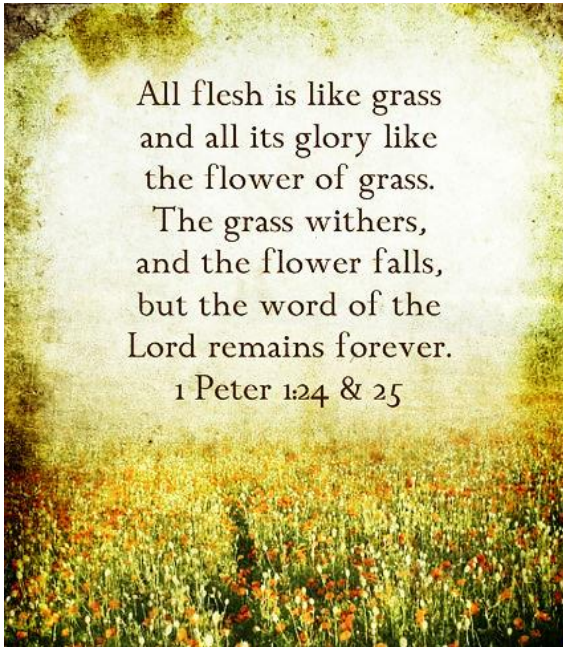




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Third Sunday of Easter



Saturday, April 22, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 23, 2023 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

“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 our pastor 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.

Divine Service, Setting Four

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 203)

Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 474, “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

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 124:8; 30:3-4)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P 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. (John 20:19-23)

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1)

Behold, how good and pleasant it is

when brothers dwell in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

**For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life
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.**

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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 O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

Confirmation Verse Essays [5:30 p.m. – Jensyn Collmeyer, Trinity Drewes, Evan Williams; 7:45 a.m. – Reagan Wilhelm; 10:15 a.m. – Clark Deptula]

First Reading, Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, ... ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, 1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for “All flesh is like

grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

(John 20:31)



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



C Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel, Luke 24:13-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at

the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 483, “With High Delight Let Us Unite”

Sermon, 1 Peter 1:17-25, “Redeemed Servants”

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

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

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

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

Offering *(During our Saturday evening service, please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the narthex.)*

Please stand

Offertory, LSB 955, “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord”



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

✠ 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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 Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



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.

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated

Distribution

LSB 475, "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

LSB 585, "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now...Go in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

(Luke 2:29-32)

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as to in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and

blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord. (Psalm 103:1)

C Thanks be to God.

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 810, “God of God, O Light of Light”

Bells / Postlude

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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, April 22, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server/Lector - Bob Polansky
 Altar Guild - Marilyn Collette

Pianist - Ron Jones
 Acolyte - Evan Williams
 Media - Jensyn Collmeyer

Sunday, April 23, 2023 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors
 Acolytes - Mason & Reagan Wilhelm
 Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Lilly Prather

Music Director - Ann Frank
 Altar Guild - Debbie Olsson
 Media - Carson Filipiak

Sunday, April 23, 2023 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server - Dean Harbison
 Acolytes - Ayda & Myla Eggemeyer
 Ushers - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Trinity Drewes, Evan Williams

Music Director - Ann Frank
 Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht
 Media/Facebook Live - Michael Evers

Ushers - Sunday, April 30, 2023

7:45 a.m. - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer
 10:15 a.m. - Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison, Jeriah Fink, Jacob/Collin Dethrow

Acolytes - Sunday, April 30, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Gwen Wiegand
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Olivia Rusteberg & Liam Garner
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Tyler Major & Carson Filipiak

Servers - Sunday, April 30, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Greg Wiegand
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Bob Polansky
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors

Media - Sunday, April 30, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Melissa Wiegand
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Lisa Clamors

Lectors - Sunday, April 30, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Jen Janssen

Altar Guild - Sunday, April 30, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Diana Heins
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Sandy Thompson
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Carol Kassel

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Date: **Saturday, April 29th**

Time: **6:30 pm** (after Church Service)

Location: Multipurpose Room

"Light Supper will be included"

Sign-up Sheet on the Narthex Bulletin Board

Sponsored by the Evangelism/Fellowship Committee

Please come to have fun and win wonderful baskets, have great food and great fellowship for all.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 7, 2023 – 11:20 a.m.

VBS 2023 Volunteer Form June 12-16 9 – 11:45 am

“God’s Living Water”

Immanuel Lutheran Church
522 S Church St
Waterloo, IL
(618) 939-6480

Name _____

Phone Number _____

T-shirt Size (Circle one) AS AM AL AXL AXXL

I'd like to help in one or more of the following ways:

_____ Teacher: Grade preferred _____

_____ Teacher's helper

_____ Craft helper

_____ Kitchen helper

_____ Recreation helper

_____ Registration helper

_____ Donations:

_____ Snack items

_____ Monetary contributions



Days I can help: All week M T W Th F Friday afternoon

VBS Safety Policy: To ensure the safety of our children, parents will be asked to come into the church for pick up at the conclusion of VBS daily. You will find your children with their class in their pew. Preschool classes will have a sign in/out sheet. For older classes, we ask that you verbally communicate with their teacher when picking up your child. Children will not be released to older siblings. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Note to parents, guardians and friends of VBS: There is no fee for VBS. Each student receives a t-shirt (which costs us about \$5) and each family will receive a music CD (about \$5). If you would like to underwrite VBS costs, you may make donations to Immanuel Lutheran Church and write VBS in the memo space. There will also be an offering to support a local mission during our VBS week, and you may help us with that mission. If you would like to volunteer in other ways, please fill out the form above or click on the QR code on the reverse side.

VBS 2023

June 12 – 16

9 – 11:45 am

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Classes for children born on or before 9/1/19 and who have not entered 7th grade. One registration form per student, please.

Student's name _____

Birthday (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Grade (2022/2023 School Year) _____

T-shirt Size (Circle one) YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

Parents' names _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

Address _____

Food allergies Y _____ N _____ (List:) _____

Medical concerns Y _____ N _____ (Explain:) _____

Or use the QR code to
register or volunteer
online!

