



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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## **The Epiphany of Our Lord**



**Saturday, January 6, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**

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“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* 396, “Arise and Shine in Splendor”

*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 45:6-8a; antiphon: v. 17)

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

**therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

**you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

**your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

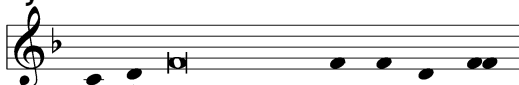
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

**therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

### Kyrie

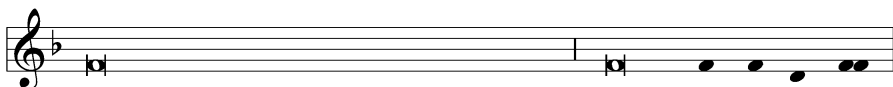
(Mark 10:47)



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



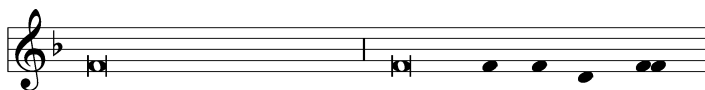
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



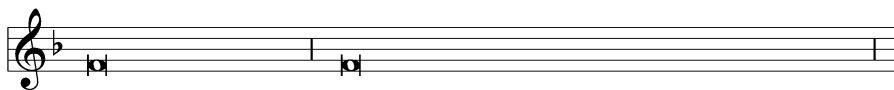
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



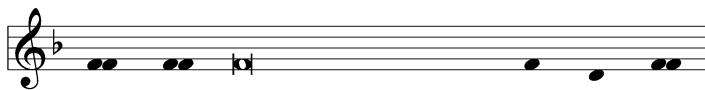
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

## This Is the Feast

*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift

up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle, Ephesians 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—  
<sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**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 2:1-12

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”” <sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**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* 395 v. 1-3, “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**, *LSB* 395 v. 4-6, “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”



*Please stand*

## **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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Church**

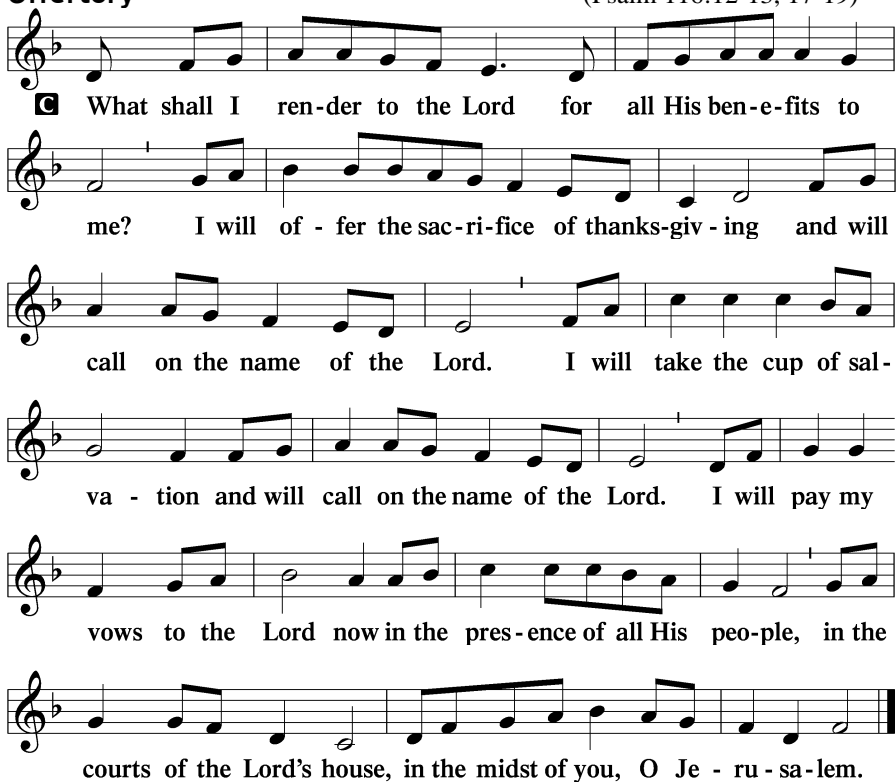
(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

**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.**

**Offering** (*Please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the narthex.*)

## 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 394, “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*

*LSB 412, “The People That in Darkness Sat”*

*Please stand*

## Dismissal

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

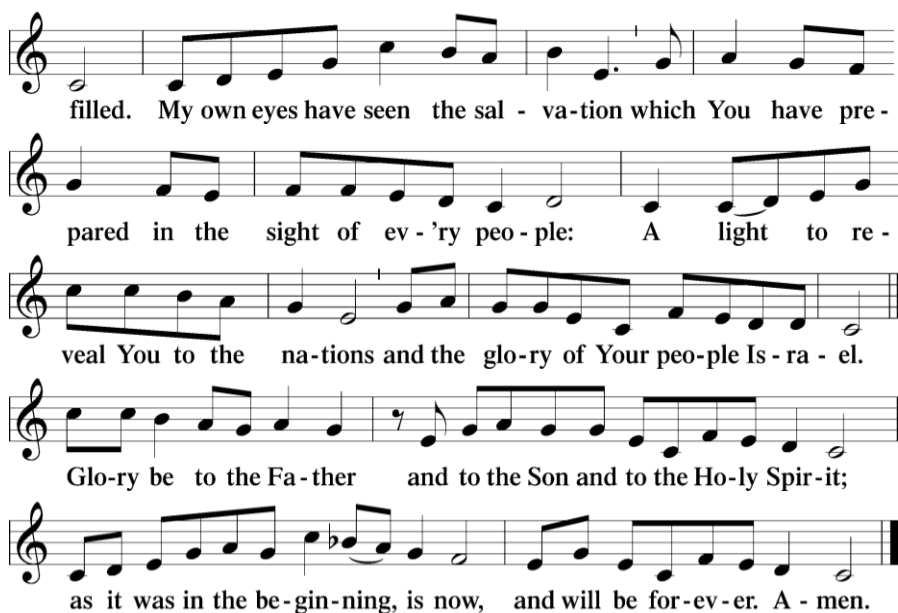
**C Amen.**

## 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 -  
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## 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 399, “The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”**

**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](http://immanuelwaterloo.org).*

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## Worship Helpers

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### **Saturday, January 6, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Cally Killian

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Gwen Wiegand

Media/Facebook Live - Tyler Major

### **Ushers - Sunday, January 14, 2024**

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

10:15 a.m. - Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison, Jeriah Fink, Jacob Dethrow

### **Acolytes - Sunday, January 14, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Avery & Lorelei Griffin

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Ashlyn Whelan & Logan Kettler

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Will Hanks & Jakson Gregory

### **Servers - Sunday, January 14, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Greg Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Doug Simms

### **Media - Sunday, January 14, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Melissa Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Cathy Whelan

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Liam Garner

### **Lectors - Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024**

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors

### **Altar Guild - Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Carol Kassel

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## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL – WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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# HOW CAN I HELP?

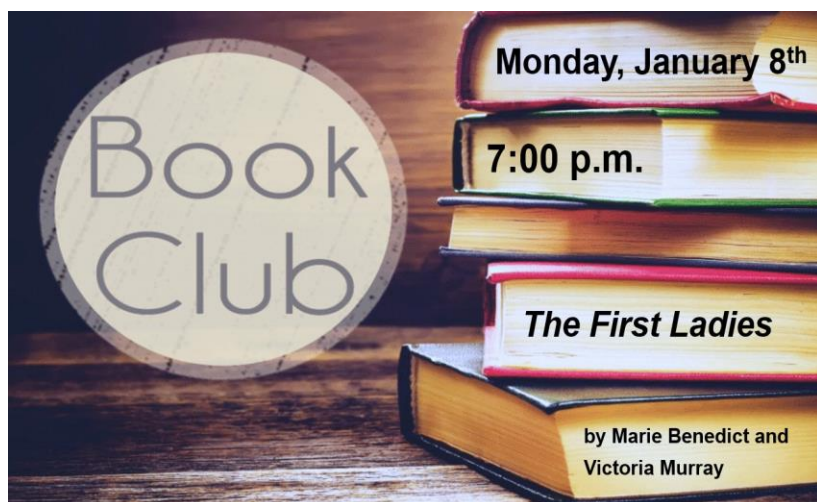
Join us in the  
**WCP 'PARK IT'**  
 campaign!

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.



**WATERLOO**  
 CITIZENS FOR A  
**POOL**



**Book Club**

**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

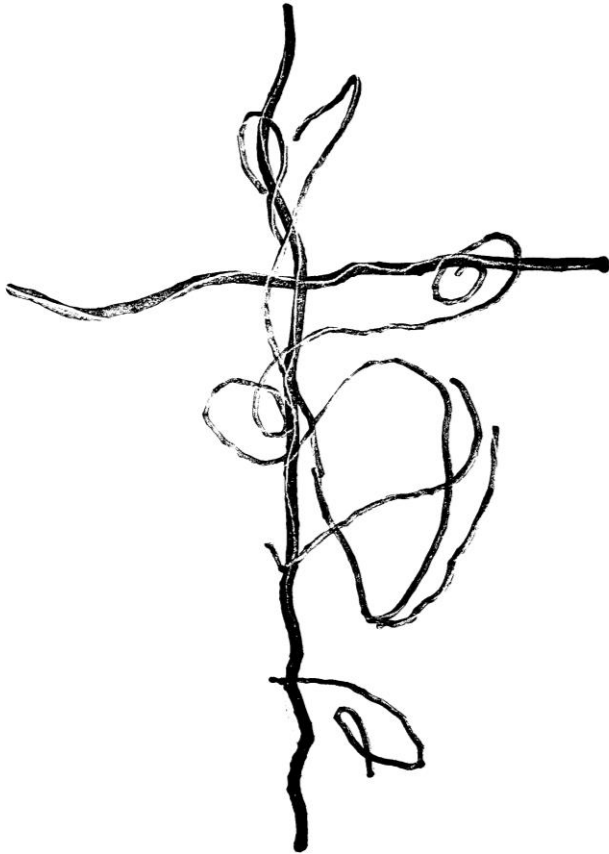
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***The First Ladies***

by Marie Benedict and  
 Victoria Murray

## **Connected to Christ:**

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



Evelyn Ogden