



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Last Sunday of the Church Year



Saturday, November 23, 2019 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, November 24, 2019 – 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...

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.

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

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.

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 [10:15 am – Agape Ringers, “Exodus” (Brian Childers)]

Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 837, “Lift High the Cross”

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 (Psalm 46:11; Colossians 1:13-14)

P The Lord of hosts is with us;

C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P He has delivered us from the domain of darkness

C **and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,**

P in whom we have redemption,

C **the forgiveness of sins.**

Confession and Absolution

P Since we are confident of God’s forgiveness because of Christ’s sacrifice of Himself on the cross, let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

C **Heavenly Father, we confess that by nature we regularly sin without even thinking. Our thoughts, words, and deeds reflect the world around us rather than the grace You have showered upon us. We have not loved You above all things; we have loved ourselves more than our neighbors. Without Your help, we cannot free ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgive us; by the power of Your Holy Spirit, renew in us clean hearts and willing minds that we glorify Your holy name each day until we see the paradise You have so graciously promised us.**

P The promises of God are sure! By the blood of Jesus' cross He has made peace with us and reconciled us to Himself. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8)

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

Lift up your hands to the holy place

and bless the LORD!

May the LORD bless you from Zion,

he who made heaven and earth!

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.

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Hymn of Praise, LSB 680 v. 1 & 5, “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” [Text: © 1983 Augsburg Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001526.]

1 Thine the amen Thine the praise

Alleluias angels raise

Thine the everlasting head

Thine the breaking of the bread

Thine the glory Thine the story

Thine the harvest then the cup

Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

5 Thine the glory in the night

No more dying only light

Thine the river Thine the tree

Then the Lamb eternally

Then the holy holy holy

Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

(10:15 am) **Choir Anthem**, “Come with a Thankful Heart” (J. S. Cool)

Old Testament Reading, Malachi 3:13-18

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” ¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Colossians 1:13-20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the

firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Luke 23:27-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" ³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

After the reading:

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* 534, “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

Sermon, Luke 23:27-43, “Peace by the King’s Blood”

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 all people around the world, for the Church wherever it is found, and for ourselves in our daily living as God’s people.

To our eyes, heavenly Father, arrogant and evil people get rewarded in this fallen world at the expense of those who would try to remain true to Your will and rule in their lives. Hear the cries of those who call to You for justice, human rights, and dignity. Grant them an increase of faith and hope as they long to see Your gracious plans come to fruition.

C **Remember them, O Lord, in Your kingdom, and hear our prayer.**

P At times it is difficult, O Holy Spirit, to recognize the growth of the Church, either in numbers or in steadfast faith. Where the Church has been part of society for ages, church buildings are put to other uses and attendance is sparse at worship services. Hear the prayers rising to You from Your Church, and by Your Word cause those who do not know You to come to saving faith. Assure them that the Lord of hosts is with them.

C **Remember them, O Lord, in Your kingdom, and hear our prayer.**

P Lord over all, unpredictable weather puts travelers on land, sea, and air at risk; it calls into question each season's harvest and raises the specter of famine. Wherever people are anxious about food, clothing, or shelter, and whenever they must seek help for ills of any kind, be their refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Visit, relieve, console, and strengthen them as fits Your gracious plans.

C **Remember them, O Lord, in Your kingdom, and hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, without Your aid, faith can grow cold, questions about Your love and mercy can arise, and the problems in front of our eyes can seem more real than Your abiding presence. O image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, renew strong faith and urgent love in us and all Your brothers and sisters in the faith so that we each hear for ourselves the clear promise of paradise You announced from the throne of the cross. Strengthen us for joyful service in Your kingdom.

C **Remember us, O Lord, in Your kingdom, and hear our prayer.**

P Father in Heaven, hear the cries of those who are suffering and ill, those who are preparing for or recovering from surgery, and for all other ailments of body and soul. Be especially with.... Encourage them, strengthen them, and give them the peace that passes all understanding. Be also with those who mourn the passing of loved ones, especially.... Remind them of the hope and peace of the resurrection.

C **Remember us, O Lord, in Your kingdom, and hear our prayer.**

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

C **hear our prayer.**

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

(Saturday – Please remain standing; Sunday – Please be seated)

Offering *(5:30 pm – Please place your offerings in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.)* [10:15 am – Choir Anthem, “As the Deer” (C. Scialla)]

Please stand

Offertory/Response to Prayer, LSB 789, “Praise and Thanksgiving”

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- 1 Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer
For all things living,
Created good:
Harvest of sown fields,
Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields,
Blossom and wood.**
- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor
We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor
We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling
For daily bread.**
- 3 Father, providing
Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
Teach us to share
One with another,
So that, rejoicing
With us, all others
May know Your care.**

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+ Service of the Sacrament +

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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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 767, “Jesus, Remember Me”

LSB 741, “Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

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 454, “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

Bells / Postlude

The 10:15 am service continues here.

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.

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 lift up His countenance on you and + give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn, LSB 454, “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

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, November 23, 2019 - 5:30 pm

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

Pianist - Ron Jones
 Acolyte - Blake Nichols

Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server - Chuck Keller
 Acolytes - Zachary & Danny Bundenthal
 Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank
 Media - Kelley Keller

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Lector - Sean Arians
 Music Director - Ann Frank

Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Music Director - Ann Frank
 Acolytes - Collin & Davin Dethrow
 Ushers - Larry Goessling, Jim Smothers, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison
 Media - Pam Nagel (with recording)

Liturgist - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Lector - Wayne Collmeyer
 Server - Chuck Keller

Worship Helpers - Thanksgiving Eve, November 27, 2019 - 7:30 pm

Server - Rodney Clamors
 Acolytes - Madalyn Prather, Trinity Drewes
 Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras
 Media - Lisa Clamors (with recording)

Lector - Ollney Mueller, Jr.
 Crucifer - Ali Kloeppel

Worship Helpers - Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2019 - 9:00 am

Server - Howard Shive
 Acolytes - Addie & Ben Janssen
 Ushers - Lee Eggemeyer, Roger Schanz, Ken Schanz
 Media - Cathy Whelan

Crucifer - Ava Hemmer
 Media - Cathy Whelan

Ushers - Sunday, December 1, 2019

7:45 am - Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer
 10:15 am - Rodney Clamors, Paul & Jenna Hoeffken, Evan & Wyatt Fink

Acolytes - Sunday, December 1, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm - Tucker Wilson
 Sunday 7:45 am - Sydney Kuergeleis & Sarah Alu
 Sunday 10:15 am - Ryan Williams & Reagan Wilhelm

Lectors - Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a
 Sunday 7:45 am - Don Birrittier
 Sunday 10:15 am - Rodney Clamors

Servers - Sunday, December 1, 2019

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

Altar Guild - Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm - Susan Starbuck
 Sunday 7:45 am - n/a
 Sunday 10:15 am - Linda Gutknecht

Media - Sunday, December 1, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm - Greg Hoeffken
 Sunday 7:45 am - Laurie Sparwasser (with recording)
 Sunday 10:15 am - Tim Scheibe

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