

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Saturday, May 20, 2023 – 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21, 2023 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

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 the 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 One

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 151)

Preservice Music

Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, LSB 651, "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

(5:30 p.m.) **Baptism**, Mary Jane Catherine Powers [LSB pg. 268]

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

(1 John 1:8-9)

- 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 reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **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. (John 20:19-23)
- C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1)

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;

to you, O LORD, I will make music.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

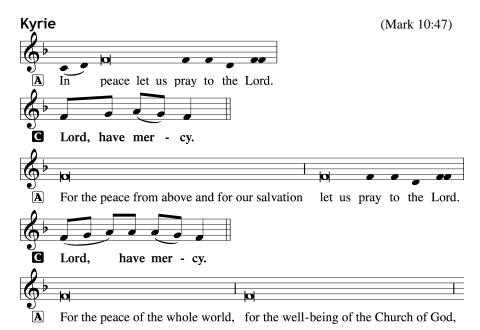
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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to you, O LORD, I will make music.







Collect of the Day

 \mathbf{P} The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

men.

- \mathbf{C} And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
- C O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

(10:15 a.m.) Sending/Blessing of Immanuel's Mission Team

First Reading, Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "Let another take his office.' 21So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . . ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he

may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

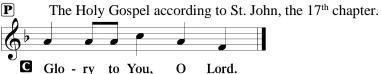
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C Thanks be to God.

(7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.) **Choir Anthem,** "How Firm a Foundation," arr. K. Hildebrand

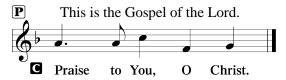


Holy Gospel, John 17:1-11



¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ⁶"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that

you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."



Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 539, "Christ Is the World's Redeemer" [Tune: *LSB* 644]

Sermon, 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11, "Don't Be Surprised"

Recognition of High School Graduates

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

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

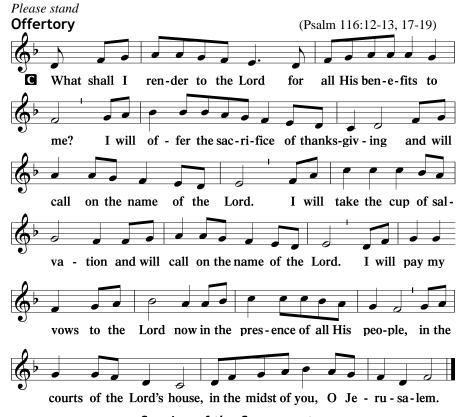
(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- (Special petitions...) Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- 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.) [7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. – Choir Anthem, "An Upper Room with Evening Lamps Ashine" (D.W. Music)]



■ 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)

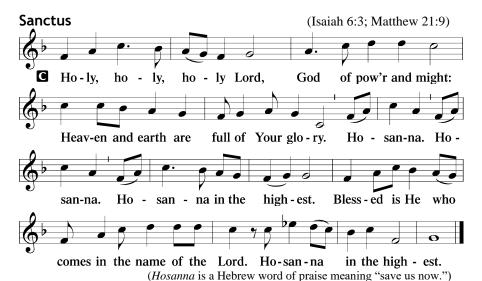
C We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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 after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. 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)

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

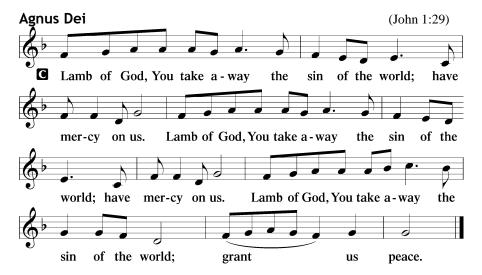
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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.





Please be seated

Distribution

LSB 587, "I Know My Faith Is Founded" LSB 642, "O Living Bread from Heaven"

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this... Go in peace.

C Amen.





C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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)

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, LSB 728, "How Firm a Foundation"

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 20, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors Altar Guild - Marilyn Collette Sunday, May 21, 2023 - 7:45 a.m. Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Paul Broske

Acolytes - Nash Bradley & Tyler Major Ushers - Allen Jacobs. Don & Gina Birrittier

Sunday, May 21, 2023 - 10:15 a.m. Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Dean Harbison

Acolytes - Avery & Jensyn Collmeyer

Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske, Tom McDaniel, Collin Dethrow

Ushers - Sunday, May 28, 2023 7:45 a.m. - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Trinity Drewes, Evan Williams 10:15 a.m. - Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison, Jeriah Fink, Jacob Dethrow

Acolytes - Sunday, May 28, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Gwen Wiegand Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Michael Evers & Olivia Rusteberg

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Mason & Reagan Wilhelm Servers - Sunday, May 28, 2023

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

Media - Sunday, May 28, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Melissa Wiegand Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Jensyn Collmeyer Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Ashlyn Whelan

Organist - Joan Ruwald Acolyte - Evan Williams Media - Lisa Clamors

Music Director - Ann Frank Lector - Don Birrittier

Altar Guild - Sandy Thompson Media - Keaton Roberts

Music Director - Ann Frank Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht

Media/Facebook Live - Avda Eggemever

Lectors - Sunday, May 28, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Warren Frank Altar Guild - Sunday, May 28, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Diana Heins Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara & Deb Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Chris Michael

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Congratulations to our High School graduates!



Kyra Drewes Wyatt Fink Nathan Hemmer Jenna Hoeffken Hayden Morris Lilly Prather Brayden Richey



June 1-16, 2023

Adam Eggemeyer Ayda Eggemeyer Jenna Hoeffken Bob Polansky Greg Stellhorn Julie Stellhorn Jason Valerius

Please keep our mission team in your prayers as they travel to/from and serve in Cambodia.