



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Crown of Silver Recognition



Saturday, September 9, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 10, 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 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.

Divine Service, Setting One

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 151)

Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 707, “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

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

(1 John 1:8-9)

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C 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.

C 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.

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 92:1-4; antiphon: v. 5)

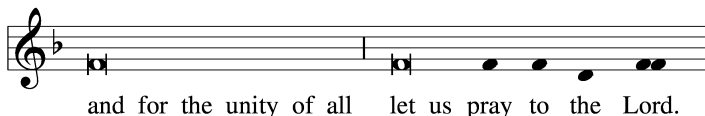
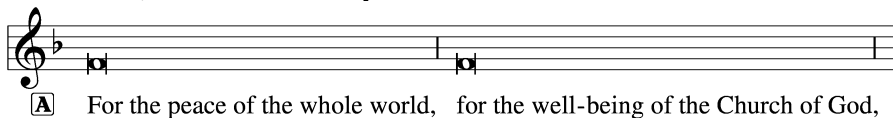
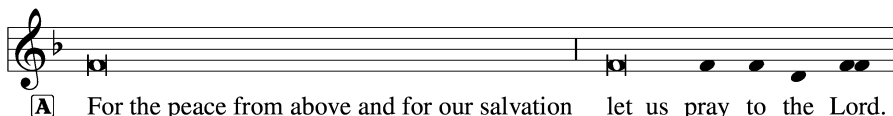
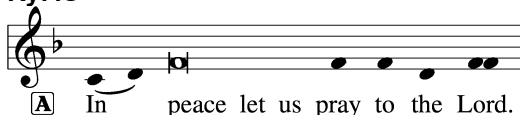
How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are very deep!

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
 to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
 to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
 For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
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.
 How great are your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!

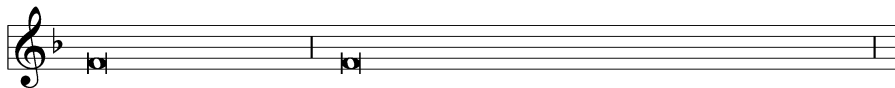
Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)





C Lord, have mer - cy.



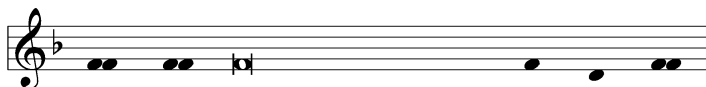
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



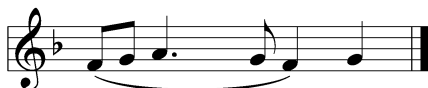
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



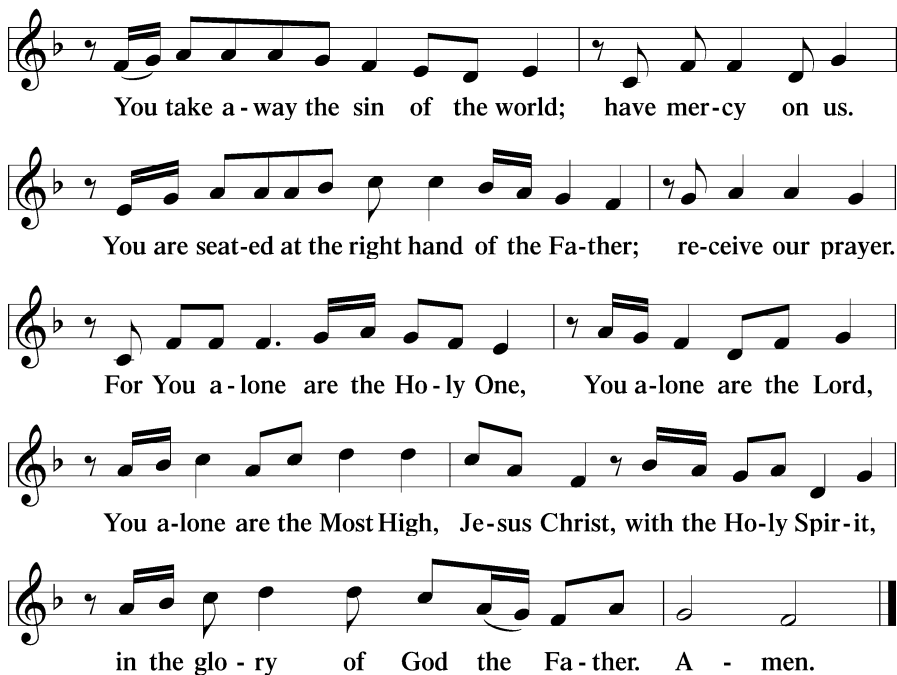
C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



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

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

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, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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

Old Testament Reading, Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Romans 13:1-10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia & Verse

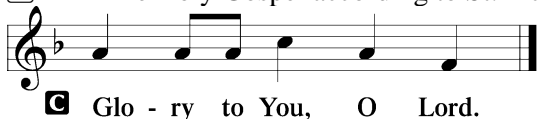
(John 6:68)



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel, Matthew 18:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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* 820, “My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker”

Sermon

“Crown of Silver” Recognition [5:30 p.m. – Bob Elmore & Wanda Horn; 7:45 a.m. – Kay Bense; others not able to be at the services – Marie Dietzel, Hazel Moeckel, Robert Prange, and Clarence “Buddy” Vogt]

Please stand

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.

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

(Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to

me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection

opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

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)


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

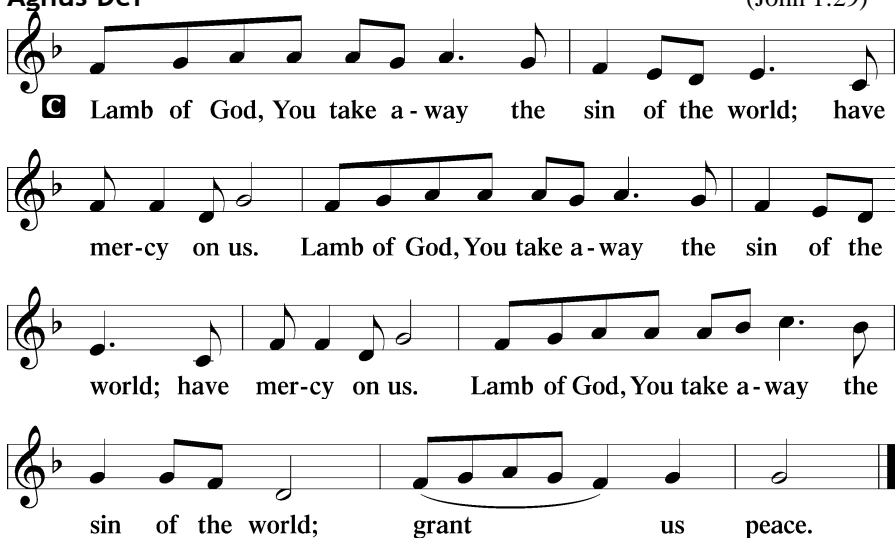
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

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

Please be seated

Distribution

LSB 628, "Your Table I Approach"

LSB 522, "Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise"

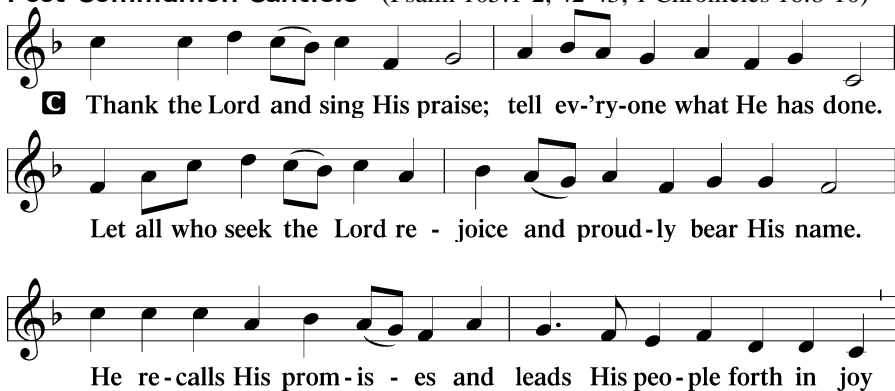
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Dismissal

P The body and blood... Go in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle (Psalm 105:1-2, 42-43; 1 Chronicles 16:8-10)



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.

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.

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 965, "God Bless Our Native Land"

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, September 9, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server - Greg Wiegand
 Altar Guild - Cally Killian

Organist - Joan Ruwald
 Acolyte - Gwen Wiegand
 Media - Melissa Wiegand

Sunday, September 10, 2023 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server/Lector - Bob Polansky
 Acolytes - Avery & Jensyn Collmeyer
 Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier

Music Director - Ann Frank
 Altar Guild - Barbara Altes
 Media - Keaton Roberts

Sunday, September 10, 2023 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors
 Acolytes - Tyler Major & Carson Filipiak
 Ushers - Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison, Jeriah Fink, Jacob Dethrow

Music Director - Ann Frank
 Altar Guild - Susan Hargrave
 Media - Clark Deptula

Ushers - Sunday, September 17, 2023

7:45 a.m. - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer
 10:15 a.m. - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer

Acolytes - Sunday, September 17, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Keaton Roberts
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Michael Evers & Olivia Rusteberg
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Mason & Reagan Wilhelm

Lectors - Sunday, Sept 17, 2023

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

Servers - Sunday, September 17, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - *need someone*
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Doug Simms

Altar Guild - Sunday, Sept 17, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Diana Heins
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Debbie Olsson
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Linda Gutknecht

Media - Sunday, September 17, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Ashlyn Whelan
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Ayda Eggemeyer

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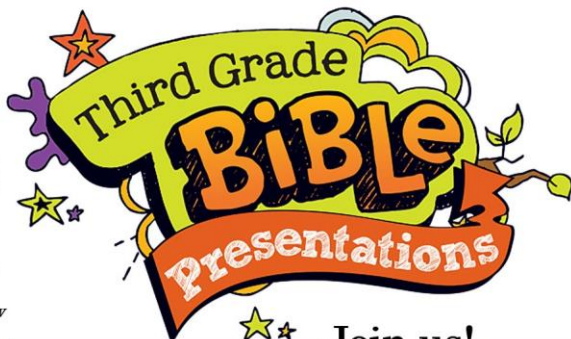
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Sunday, Sept. 17th – 10:15 a.m.

A special luncheon for our third graders and their families will follow the service.



Join us!

Each third grader will be recognized during the service and receive his/her very own Holy Bible!

Mission Quilt Tying Day

**Sunday,
Sept. 24th**

**11:30 a.m. –
4:00 p.m.**

Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex soon.



Sponsored by our Quilters' Guild

Wurstmarkt & Country Store

Sunday, October 1st

**11:30 a.m. –
2:00 p.m.**

Want to volunteer?

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Want to place a meat order?

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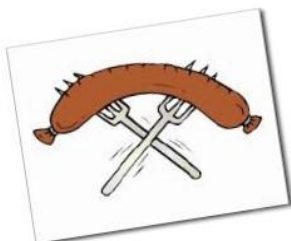
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Sunday, October 1, 2023

11:30 am—2:00 pm

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
522 S. Church St.
Waterloo, IL**

Prices:
\$15.00 for adults
\$8.00 for children ages 6-12
Free for children 5 & under



**Dine in or carry out.
Held in our multipurpose room.**

**Come and enjoy pork sausage,
sauerkraut, mashed potatoes &
gravy, green beans, applesauce,
bread, and pie.**

Meat Sales!

***Fresh meat from Lehr's Meat Market in New
Athens will be available to purchase.***

Saturday, Sept. 30 - 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 1 - 11 a.m.—2 p.m.

For pre-orders, call 618-939-6480.

**All proceeds from this dinner will be used to support Immanuel's
Preschool and Stronghold Cambodia.**

**Want to volunteer or place a meat order? If so, there are several
ways to do that.**

- 1. Sign up on the electronic iPad in the narthex.**
- 2. Sign up on the board in the narthex.**
- 3. Fill out the special insert and drop it in the box in the
narthex or in the church office.**
- 4. Use the QR codes on page 14.**