

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

The Holy Trinity



Saturday, May 29, 2021 – 5:30 pm Sunday, May 30, 2021 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

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* 727, "On Eagles' Wings" Text: © OCP Publications. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001526

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life, Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!" *Refrain*

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear; Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day; Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. *Refrain*
- 4 For to His angels He's given a command
 To guard you in all of your ways;
 Upon their hands they will bear you up,
 Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain

Please stand

Invocation

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

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

Confession and Absolution

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die 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.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day (Psalm 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text) Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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 be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

Hymn of Praise, LSB 803, "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

- Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love!
 Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
 Praising Thee, their sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
 Drive the gloom of doubt away.
 Giver of immortal gladness,
 Fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
 Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
 Stars and angels sing around Thee,
 Center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
 Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
 Call us to rejoice in Thee.
- △ 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
 Ever blessing, ever blest,
 Wellspring of the joy of living,
 Ocean-depth of happy rest!
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 Fountainhead of love divine:
 Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
 Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading, Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, ... ²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you vourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' 29" Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.' ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, John 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, LSB 507, "Holy, Holy, Holy"

1 Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

2 Holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

- 3 Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

Sermon, John 3:1-17, "Familiarity Doesn't Mean Childish"

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 Blessed be the kingdom of our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, to the end of all the ages!
- P Grant to us grace, O Lord, that we trust in You and confess without fear the name of the triune God with which we were marked in Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- P Grant to us grace, O Lord, that we approach the mystery of Your presence with awe, confident of Your mercy that forgives our sins and comforted by Your power that delivers us from everlasting death. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Grant to us grace, O Lord, that Your Church be firmly established in this faith, united in the truth of Your Word, and served by faithful pastors and church workers who will faithfully minister to us in Your name [especially...]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Grant to us grace, O Lord, that missionaries far and near be protected by Your power and blessed in their service so that many may hear, and hearing, believe in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Grant to us grace, O Lord, that those who suffer afflictions of body and mind be delivered according to Your will, sustained by Your presence, and delivered to everlasting life, [especially...]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Grant to us grace, O Lord, that knowing Your goodness in creation, we use Your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all people and bring to You the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Grant to us grace, O Lord, that we approach Your Table in humble repentance and receive in faith the very body and blood of our Savior in this Holy Communion. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Grant to us grace, O Lord, to remember those who went before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, and guide us that we faithfully confess Your name until we join them in Your nearer presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Grant to us grace, O Lord, that we find contentment of heart and that we know the riches of Your mercy as our greatest treasure in life and our hope in death. Lord in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- (Special petitions...) Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- P Blessed be the kingdom of our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, to the end of all the ages! Amen.

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

Preparatory Music, LSB 767, "Jesus, Remember Me"

+ 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)
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- **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)
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





(Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now.")

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

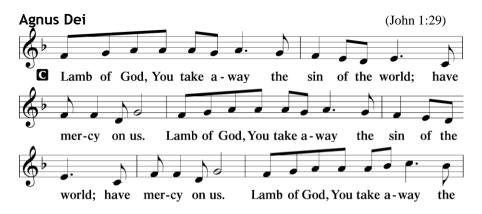
All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is 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)

Pax Domini (John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.





Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 751, "O God of Love, O King of Peace" [Tune: LSB 733.]

- O God of love, O King of peace, Make wars throughout the world to cease; The rage of nations now restrain: Give peace, O God, give peace again!
- 2 Remember, Lord, Thy works of old, The wonders that Thy people told; Remember not our sins' dark stain: Give peace, O God, give peace again!
- Whom shall we trust but Thee, O Lord? Where rest but on Thy faithful Word? None ever called on Thee in vain: Give peace, O God, give peace again!
- Where saints and angels dwell above,
 All hearts are knit in holy love;
 O bind us in that heav'nly chain:
 Give peace, O God, give peace again!

LSB 965, "God Bless Our Native Land"

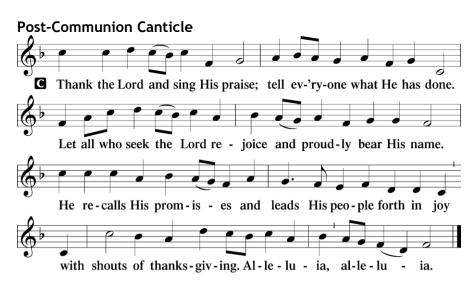
- 1 God bless our native land;
 Firm may she ever stand
 Through storm and night.
 When the wild tempests rave,
 Ruler of wind and wave,
 Do Thou our country save
 By Thy great might.
- 2 So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies; On Him we wait.

Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

Please stand

Dismissal

- **P** Now may this... Go in peace.
- C Amen.



Post-Communion Collect

- Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in the fellowship of the Church and together with all the saints do the good works that You desire us to do, reflecting Your amazing love for us. This we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- C Amen.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

- The LORD bless you and keep you.

 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 922, "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" Text: ⊚ 1983 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001526

1 Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—
You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.

At peace and pure.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
And give you peace.

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, May 29, 2021 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski Pianist - Ron Jones Server - Chuck Keller Acolyte - Ryan Williams

Media - Kelley Keller Sunday, May 30, 2021 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski Liturgist - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
Lector - Jen Janssen Music Director - Ann Frank
Acolytes - Jeriah & Masson Fink Media - Greg Hoeffken
Ushers - Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer

Sunday, May 30, 2021 - 10:15 am Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

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Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Kaden & Keaton Roberts

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors

Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

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

Worship Helpers - Saturday, June 5, 2021 - 5:30 pm

Server - Cal Neeman Acolyte - Sarah Alu Media/Facebook Live - Pam Nagel

Ushers - Sunday, June 6, 2021 - 10:15 am

Jason & Nick Valerius, Tyler Cooley

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