



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

First Sunday in Advent



Saturday, December 2, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 3, 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 Four

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 203)

Preservice Music [10:15 a.m. – Agape Ringers, “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (C. Dobrinski)]

Bells

Welcome

Opening Hymn, LSB 343, “Prepare the Royal Highway”

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Please stand

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

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.**
(Psalm 130:3-4)

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

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. (Luke 18:13)

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)



Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit of the Day (Psalm 25:1-3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b alt.)

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

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, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)



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

Advent Hymn, “We Light the Advent Candle” [Tune: *LSB 343*]

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- 1 We light the Advent candle
And wait for Christ to come.
With hope, we trust the promise
That He will bring us home.
Our hope is in our Savior
Who wins for us God’s favor.
We wait with growing light
Till God makes all things right!**

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 Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

(10:15 a.m.) **Agape Ringers**, “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word,”
arr. S. Eithun

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in

the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

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

The image shows musical notation for the Alleluia and Verse. It consists of four staves of music in G-clef, 4/4 time. The first staff is the Alleluia, followed by the Verse. The lyrics are written below the notes. The Alleluia is repeated three times. The Verse is a single line of music. The Alleluia is repeated three times again.

Holy Gospel, Mark 11:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures And ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 332, "Savior of the Nations, Come" (v. 1-2 – congregation; v. 3 – women only; v. 4 – men only; v. 5-8 – congregation)

Sermon

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 (You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.)

Please stand

Offertory, LSB 956, “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Text: Psalm 51:10–12. Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583–1651, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

✠ **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.

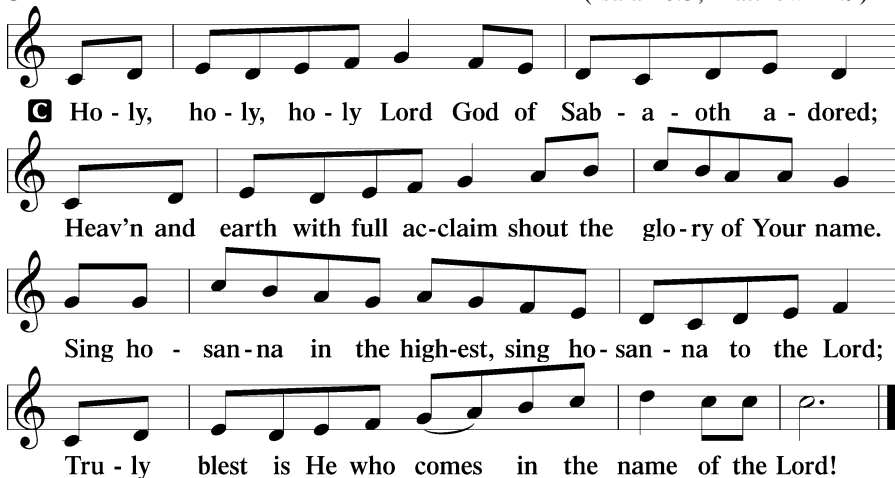
- P** Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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)



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;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of 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)

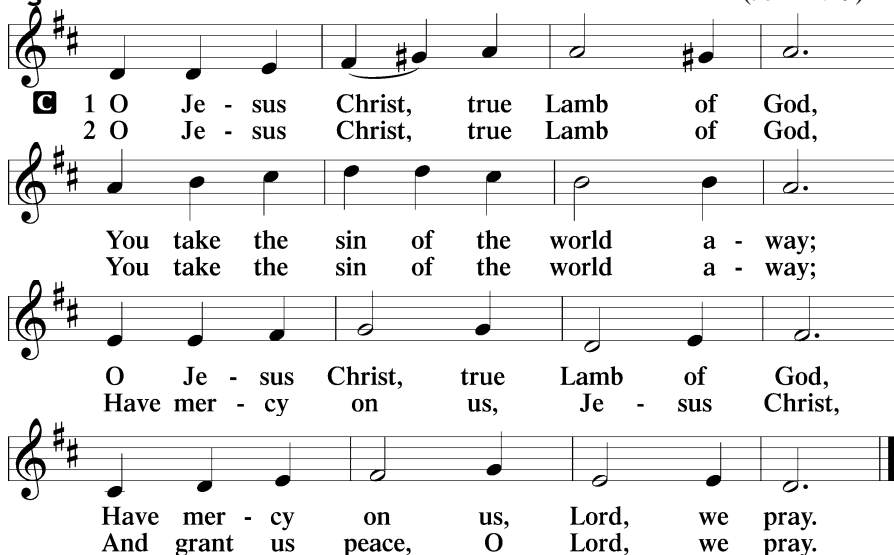
The Peace of the Lord

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 Hymns

LSB 334, "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

LSB 350, "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

Please stand

Dismissal

P The body and blood...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 Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry it, Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead 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



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.



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 341, “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

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, December 2, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Greg Wiegand

Altar Guild - Diana Heins

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Gwen Wiegand

Media - Melissa Wiegand

Sunday, December 3, 2023 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server/Lector - Ben Biegler

Acolytes - Myla Eggemeyer & Will Hanks

Ushers - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Barbara Altes

Media - Keaton Roberts

Sunday, December 3, 2023 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors

Acolytes - Brady Drewes & Liam Garner

Ushers - Jason Valerius, Jeriah Fink, Trinity Drewes, Brielle Fink

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht

Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

Worship Helpers – Wednesday, December 6, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

Acolytes - Avery & Lorelei Griffin

Media/Facebook Live - Tyler Major

Ushers - Kevin & Alex Whelan, Collin & Jacob Dethrow

Ushers - Sunday, December 10, 2023

7:45 a.m. - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier

10:15 a.m. - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel, Collin Dethrow

Acolytes - Sunday, December 10, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Logan Kettler

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Jakson Gregory & Chase Richey

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - *need acolytes*

Servers - Sunday, December 10, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cal Neeman

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Bob Polansky

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Warren Frank

Media - Sunday, December 10, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Liam Garner

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Michael Evers

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Nash Bradley

Lectors - Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Bob Polansky

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Warren Frank

Altar Guild - Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cally Killian

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Debbie Olsson

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Chris Michael

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All are welcome! Join us!

Menus:

Dec. 6th – Youth Group – Breakfast

Dec. 13th – Boy Scouts – Pasta Night

Dec. 20th – Women's Christian Ministry – Soups/Salads

Sunday, Dec. 3rd – 2:00 p.m.

Meet at church! All ages welcome!

ChurchWide Christmas Caroling

Board of Evangelism will be hosting a fellowship dinner afterwards. Join us back in the multipurpose room!



HOW CAN I HELP?

Join us in the

WCP 'PARK IT'

campaign!

WCP is collecting plastic caps, lids, and small bottles to be recycled into several tables and benches so you can 'park it' at the Splash Pad.

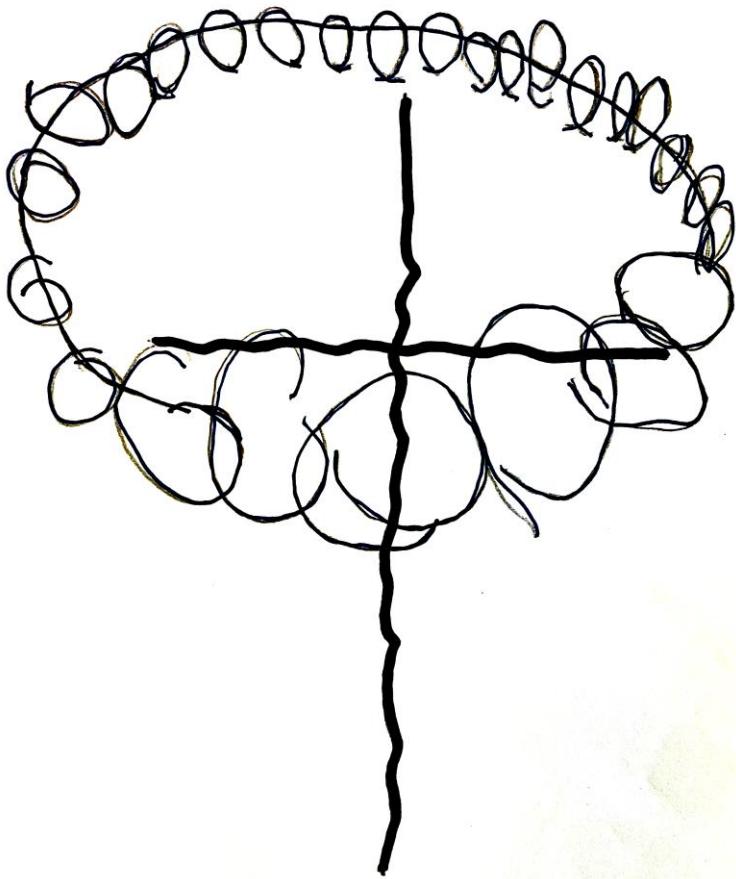
Scan the QR code for drop-off locations & a list of acceptable lids, caps, & bottles.



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CITIZENS FOR A
POOL**

Connected to Christ:

I am the vine; you are the branches...John 15:5



Danika Schilling