



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Third Sunday after Pentecost



Saturday, June 12, 2021 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, June 13, 2021 – 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 833, “Listen, God Is Calling”

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Refrain:

Listen,

*listen, God is calling
Through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness,
Comfort, and joy.*

- 1 Jesus gave His mandate:
Share the good news
That He came to save us
And set us free.
Refrain
- 2 Let none be forgotten
Throughout the world.
In the triune name of God
Go and baptize.
Refrain
- 3 Help us to be faithful,
Standing steadfast,
Walking in Your precepts,
Led by Your Word.
Refrain

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])

Confession and Absolution

(Psalm 1:5-6)

- P** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- C** **for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Silence for self-examination.

- P** Holy and gracious God,
- C** **I confess that I have sinned against You, in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have not done. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior, I ask forgiveness and pray You to deliver and restore me by Your mercy. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 92:12-15; antiphon: v. 1)

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.
The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,
to declare that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.
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.
It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

Hymn of Praise, *LSB* 783 v. 1 & 6, “Take My Life and Let It Be”

1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for 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: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 & 10:15 am) **Choir Anthem**, “On the Beach, the Waves of Waters” (C. Gillette) [Summer Sermon Series Choir]

Old Testament Reading, Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Mark 4:26-34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.” ³⁰And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

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* 832, “Jesus Shall Reign”

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

Sermon, Matt. 5:43-45, “Rain and the Reign of God: Rain as a Sign of God’s Love”

(7:45 am) **Installation of New Officers**

(10:15 am) **VBS Volunteers’ Commissioning**

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 the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people as they have need.

Make us to be good soil so that the seed of Your Word planted in us may grow, flourish, and bear the good fruit You desire. Bless the work of all pastors, missionaries, and church workers who serve us in Your name that their ministry to us bear good fruit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give to our president, Congress, and all leaders the wisdom to govern according to Your Word and commands that they prove worthy of the trust we have placed in them. Bring the nations to peace, and equip us to be good and responsible citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bless the married that they be faithful, bless the single that they be chaste and enjoy the company and support of Christian friends, and bless the aged and infirm that they know the loving care of family in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bless those who teach Your Word, and bless our VBS, Sunday School, catechism classes, and every place where people gather to teach and learn Your Word, that the Holy Spirit guide our study, strengthen our faith, and direct us in making the good confession before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give relief to the suffering, healing to the sick, peace to the troubled, and comfort to those who grieve, [*especially...*], and bless them with patience and endurance until You deliver them from their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Help us to be good stewards of Your creation, to share what You have supplied with those in need, and to support the work of Your Church in her mission here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P (Special petitions...) Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P All things are Yours, heavenly Father, and You have promised to supply them to us as we need and when we need them. Help us to pray with confident hearts, trusting that You will provide for us all things needful and deliver us from all things harmful, 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.*)

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)

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

(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)

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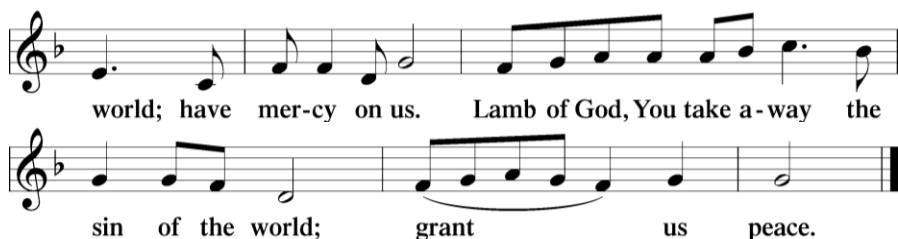
(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 543, "What Wondrous Love Is This"

- 1 **What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!**
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

- 2 **When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,**
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

- 3 **To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;**
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

- 4 **And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;**
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

- 1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress,
Our heart’s sweet joy and happiness.**
- 2 He blotted out with His own blood
The judgment that against us stood;
For us He full atonement made,
And all our debt He fully paid.**
- 3 That this forever true shall be
He gives a solemn guarantee:
In this His holy Supper here
We taste His love so sweet, so near.**
- 4 His Word proclaims and we believe
That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said,
His very blood for sinners shed.**
- 5 We dare not ask how this can be,
But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins:
“Given and shed for all your sins.”**
- 6 They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!**
- 7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.**
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.**

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this... Go in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

P Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

C Amen.

Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

P 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, "To God Be the Glory"

- 1 To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in. *Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the earth hear His voice;

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the people rejoice;

Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.

- 2 Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

- 3 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

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, June 12, 2021 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Rodney Clamors

Media - Lisa Clamors

Organist - Joan Ruwald

Acolyte - Hunter Kettler

Sunday, June 13, 2021 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Chuck Keller

Acolytes - Ashlyn Whelan & Trinity Drewes

Ushers - Charles Lloyd, Kevin & Alex Whelan

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Lector - Don Birrittier

Music Director - Ann Frank

Media - Cathy Whelan

Sunday, June 13, 2021 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Danny & Zachary Bundenthal

Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Ian Schrader, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Bob Polansky

Lector - Warren Frank

Media/Facebook Live - Pam Nagel

Ushers - Sunday, June 20, 2021

7:45 am - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier

10:15 am - Larry Goessling, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison

Acolytes - Sunday, June 20, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Sydney Kuergeleis

Sunday 7:45 am - Kyle Rusteberg & Leah Worley

Sunday 10:15 am - Reagan Wilhelm & Kadin LaRue

Lectors - Sunday, June 20, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Ollney Mueller, Jr.

Sunday 10:15 am - Rodney Clamors

Servers - Sunday, June 20, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Chuck Keller

Sunday 7:45 am - Bob Polansky

Sunday 10:15 am - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Sunday, June 20, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm -

Sunday 7:45 am -

Sunday 10:15 am -

Media - Sunday, June 20, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Kelley Keller

Sunday 7:45 am - Greg Hoeffken

Sunday 10:15 am - Lisa Clamors (Facebook Live)

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SERMON OUTLINE
MATT. 5:43-45
“RAIN AS A SIGN OF GOD’S LOVE”

1. Whoever said you can have too much of a good thing was probably talking about rain. Rain is a _____ thing. It brings life. But too much rain brings _____. Too much rain brings death and destruction.
2. But still, this is a high calling. Our love isn’t supposed to depend on what people do, but who they are in God’s _____ order and who they can be in _____.
3. In other words, God doesn’t withhold his _____ from those who hate him. He provides for people’s needs no matter what they’ve done. No matter how they _____ about him.
4. Brothers and sisters, you might be tempted to think, “Hey, I’ve got to do something for God before he’ll _____ me. I’ve got to get my act together before I _____ to God.” But nothing could be farther from the truth!
5. It’s more like _____ saw you drowning, jumped out of the lifeboat, swam to you, took you in his arms, swam back to the lifeboat and _____ you in.
6. On the other hand, if the love we’re talking about is God’s love, then it’s _____. All you need is his _____.