



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**



**2021 NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK**

**Saturday, January 23, 2021 – 5:30 pm**  
**Sunday, January 24, 2021 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am**

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*“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 839, “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”**

- 1    O Christ, our true and only light,  
     Enlighten those who sit in night;  
     Let those afar now hear Your voice  
     And in Your fold with us rejoice.**
- 2    Fill with the radiance of Your grace  
     The souls now lost in error’s maze;  
     Enlighten those whose inmost minds  
     Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**
- 3    O gently call those gone astray  
     That they may find the saving way!  
     Let ev’ry conscience sore oppressed  
     In You find peace and heav’nly rest.**
- 4    Shine on the darkened and the cold;  
     Recall the wand’ers to Your fold.  
     Unite all those who walk apart;  
     Confirm the weak and doubting heart,**
- 5    That they with us may evermore  
     Such grace with wond’ring thanks adore  
     And endless praise to You be giv’n  
     By all Your Church in earth and heav’n.**

*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 113:1-3)

- P** Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
**C** **praise the name of the LORD!**  
**P** Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and  
forevermore!  
**C** **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the  
LORD is to be praised!**

## Confession and Absolution

(Mark 1:15)

- P** Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own, and  
we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.  
**C** **Yet we often do not live as You have called us to live as Your  
own. We do not always honor Your name nor Your calling  
with our praise.**  
**P** We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those  
things that lead us away, turning back to You as we follow in  
faith.

*Silence for reflection*

- P** Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,  
**C** **we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many  
failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly.  
We have not loved others as ourselves, and our thoughts,  
words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. We have  
not always welcomed Your call for us to follow You and You  
alone.**  
**P** The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent  
and believe in the Gospel. Hear and rejoice in the Good News.  
Jesus Christ died for you, and for His sake, God has compassion.  
As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in His stead, I  
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠  
Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Introit of the Day

(Psalm 113:1-2, 4, 7-8; antiphon: v. 3)

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

**praise the name of the LORD!**

Blessèd be the name of the LORD  
**from this time forth and forevermore!**

The LORD is high above all nations,  
**and his glory above the heavens!**

He raises the poor from the dust  
**and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**  
to make them sit with princes,  
**with the princes of his people.**

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.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

### 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** Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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*

### Old Testament Reading, Jonah 3:1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.”

<sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . . <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle, 1 Corinthians 7:29-35**

<sup>29</sup>This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. <sup>32</sup>I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup>and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup>I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## **Holy Gospel, Mark 1:14-20**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." <sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

*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*

**Lutheran Schools Week Video** (Immanuel Preschool Children)

## **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day**, “We Have Been Sent to Serve” (Lutheran Schools Week Theme Hymn based on Matthew 20:28) (*See page 15 for music & words.*)

**Sermon**, 1 Cor. 7:29-35, “Don’t Get Comfy”

*Please stand*

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord, as You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word, we bring to You our prayer and praise.

We pray for all people of the world, that the Epiphany light that shines the radiance of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, shine in the hearts and minds of all people. For those who are wayward and lost and for those who have rejected Your call to repentance and faith, we pray You use us in our words and witness to point to You that many more would faithfully follow. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Ever-present Lord, be with Your Church on earth and the congregations [*especially...*] in their work to serve and praise You and to be nourished by Your Word and Sacraments. Bless those You have called in roles of pastors, teachers, and church workers, that they faithfully speak and live Your Word of truth and that the call to a repentant and faithful life in Christ be followed. Continue to raise up called servants and leaders within Your Church for Your work and mission to continue that many more may know You and follow where You lead. Thank you for Immanuel’s Preschool, and continue to bless the teachers as they

teach about Your love and bless the children and families who attend. Lord, in your mercy,

**C**

**hear our prayer.**

**P**

Lord of comfort and peace, be present with those who face various needs in mind, soul, and body, [*especially...*]. Grant healing according to Your will. Be with those who grieve that the assured promise of Christ's victory over death and the grave brings hope in times of hopelessness. For those who live in doubt, fear, and distress, extend Your call of grace through Your Word and those who proclaim it. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**

**hear our prayer.**

**P**

Lord, as our country sees a new administration take office, we pray that You would grant wisdom to all our elected leaders so that we would have peace in our world as we look ahead to Christ's return in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**

**hear our prayer.**

**P**

Lord, we praise Your name for You gave Jesus Christ, whose love for us compelled Him to go to the cross that we by faith are saved. Unite us in Him and in our fellowship together, that in repentance we faithfully receive the gifts of life and grace He gives to us through His body and blood. Help us to draw our strength, love, compassion, and mercy through You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**

**hear our prayer.**

**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, 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, if you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.*



## 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 628, Your Table I Approach”*

- 1    Your table I approach;  
        Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
        Let not an unrepentant heart  
        Prove hurtful to me there.**
- 2    Lord, I confess my sins  
        And mourn their wretched bands;  
        A contrite heart is sure to find  
        Forgiveness at Your hands.**
- 3    Your body and Your blood,  
        Once slain and shed for me,  
        Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
        In blest reality.**
- 4    Search not how this takes place,  
        This wondrous mystery;  
        God can accomplish vastly more  
        Than what we think could be.**
- 5    O grant, most blessed Lord,  
        That earth and hell combined  
        May not about this sacrament  
        Raise doubt within my mind.**
- 6    Oh, may I never fail  
        To thank You day and night  
        For Your true body and true blood,  
        O God, my peace and light.**

*LSB 685, “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”*

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- 1    Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
        Follow His example pure,  
        Through a world that would deceive us  
        And to sin our spirits lure.**

Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.

- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.

*Please stand*

## **Dismissal**

**P** Now...Go in peace.

**C** Amen.

## **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us, thereby, that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works that You desire us to do, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the same Spirit be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

**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 856, “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve”**

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- 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve**  
To rise and follow You,  
Forsaking old, familiar ways  
For ventures bold and new:  
Grant us to hear Your call  
To risk security  
And, bound in heart and will to You,  
Find perfect liberty.
- 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve**  
The truth for ages sealed,  
Whose words and works awakened faith,  
The ways of God revealed:  
Instruct us now, we pray,  
By Your empow’ring Word.  
True teacher, be for all who seek  
Their light, their life, their Lord.

- 3    O Christ, who led the Twelve  
      Among the desolate  
And broke as bread of life for all  
      Your love compassionate:  
Lead us along the ways  
      Where hope has nearly died  
And help us climb the lonely hills  
      Where love is crucified.**
- 4    O Christ, who sent the Twelve  
      On roads they'd never trod  
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim  
      The nearer reign of God:  
Send us on ways where faith  
      Transcends timidity,  
Where love informs and hope sustains  
      Both life and ministry.**
- 5    O Christ, the apostles' Lord,  
      The martyrs' strength and song,  
The crucified and risen King  
      To whom the saints belong:  
Though generations pass,  
      Our tribute still we bring,  
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,  
      Our lives an offering.**

## **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](http://immanuelwaterloo.org).*

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## Worship Helpers

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**Saturday, January 23, 2021 - 5:30 pm**

Preacher/Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski  
Media - Cathy Whelan

Pianist - Ron Jones  
Altar Guild - Diana Heins

**Sunday, January 24, 2021 - 7:45 am**

Preacher/Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski  
Music Director - Ann Frank  
Altar Guild - Sandy Thompson & Wendy Gassner

Liturgist - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup  
Media - Kelley Keller

**Sunday, January 24, 2021 - 10:15 am**

Preacher/Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski  
Music Director - Ann Frank  
Altar Guild - Janet Goessling  
Preacher/Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Liturgist - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup  
Media/Facebook Live - Tim Scheibe

**Media - Sunday, January 31, 2021**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Lisa Clamors  
Sunday 7:45 am - Cathy Whelan  
Sunday 10:15 am - Greg Hoeffken

**Altar Guild - Sunday, January 31, 2021**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Susan Starbuck  
Sunday 7:45 am - Barbara Altes & Deb Bergman  
Sunday 10:15 am - Linda Gutknecht

## HYMN PICK SUNDAY JANUARY 30-31, 2021

You get to pick! Let us know what you would like to sing! We'll sing the top 5 chosen hymns during all of the services on Hymn Pick Sunday weekend.

*Please choose a hymn that can be found in Lutheran Service Book (LSB).*

Hymn # \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn Title \_\_\_\_\_

You can drop this form in the wooden box in the narthex or leave it on Lisa's desk the church office by January 28. Feel free to also email Lisa directly ([immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com)) with your choice!



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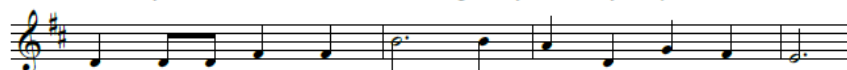


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# Hymn of the Day

## We Have Been Sent to Serve

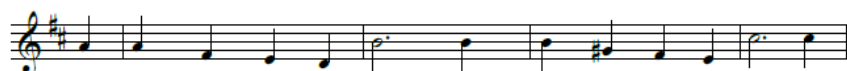
*"Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28 ESV)*



1 We have been sent to serve By Christ, our Ser - vant King,  
 2 No long - er slaves to sin We serve in low - li - ness.  
 3 To those who are ig - nored, Who live with trou - bled hearts,  
 4 Our ran - som has been paid For Christ, who con - quered death,  
 Δ 5 To God the Fa - ther sing A high dox - ol - o - gy,



Who gave His life that we might live; New life to oth - ers bring.  
 Through Word and wa - ter we be - gin A life of ho - li - ness.  
 May we, as ser - vants of the LORD, Tend them till fear de - parts.  
 Rose from the grave, came to our aid, With His life - sav - ing breath.  
 Un - to Christ Je - sus ev - er bring A hymn sung glo - r'ous - ly!



Our Lord and Mas - ter's grace Im - pels each faith - ful one To  
 May we, through ser - vant - hood, Pro - claim Lord Je - sus' love, So  
 May they, by grace, be blest Through faith in Je - sus Christ, Who  
 He reigns as LORD of all; He shall re - turn a - gain. Un -  
 Then to the Spir - it raise Psalms of un - end - ing joy, As



hold the lost in His em - brace; Each daugh - ter, ev' - ry son!  
 all might know that God is good, And trust the LORD a - bove.  
 gave His life so all would rest In His great sac - ri - fice.  
 til His com - ing, heed His call That all might heav - en gain.  
 we, with will - ing spir - it, praise Our LORD and God on high!

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