keyboard.)

LSB 606, “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

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* 487, “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Bells / Postlude

The 10:15 am service continues below.

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(Matthew 6:9-13)

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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, April 7, 2018 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Cal Neeman

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Lauren Patterson

Sunday, April 8, 2018 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server/Lector - Hayden Lukas

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Greeters - Barb & Courtney Heimburger

Acolytes - Kyle Rusteberg & Tyler Cooley

Music Director - Ann Frank

Ushers - Lee Eggemeyer, Ken Schanz, Roger Schanz, Curt Wittbracht

Sunday, April 8, 2018 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Lector - Wayne Collmeyer

Liturgist - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Greeters - Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer

Acolytes - Kyra Drewes & Autumn Whelan

Music Director - Ann Frank

Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Wyatt Drewes

Ushers - Sunday, April 15, 2018

7:45 am - Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn & Chase Rubemeyer

10:15 am - Rodney & Lisa Clamors, Ollney Mueller Jr., Paul Hoeffken

Acolytes - Sunday, April 15, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Sarah Alu

Sunday 7:45 am - Brayden Richey & Ian Schrader

Sunday 10:15 am - Wyatt Fink & Masson Fink

Lectors - Sunday, April 15, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Warren Frank

Servers - Sunday, April 15, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Greg Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Warren Frank

Altar Guild - Sunday, April 15, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Linda Gutknecht

Media - Sunday, April 15, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Greg Hoeffken

Sunday 7:45 am - Kelley Keller (with recording)

Sunday 10:15 am - Lisa Clamors

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