



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
“Salt and Righteousness”



Saturday, February 8, 2020 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, February 9, 2020 – 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 / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, “O Church Arise” (*Please see the words on the screens or on the insert in your bulletin.*)

(10:15 am) **Baptism**, Harper Michelle Thompson [LSB, pg. 268]

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

P Blessed are those who fear the Lord,
C **who greatly delight in His commandments.**

P Light dawns in the darkness for the upright.

C **God is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

P You are the light of the world,

C **a city on a hill that cannot be hidden.**

P Let your light shine that others may see and give glory to God.

Confession and Absolution

P Jesus does indeed call us the light of the world and tells us to let our light shine, but there have been times when we have hidden our light. There have been times when we could have shared our light with others, but we refused to do so for fear of rejection. Though we are the light of the world, we sometimes choose darkness instead of light. But we come before our heavenly Father to ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C **we confess that we have not always walked in Your light. We have hidden Your light from others. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and**

**our weakness. Illumine and energize us once again to shine
Your light to the ends of the earth.**

P Even though we fail to act as the light of the world, Jesus never failed to shine His light. For our sins, Jesus, the light of the world was extinguished on the cross, yet He is risen from the dead never to die again. Because of His death and resurrection, darkness flees and sins are forgiven. 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. We are the light of the world. We are forgiven in Christ.**

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 119:9-16; antiphon: v.12)

Blessèd are you, O LORD;

teach me your statutes!

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

I have stored up your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.

Blessèd are you, O LORD;

teach me your statutes!

With my lips I declare

all the just decrees of your mouth.

In the way of your testimonies I delight

as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts

and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

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.

Blessèd are you, O LORD;

teach me your statutes!

Hymn of Praise, LSB 904 v. 1 & 4, “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
 We are gathered all to hear You.
 Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 Now to seek and love and fear You,
 By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
 Drawn from earth to love You solely.

△ **4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,**
 Praise to You and adoration!
 Grant that we may trust Your Word,
 Confident of our salvation,
 While we here below must wander,
 Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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 Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

(7:45 am) **Choir Anthem**, “Let Light Shine out of Darkness” (J. Behnke)

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 58:3-9a

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?” Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your

healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Matthew 5:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be

thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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* 782, "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

Sermon, Matt. 5:13 and 20, "Salt and Righteousness"

Please stand

(5:30 pm & 7:45 am) **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 Dear heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to be the light of the world. Send out messengers and missionaries to share the light of Christ in every corner of the earth, that people from every tribe, nation, and language would follow Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, walk with all those who are grieving in the shadow of death, *[especially...]*. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal light and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, shine Your light upon all those in public office. Enlighten them with Your wisdom and keep them from the darkness of the evil one. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, strengthen all those who are poor, homeless, hungry, oppressed, or in need in any way. Help us to see these people as Your creations in need of Your mercy and light, just as we are. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, *[especially...]*. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P *[Special petitions...]* Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer. 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.)*

Please stand

Offertory/Response to Prayer, LSB 547 v. 1-2, “The Lamb”

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- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 O Father, where’s the sacrifice?
 Faith sees, believes
 God will provide the Lamb of price! *Refrain***

***Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!***

- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 One perfect final offering.
 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 Let earth join heav’n His praise to sing. *Refrain***

The 10:15 am service continues on page 10.

+ 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; 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 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 563, “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” (7:45 am –

Played by Julie Zeiger on keyboard)

(7:45 am) Choir Anthem, “A Shoot Shall Come Forth” (R. Horn)

LSB 627, “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

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 763, “When Peace, like a River”

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 763, “When Peace, like a River”

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 8, 2020 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Wayne Collmeyer

Media - Greg Hoeffken

Organist - Joan Ruwald

Acolyte - Ava Hemmer

Greeter - Jim Pflasterer

Sunday, February 9, 2020 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Dean Harbison

Acolytes - Blake Nichols & Charli Major

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

Media - Lisa Clamors

Celebrant/Liturgist - Rev. Merritt Demski

Lector - Don Birrittier

Music Director - Ann Frank

Sunday, February 9, 2020 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Collin Dethrow & Davin Dethrow

Ushers - Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher

Liturgist - Rev. Merritt Demski

Lector - Ollney Mueller, Jr.

Media - Laurie Sparwasser (with recording)

Ushers - Sunday, February 16, 2020

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

10:15 am - Jason & Nick Valerius, Tyler Cooley

Acolytes - Sunday, February 16, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Trinity Drewes

Sunday 7:45 am - Autumn Whelan & Hunter Kettler

Sunday 10:15 am - Zachary & Danny Bundenthal

Servers - Sunday, February 16, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Hayden Brown

Media - Sunday, February 16, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Lisa Clamors

Sunday 7:45 am - Cathy Whelan (with recording)

Sunday 10:15 am - Tim Scheibe

Lectors - Sun., Feb. 16, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Sean Arians

Sunday 10:15 am - Travis Henry

Altar Guild - Sun., Feb. 16, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Shirley & Susan

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