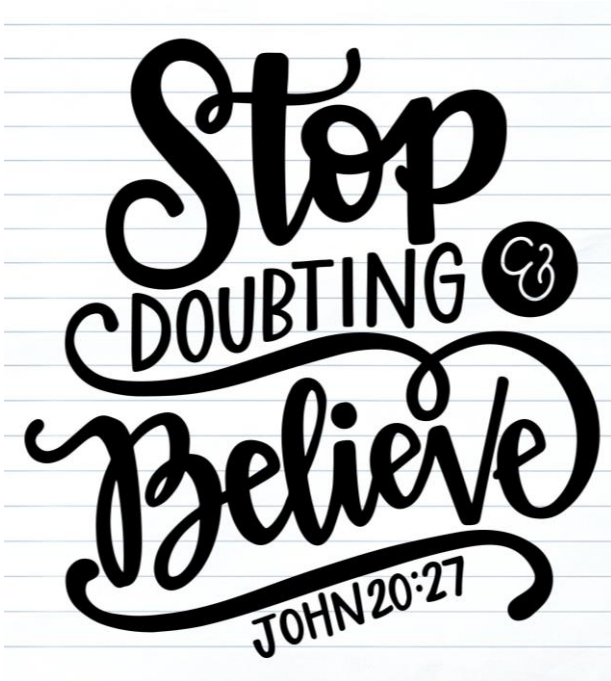




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Second Sunday after Easter



Saturday, April 6, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 7, 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 communion: 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

Bells

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 482, “This Joyful Eastertide”

✠ 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)

C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

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.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

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Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)



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

Gloria in Excelsis



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...

C Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading, Acts 4:32-35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, 1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ¹¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Please stand

Holy Gospel, John 20:19-31

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.” ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The First Article with Luther’s Explanation

P What is the First Article?

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 470 v. 1-5, "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Sermon, "Resurrection—poke!" based on John 20:27

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 470 v. 6-9, "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

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

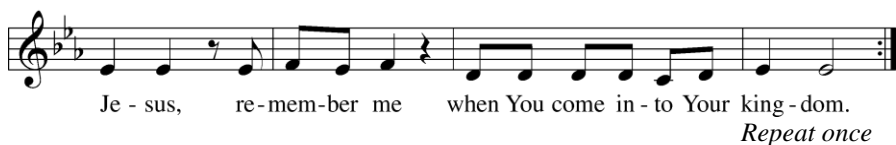
Offering (*During our Saturday evening service, please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the narthex.*)

Please stand

Offertory, *LSB* 767, "Jesus, Remember Me"

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✠ 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)



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)

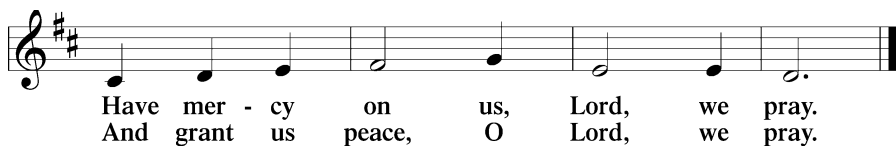
The Peace of the Lord

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,



Please be seated

Distribution

LSB 461, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 481, "Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom"

LSB 488, "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now...Go in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

(Luke 2:29-32)

C 1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Son, For I have seen the
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 the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, The God's tri - une name re -



Post-Communion Collect

P

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.

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* 480, “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

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, April 6, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Greg Wiegand

Altar Guild - Cally Killian

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Gwen Wiegand

Media - Will Hanks

Sunday, April 7, 2024 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Bob Polansky & Paul Broske, Sr.

Acolytes - Nolan Prather & Ayda Eggemeyer

Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Maddy Prather

Media - Tyler Major

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Bob Polansky

Altar Guild - Barbara Altes

Sunday, April 7, 2024 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Rodney Clamors

Acolytes - Brady Drewes & TJ Joellenbeck

Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer

Media/Facebook Live - Nash Bradley

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Daniel Niemeyer

Altar Guild - Susan Hargrave

Ushers - Sunday, April 14, 2024

7:45 a.m. - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan, Jacob Dethrow

10:15 a.m. - Jason Valerius, Jeriah Fink, Trinity Drewes, Brielle Fink

Acolytes - Sunday, April 14, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Quinn Menke & Avery Griffin

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Liam Garner & Ashlyn Whelan

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Will Hanks & Logan Kettler

Servers - Sunday, April 14, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cal Neeman

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - R. Clamors & Paul Broske, Sr.

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow & B. Polansky

Media - Sunday, April 14, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Lorelei Griffin

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Cathy Whelan

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Michael Evers

Lectors - Sunday, April 14, 2024

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Bob Polansky

Altar Guild - Sunday, April 14, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Pam Nagel

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Linda Gutknecht

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**MISSION QUILT TYING
APRIL 7TH 11:30-4:00**

BINGO

Night

Saturday, April 13th
6:30PM

- Dinner included
- Prizes for winners
- Family-Friendly event





Youth Group Paint Night

SUNDAY APRIL 14TH
6 PM TO 8 PM
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LET'S CREATE SOME BEAUTIFUL
 SCRIPTURE PAINTINGS, A
 CONFIRMATION VERSE WALL,
 AND SOME YOUTH ROOM DECOR
 AND HAVE SOME FUN WHILE
 WE'RE AT IT!

RSVP BY SENDING YOUR
 CONFIRMATION VERSE TO
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Handbell Concert

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring!



Featuring handbell choirs from:
 Christ Our Savior, Freeburg
 Immanuel, Waterloo
 St. Paul, Columbia

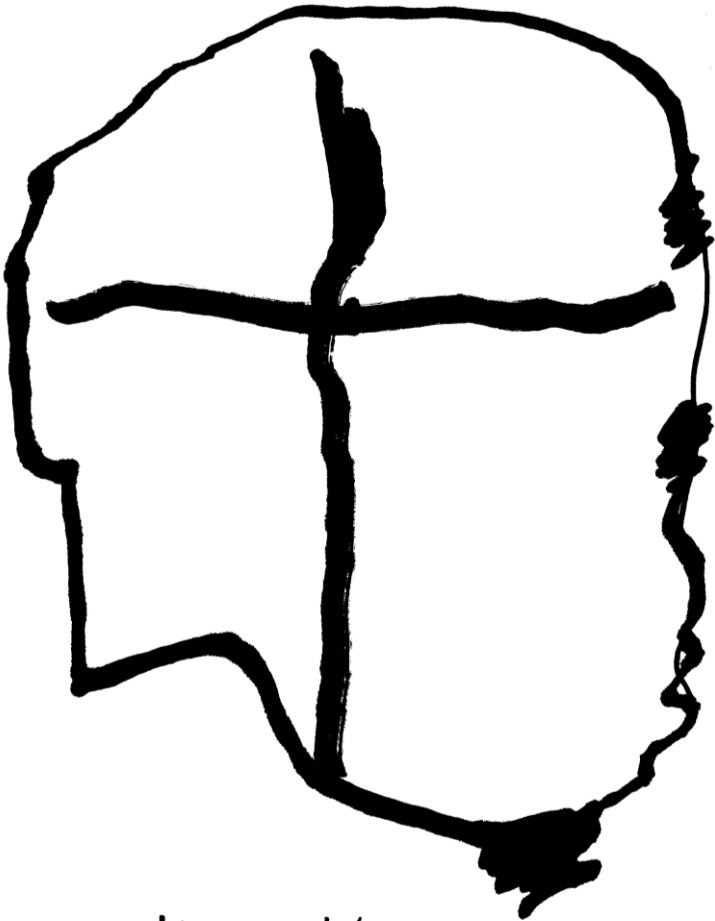
Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church
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**Freewill donations to benefit Unity Lutheran School's
 Music Department**

A light reception will follow the concert.

Connected To Christ:

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



Kolbie Koen