



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost



Saturday, November 7, 2020 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, November 8, 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!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

We celebrate Holy Communion today! 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. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

During the communion service: If you're not able to 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, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

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, LSB 514, “The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”

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- 1 The Bridegroom soon will call us,
 “Come to the wedding feast.”
 May slumber not befall us
 Nor watchfulness decrease.
 May all our lamps be burning
 With oil enough and more
 That we, with Him returning,
 May find an open door!**

- 2 There shall we see in glory
 Our dear Redeemer’s face;
 The long-awaited story
 Of heav’nly joy takes place:
 The patriarchs shall meet us,
 The prophets’ holy band;
 Apostles, martyrs greet us
 In that celestial land.**

- 3 There God shall from all evil
 Forever make us free,
 From sin and from the devil,
 From all adversity,
 From sickness, pain, and sadness,
 From troubles, cares, and fears,
 And grant us heav’nly gladness
 And wipe away our tears.**

- 4 In that fair home shall never
 Be silent music’s voice;
 With hearts and lips forever
 We shall in God rejoice,**

**While angel hosts are raising
With saints from great to least
A mighty hymn for praising
The Giver of the feast.**

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 Make haste, O God, to deliver us!
C **O Lord, make haste to help us!**
P May all who seek the Lord rejoice and be glad in Him!
C **May we say evermore, “God is great!”**
P For Christ is coming soon.
C **Soon, He will descend from the heavens.**
P Soon, He will raise the dead.
C **And we will always be with the Lord.**
P He is our help and our deliverer.
C **O Lord, do not delay!**

Confession and Absolution

P Indeed, Christ is coming soon to raise the dead and bring us into everlasting life with Him. Yet there are times when we have lived as if Christ’s return was not important and not imminent. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,
C **we confess that we have ignored You and our neighbors in need. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might be encouraged by Your presence and forgiven of our sin.**
P God hears your confession and has promised to always be with you. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise 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.

C Amen. We are forgiven. We look for the return of Jesus.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 84:1, 9-12; antiphon: v. 3)

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts,

blessèd is the one who trusts in you!

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.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you!

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you!

P Let us pray...

C Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; 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

Old Testament Reading, Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of

your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

C 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

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 516, “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

1 “Wake, awake, for night is flying,”
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
“Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia!
With bridal care
Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.”

- 2 **Zion hears the watchmen singing,
 And all her heart with joy is springing;
 She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
 For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
 The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
 Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 Now come, Thou Blessèd One,
 Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
 Hail! Hosanna!
 We enter all
 The wedding hall
 To eat the Supper at Thy call.**
- 3 **Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,
 Let saints and angels sing before Thee
 With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.
 Of one pearl each shining portal,
 Where, joining with the choir immortal,
 We gather round Thy radiant throne.
 No eye has seen the light,
 No ear has heard the might
 Of Thy glory;
 Therefore will we
 Eternally
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!**

Sermon, Matthew 25:1-13, "Ready or Not"

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

P Lord Jesus Christ, through You all things were made. You have entrusted us with the care of all creation. Embolden us to be good and faithful stewards of all that You have made until You return to dwell with us again. For until Your return, we pray,

C **come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

P Lord Jesus, in Your incarnation and birth You deigned to dwell among us, even as an infant. Bring comfort to all those who are living through the challenges of infertility and miscarriage. Bring them Your healing, and give them wisdom as they seek to do Your will. For until Your return, we pray,

C **come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

P Lord Jesus, in Your earthly life You suffered much at the hands of lawless men. Be with all those who suffer now through abuse, illness, or injustice, (*especially...*). Heal them according to Your will. For until Your return, we pray,

C **come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

P Lord Jesus, by Your death and resurrection, You destroyed death forever. While we look forward to the resurrection, each human being still faces earthly death. We bring before You all those who are mourning the death of loved ones, (*especially...*). Comfort them with Your presence and the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. For until Your return, we pray,

C **come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

P Lord Jesus, be present in Your Church. Give us faithful pastors, teachers, musicians, administrators, and other church workers, that we walk together with You, bringing Your Gospel to all nations. For until Your return, we pray,

C **come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

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

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Offering (*You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.*)

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of 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 how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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

(10:15 am) Piano Piece, “Canon in D Major” (Pachelbel/arr. unknown) [Ava Hemmer]

LSB 617, "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

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- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!**
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!**
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!**

LSB 881, "Christ, Mighty Savior"

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- 1 Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation,
You make the daytime radiant with the sunlight
And to the night give glittering adornment,
Stars in the heavens.**

- 2 **Now comes the day's end as the sun is setting,
Mirror of daybreak, pledge of resurrection;
While in the heavens choirs of stars appearing
Hallow the nightfall.**
- 3 **Therefore we come now evening rites to offer,
Joyfully chanting holy hymns to praise You,
With all creation joining hearts and voices
Singing Your glory.**
- 4 **Give heed, we pray You, to our supplication,
That You may grant us pardon for offenses,
Strength for our weak hearts, rest for aching bodies,
Soothing the weary.**
- 5 **Though bodies slumber, hearts shall keep their vigil,
Forever resting in the peace of Jesus,
In light or darkness worshipping our Savior
Now and forever.**

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now...Go in peace.

C **Amen.**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we live with hope and confidence, showing forth Your love through acts of mercy. Support us in this life, and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, LSB 708, “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

- 1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.**
- 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.**
- 3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me,
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.**

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 7, 2020 - 5:30 pm

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

Pianist - Ron Jones
 Acolyte - Hunter Kettler

Sunday, November 8, 2020 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server - Dean Harbison
 Acolytes - Collin & Davin Dethrow
 Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier

Liturgist/Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Lector - Ollney Mueller, Jr.
 Music Director - Ann Frank
 Media - Kelley Keller

Sunday, November 8, 2020 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Music Director - Ann Frank
 Acolytes - Jeriah & Masson Fink
 Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Ian Schrader, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel

Liturgist/Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Server/Lector - Hayden Brown
 Media - Greg Hoeffken (Facebook Live)

Ushers - Sunday, November 15, 2020

7:45 am - Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank
 10:15 am - Larry Goessling, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison

Acolytes - Sunday, November 15, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Nicholas Hoeffken
 Sunday 7:45 am - Kaden & Keaton Roberts
 Sunday 10:15 am - Danny & Zachary Bundredhal

Lectors - Sunday, Nov 15, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a
 Sunday 7:45 am - Sean Arians
 Sunday 10:15 am - Jen Janssen
Altar Guild - Sunday, Nov 15, 2020
 Saturday 5:30 pm - Diana Heins
 Sunday 7:45 am - Sandy & Wendy
 Sunday 10:15 am - Linda Gutknecht

Servers - Sunday, November 15, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Rodney Clamors
 Sunday 7:45 am - Hayden Brown
 Sunday 10:15 am - Dean Harbison

Media - Sunday, November 15, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Cathy Whelan
 Sunday 7:45 am - Pam Nagel
 Sunday 10:15 am - Tim Scheibe (Facebook Live)

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Christmas Caroling in December...

In the past, Immanuel members and friends have gone Christmas caroling to area nursing homes in two large groups. This year, caroling will look a bit different due to the Covid virus. Singing in small groups to various members (not in nursing homes) will take place on Sunday, December 13th. *Those interested in caroling will need to sign up by November 27th so that people/places can be assigned. Please drop off the completed form (below) I the church office or give it directly to Ann Frank.*

Carolers do not have to meet at church as in the past; individuals/small groups can determine when on the Sunday afternoon they wish to head out for caroling. Once assignments have been made, carolers will be provided with names/addresses and song sheets...and, carolers are free to bring their own bells to ring!

Please consider this opportunity to share the "JOY" of Christmas with others.

Fill out and return this form by Friday, November 27th to the church office.

Yes, I/we would like to be assigned people/ places to carol to on Sunday, December 13th.

Name(s) of carolers in your group

Contact email &/or phone number for group (only one needed). The contact will be provided with names/places and song sheets for group.



Lutheran Child and
Family Services of Illinois

HOPE for the Holidays

CHRISTMAS DRIVE

COVID has taken so much from foster children ... don't let it take Christmas!

For safety, we've had to cancel our toy collection this year, and **we need your help now more than ever to ensure the children wake to presents under their Christmas trees!** Please make a cash donation in lieu of giving toys, so gifts can be purchased for the foster children.

Visit www.lcfs.org/ChristmasDrive to donate and for more information.

Thank you!

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