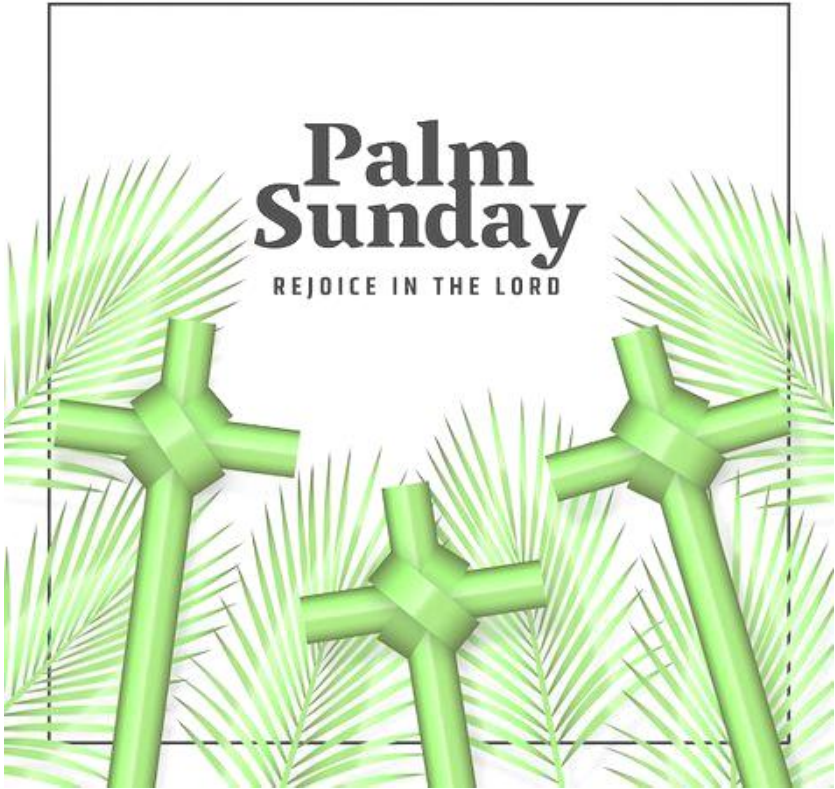




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS



Saturday, March 23, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 24, 2024 – 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 the pastor 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. – Flute/Organ Selection, “The Royal Banners Forward Go” (setting B. Henkelmann) (Karen Hodapp, flautist)]

Bells

Welcome/Greeting

Please stand

Opening/Processional Hymn, *LSB* 441, “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

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

(Psalm 124:8; 30:3-4)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

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.**

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.

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 118:19-29; antiphon: v. 16)

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

**Glorry 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.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)



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

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...

C Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; 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, Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, John 12:12-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was

that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

Please be seated

(10:15 a.m.) **Sunday School Anthem**, “Little Donkey” (PreS – 2nd grade)

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

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 442, “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Sermon, “When Empty Is Good”

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 (*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. – Flute/Organ Selection, “Wondrous Love,” arr. M. Corl (Karen Hodapp, flautist)]

Please stand

Offertory, LSB 767, “Jesus, Remember Me”

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Repeat once

✠ 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 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

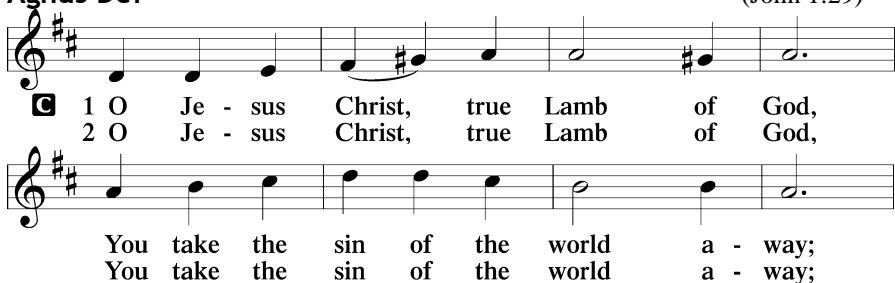
(Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

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

LSB 438, "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

LSB 443, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now...Go in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

(Luke 2:29-32)

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the 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 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 -



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.

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* 454, “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

Bells / Postlude

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Worship Helpers

Saturday, March 23, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Diana Heins

Sunday, March 24, 2024 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Jason Valerius

Acolytes - Logan Kettler & Chase Richey

Ushers - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan

Sunday, March 24, 2024 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Dusty Dethrow

Acolytes - Jacob & Everly Dethrow

Ushers - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Jackson Gregory

Media/Facebook Live - Ayda Eggemeyer

Worship Helpers - Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

Altar Guild - Carol Kassel

Acolytes - Myla & Henry Eggemeyer

Media/Facebook Live - Gwen Wiegand & Lisa Clamors

Worship Helpers - Good Friday, March 29, 2024 - 12:00 p.m.

Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier

Acolytes - Nash Bradley & Keaton Roberts

Media - Lisa Clamors

Worship Helpers - Good Friday, March 29, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

Ushers - Dusty Dethrow, Davin Dethrow, Collin Dethrow

Acolytes - Olivia Rusteberg & Mason Wilhelm

Media/Facebook Live - Reagan Wilhelm

Ushers - Sunday, March 31, 2024

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

10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Masson Fink

Acolytes - Sunday, March 31, 2024

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - C. Richey, T. Major, C. Filipiak

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - C. Glessner, A. Braun, M. Evers

Servers - Sunday, March 31, 2024

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Doug Simms

Media - Sunday, March 31, 2024

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Keaton Roberts

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Lisa Clamors

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Avery & Loralei Griffin

Media - Liam Garner

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Bob Polansky

Altar Guild - Barbara Altes

Media - Carson Filipiak

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Daniel Niemeyer

Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht

Lectors - Sunday, March 31, 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, March 31, 2024

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Debbie Olsson

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Joyce McDaniel

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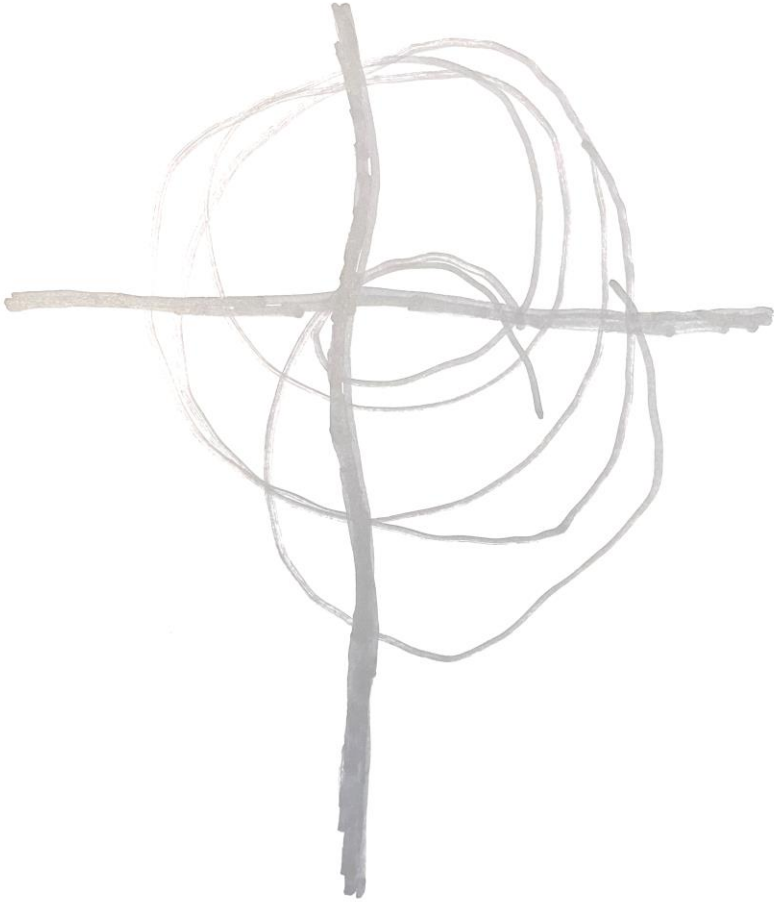
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Connected To Christ:

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



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