

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



"Elijah's God and Yours"

Saturday, August 7, 2021 – 5:30 pm Sunday, August 8, 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* 819, "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

- 1 Sing praise to God, the highest good,
 The author of creation,
 The God of love who understood
 Our need for His salvation.
 With healing balm our souls He fills
 And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
 To God all praise and glory!
- What God's almighty pow'r has made,
 In mercy He is keeping.
 By morning glow or evening shade
 His eye is never sleeping.
 Within the kingdom of His might
 All things are just and good and right:
 To God all praise and glory!
- 3 We sought the Lord in our distress;
 O God, in mercy hear us.
 Our Savior saw our helplessness
 And came with peace to cheer us.
 For this we thank and praise the Lord,
 Who is by one and all adored:
 To God all praise and glory!
- 4 He never shall forsake His flock,
 His chosen generation;
 He is their refuge and their rock,
 Their peace and their salvation.
 As with a mother's tender hand,
 He leads His own, His chosen band:
 To God all praise and glory!

5 All who confess Christ's holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

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

- Since the beginning of time, God has revealed His will to seek and to save that which was lost. Because of sin, we are all lost, helpless to stand before God on our own. Let us therefore approach God in humility to receive His forgiveness.
- O God, I believe in You; O Lord, I trust Your promise to save me. Forgive me for my sins in thought, word, and deed. Come to me, though I am not worthy. Come to me with Your promise, with Your touch of forgiveness, healing, help, and life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.
- P God has come to you in grace and mercy. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I 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 34:8-10; antiphon: Psalm 145:16)

You open your hand;

you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,

for those who fear him have no lack!

The young lions suffer want and hunger;

but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

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.

You open your hand;

you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading, 1 Kings 19:1-8

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Ephesians 4:17—5:2

¹⁷This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be

renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. ¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, John 6:35-51

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." 41So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. 44No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 45It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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 752, "Be Still, My Soul"

- Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
 Leave to your God to order and provide;
 In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
 Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
 To guide the future as He has the past.
 Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
 All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
 Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
- 3 Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart
 And all is darkened in this vale of tears;
 Then you will better know His love, His heart,
 Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
 Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
 From His own fullness all He takes away.
- 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
 When we shall be forever with the Lord,
 When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
 Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
 Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
 All safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

Sermon, 1 Kings 19:1-8, "Elijah's God and Yours"

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

Let us pray for all the people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We thank You, Lord, for our daily bread, for giving us all we need to support this body and life. Grant us hearts so moved to give as You have first given to us for the needs of others and in support of the work of Your kingdom. Through Your Means of Grace, keep us always fed with the grace and mercy of Your Son, the Living Bread from heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- As Your servant Elijah fled out of fear and was fed and nourished by You, come to us in our times of fear and anxiety that we be fed with that which lasts and sustains in our times of need. Be especially with those we name before You now, [including...]. Grant peace and healing, hope and health, according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- As Jesus continued to teach the people of His day to know and see Him as He is, grant that we continually learn of Your love through Him as our Savior. Guide children, parents, families, and individuals to rejoice in Your Word here and in homes, that all may be fed with Your life-giving grace through the work of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- As we gather together in the power of the Sacrament You have set before us, grant that we faithfully receive and partake in the Living Bread that has come down from heaven with the

assurance of sins forgiven, faith nourished, and Your presence affirmed. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- (Special petitions...) Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

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

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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.

+ 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.

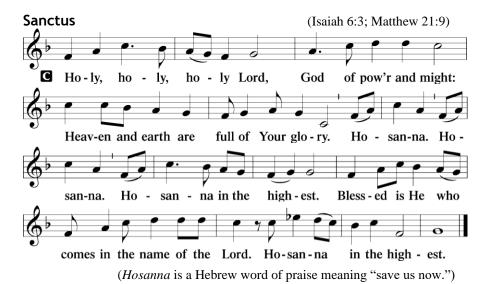
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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 618, "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

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I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
 For weak and weary is my soul;

 Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
 To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain

Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

- Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
 Because I have a sinful heart,
 Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
 For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain
- Weary am I and heavy laden;
 With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
 Receive me graciously and gladden
 My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?
 It is faith's bond and solid base;
 It is the strength of heart and spirit,
 The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

LSB 817, "Earth and All Stars"

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1 Earth and all stars!
Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory!
Loud shouting army!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

Refrain: He has done marvelous things.

I too will praise Him with a new song!

- 2 Hail, wind, and rain!
 Loud blowing snowstorm!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Flowers and trees!
 Loud rustling dry leaves!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- 3 Trumpet and pipes!
 Loud clashing cymbals!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Harp, lute, and lyre!
 Loud humming cellos!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- 4 Engines and steel!
 Loud pounding hammers!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Limestone and beams!
 Loud building workers!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- 5 Classrooms and labs!
 Loud boiling test tubes!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Athlete and band!
 Loud cheering people!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

6 Knowledge and truth!
Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son!
Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

7 Children of God,
Dying and rising,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Heaven and earth,
Hosts everlasting,
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

Please stand

Dismissal

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

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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, "O Church Arise"

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O church, arise, and put your armor on; Hear the call of Christ our captain. For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth, We'll stand against the devil's lies. An army bold, whose battle cry is "Love," Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side,
We know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died:
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken; Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen! And as the stone is rolled away, And Christ emerges from the grave, This victory march continues till the day Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride; Give grace for every hurdle.
That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old, still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory.

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, August 7, 2021 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup Server - Bob Polansky

Media - Greg Hoeffken

Sunday, August 8, 2021 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Dean Harbison

Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Lilly Prather

Media - Dave Powell

Sunday, August 8, 2021 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Jacob & Collin Dethrow

Ushers - Sunday, August 15, 2021 7:45 am - Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer

10:15 am - Rodney Clamors, Jenna Hoeffken, Wyatt & Masson Fink Acolytes - Sunday, August 15, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm -

Sunday 7:45 am - Hunter Kettler

Sunday 10:15 am - Kaden & Keaton Roberts

Servers - Sunday, August 15, 2021 Saturday 5:30 pm - Cal Neeman

Sunday 7:45 am - Dean Harbison

Sunday 10:15 am - Bob Polansky Media - Sunday, August 15, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Cathy Whelan

Sunday 7:45 am - Pam Nagel

Sunday 10:15 am - Lisa Clamors

Organist - Joan Ruwald Acolyte - Nicholas Hoeffken

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski.

Lector - Don Birrittier

Music Director - Ann Frank

Liturgist - Rev. Merritt Demski Lector - Warren Frank

Media/Facebook Live - Pam Nagel Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank

Lectors - Sunday, August 15, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Rodney Clamors Altar Guild - Sunday, August 15, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Dinah Pflasterer Sunday 7:45 am - Barbara & Deb

Sunday 10:15 am - Linda Gutknecht



Picture Days - August 27-28

You can sign up in the narthex, call the church office (618-939- 6480), or sign up online (https://www.ucdir.com/schedule/login.php). Our church code is il178 and the password is photos. Any questions? Please contact Lisa in the church office.

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