



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Saturday, September 23, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 24, 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 [10:15 a.m. – Choir Anthem, “Day of Arising”
(Cherwien/Burkhardt)]

Bells

Welcome (5:30 p.m. – Welcome New Member, Maura Overmann)

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 854, “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”

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 116:12-13, 15-16; antiphon: v. 17)

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

and call on the name of the LORD.

What shall I render to the LORD

for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call on the name of the LORD.

Precious in the sight of the LORD

is the death of his saints.

O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

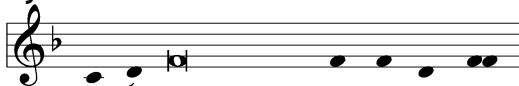
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

and call on the name of the LORD.

Kyrie

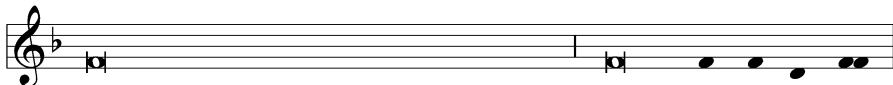
(Mark 10:47)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



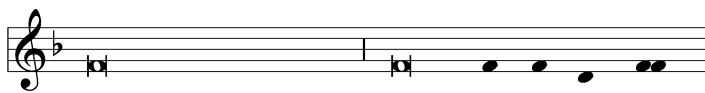
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



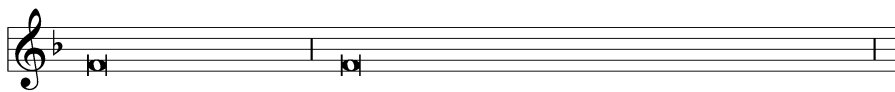
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



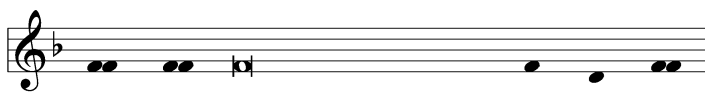
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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 Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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

(10:15 a.m.) **Choir Anthem**, “Light Dawns on a Dreary World,” arr. D. Cherwien

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia & Verse

(John 6:68)





Holy Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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* 557, “Seek Where You May to Find a Way”

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.

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

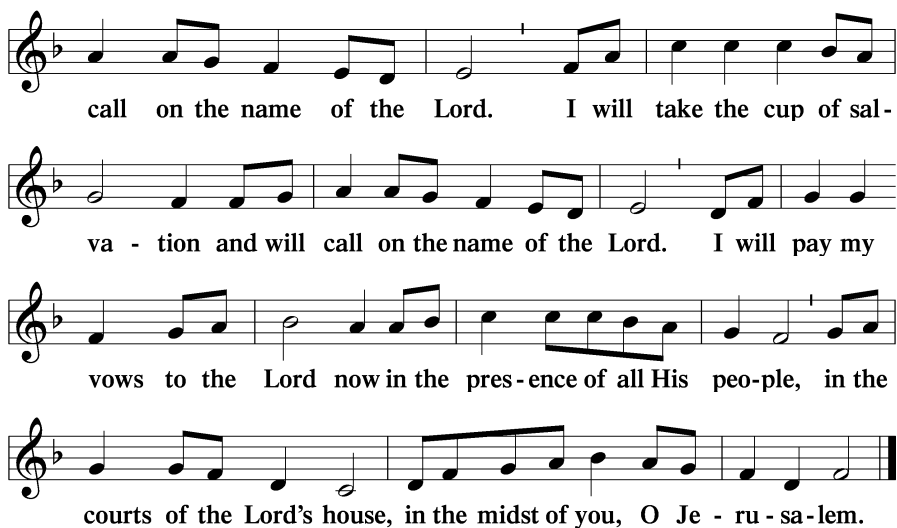
(Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)



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



✠ 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

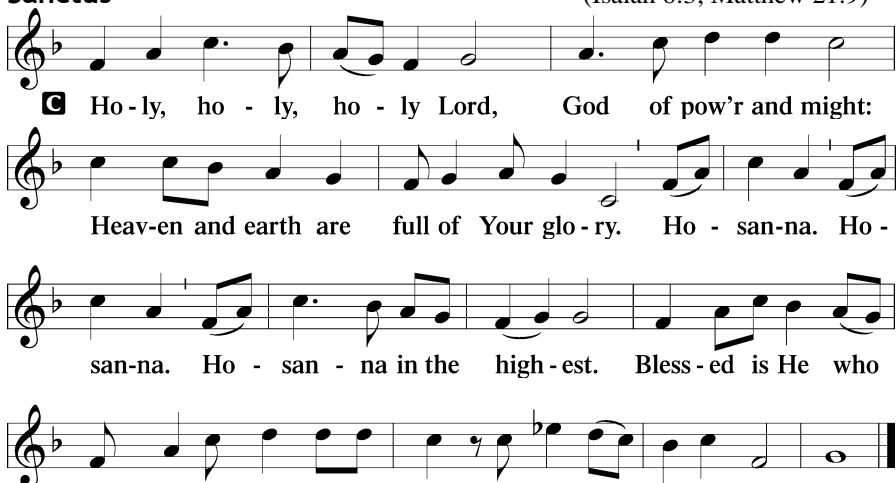
- P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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. 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 712, "Seek Ye First"

LSB 720, "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

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

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 827, “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

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 23, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

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

Pianist - Ron Jones
 Acolyte - Gwen Wiegand
 Media - Melissa Wiegand

Sunday, September 24, 2023 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server/Lector - Bob Polansky
 Acolytes - Trinity Drewes & Liam Garner
 Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Maddy Prather

Music Director - Ann Frank
 Altar Guild - Barbara Altes & Deb Bergman
 Media - Carson Filipiak

Sunday, September 24, 2023 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server - Paul Broske Sr.
 Acolytes - Brielle & Jeriah Fink
 Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Masson Fink

Music Director - Ann Frank
 Altar Guild - Chris Michael
 Media/Facebook Live - Ashlyn Whelan

Ushers - Sunday, October 1, 2023

7:45 a.m. - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench

10:15 a.m. - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan, Collin Dethrow, Jacob Dethrow

Acolytes - Sunday, October 1, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Lorelei Griffin
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Evan Williams & Clark Deptula
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Ashlyn Whelan & Logan Kettler

Lectors - Sunday, October 1, 2023

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

Servers - Sunday, October 1, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Dean Harbison
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Doug Simms

Altar Guild - Sunday, October 1, 2023

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

Media - Sunday, October 1, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Jensyn Collmeyer
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Michael Evers
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Cathy Whelan

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Come join us!

Chili Cook-off, Bonfire & Hoe Down



Sunday, October 8, 2023 – 5:00–8:30 pm

Fun for all ages!

Learn square dances from an engaging Professional Caller.

Come early and visit by the fire!

Chili tasting starts at 5:00.

Dancing from 6:30–8:30.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

522 S Church Street, Waterloo

Behind the parsonage, weather permitting.

Dancing in the Multipurpose room.

No charge -- donations to support youth service projects are welcome.

Bring your competition chili, or a salad or dessert to share.

Or just come to dance! Boots, bandanas, and hats optional!

RSVP chili entries to church office: 618.939.6480



Immanuel Lutheran Preschool

I am the vine; you are the branches. If
you remain in me and I in you, you will
bear much fruit; apart from me you can do
nothing.
John 15:5



Colored by Luke Kirkley, class of '23

Dinner Auction

Friday, Nov. 10th

***More details
coming soon.***

Held in the Dining Hall at Camp Wartburg.

Wurstmarkt & Country Store

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 below.

