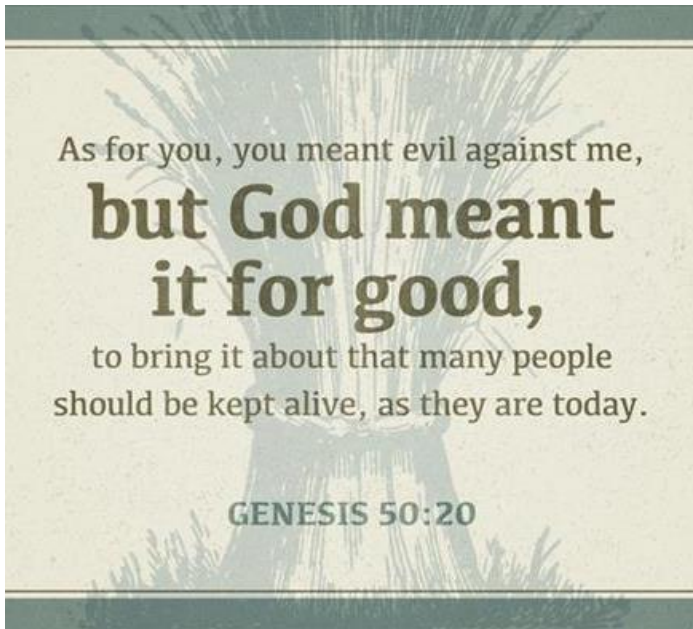




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Third Grade Celebration



Saturday, September 16, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 17, 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* 862, “Oh, Blest the House”

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 143:1-2; antiphon: v. 9)

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

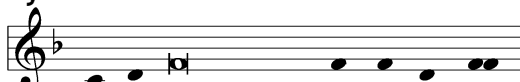
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Kyrie

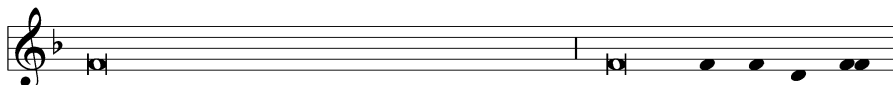
(Mark 10:47)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



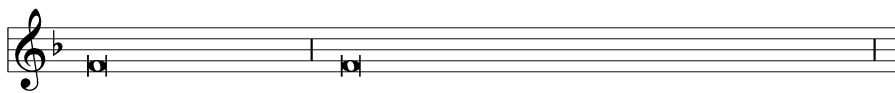
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



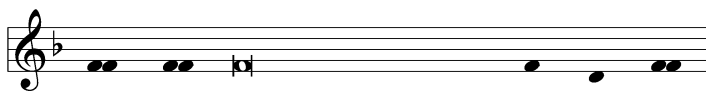
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

(10:15 a.m.) **Flute/Organ Selection**, “Now the Silence” (Schalk/Busarow) [Karen Hodapp, flautist]

Old Testament Reading, Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am

I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Romans 14:1-12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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 18:21-35

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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, “In Christ Alone” (*Please see the words on the screens.*)

Sermon

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.

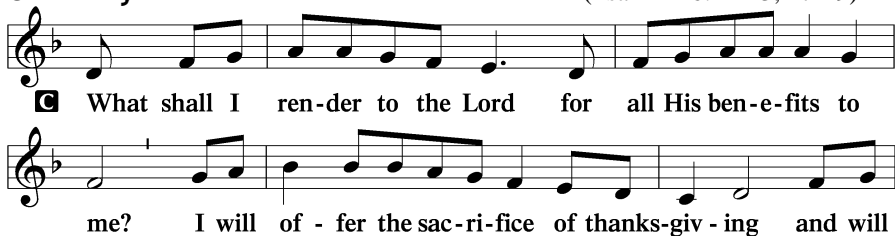
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Offering (*During our Saturday evening service, please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the narthex.*) [10:15 a.m. – Piano Selection, “America, the Beautiful,” arr. J.W. Schaum (Ashlyn Whelan)]

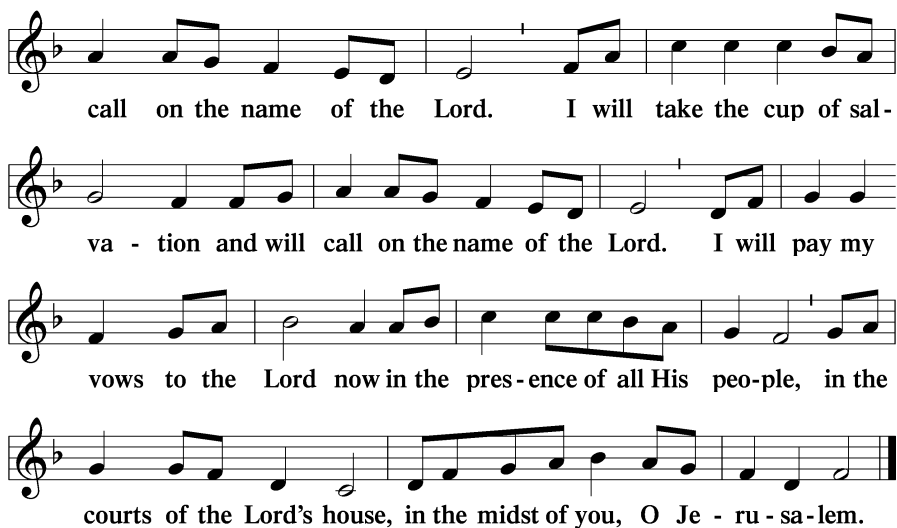
Please stand

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



✠ 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)

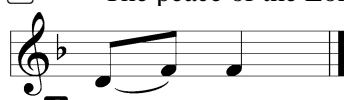
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not 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 636, "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

LSB 606, "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

Please stand

Dismissal

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

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

(Luke 2:29-32)

C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



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.



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.



Amen.

Closing Hymn, LSB 865, “Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”

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 16, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors
 Altar Guild - Diana Heins

Pianist - Ron Jones
 Acolyte - Keaton Roberts
 Media - Lisa Clamors

Sunday, September 17, 2023 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server - Paul Broske Sr.
 Acolytes - Michael Evers & Olivia Rusteberg
 Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer
 Media - Don Birrittier

Music Director - Ann Frank
 Lector - Daniel Niemeyer
 Altar Guild - Debbie Olsson

Sunday, September 17, 2023 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server - Doug Simms
 Acolytes - Mason & Reagan Wilhelm
 Ushers - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer

Music Director - Ann Frank
 Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht
 Media/Facebook Live - Ayda Eggemeyer

Ushers - Sunday, September 24, 2023

7:45 a.m. - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Maddy Prather
 10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Masson Fink

Acolytes - Sunday, September 24, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Gwen Wiegand
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Trinity Drewes & Liam Garner
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Brielle & Jeriah Fink

Servers - Sunday, September 24, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Greg Wiegand
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Bob Polansky
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Paul Broske Sr.

Media - Sunday, September 24, 2023

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

Lectors - Sunday, Sept 24, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Bob Polansky
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors
Altar Guild - Sunday, Sept 24, 2023
 Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cally Killian
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara & Deb
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Chris Michael

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FAMILY CAMPOUT

Bring your family, a tent, and spend the night, or just come hang out for a while. Hiking--Games--Campfire--Worship--Fun!!! Meet up with us earlier in the day to bike the 20 mile River Route or meet us at the Group Camping Site #5 after 3pm.

Pere Marquette State Park: Meet at Youth Group Camp Site #5
<https://dnr.illinois.gov/parks/park/peremarquette.html>

September 23rd

3:00pm - 9:00pm
(unless you are staying the night with your family!)

Need a ride? Planning to come? Let us know!
We will plan adventures and food based on RSVPs.

Call/Text Mrs. Janssen 817.437.3668
or Pastor 847.254.9666

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?

<https://forms.gle/TBzMniNp7gkCW3r28>



Want to place a meat order?

<https://forms.gle/tvCA9HUUXrqbiJTb9>



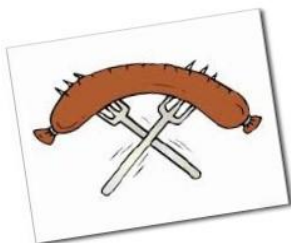
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Sunday, October 1, 2023

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. Scan the QR codes on pg. 14.**