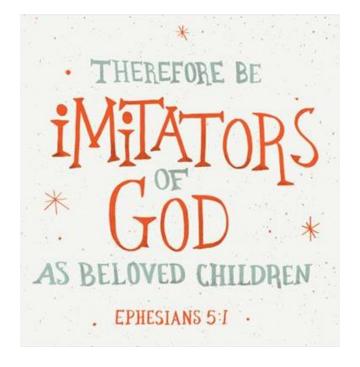


IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Saturday, August 17, 2024 – 5:30 p.m. Sunday, August 18, 2024 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

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 / Bells / Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, LSB 794, "The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

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,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- 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.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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 111:1-5,9; antiphon: v. 10)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,

studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;

he remembers his covenant forever.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

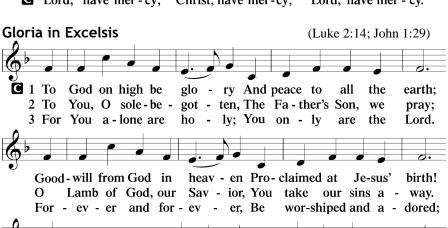
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!



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



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing-Have mer - cv 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.

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...

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through 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, Proverbs 9:1-10

¹Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, ⁴"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says, ⁵"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight." ⁷Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. ⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. ⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

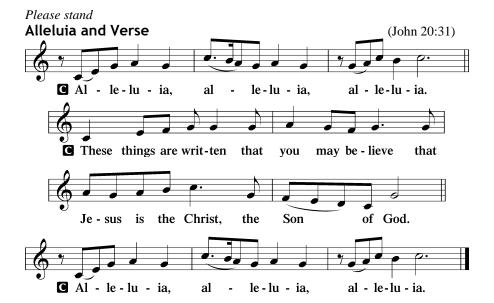
Epistle Reading, Ephesians 5:6-21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is

exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

After the reading:

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel, John 6:51-69

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵¹[Jesus said:] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is

true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. 57As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? 62Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) 65And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." ⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

After the reading:

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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 \pm everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, LSB 602, "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives"

Sermon, "Use your time like this...." Ephesians 5:1, 8b

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- (Special petitions...) Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- 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 956, "Create in Me"

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



■ 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

The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

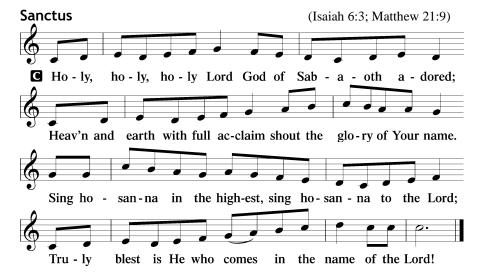
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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:



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.

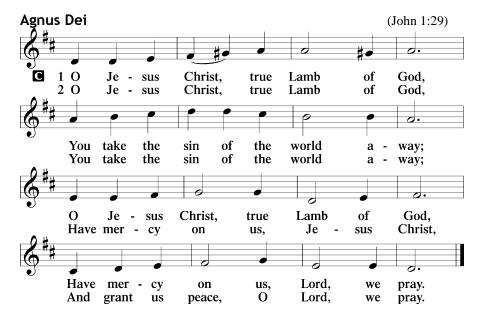
Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

The Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

(John 20:19)

C Amen.



Please be seated

Distribution

LSB 712, "Seek Ye First"

LSB 526, "You Are the Way, through You Alone"

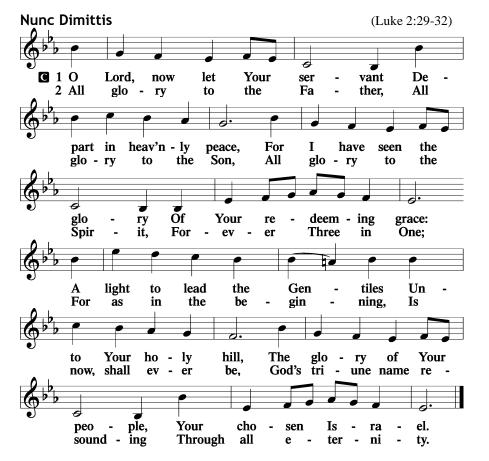
LSB 632, "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now...Go in peace.

C Amen.



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)

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.

 \mathbf{C} Amen.

Closing Hymn, LSB 813, "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

Bells / Postlude

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Worship Helpers

Saturday, August 17, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs Server - Howard Shive Altar Guild - Diana Heins

Sunday, August 18, 2024 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs Server - Alex Voges

Acolytes - Olivia Rusteberg & Mason Wilhelm Ushers - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Chase Richey, Jakson Gregory

Media - Reagan Wilhelm

Sunday, August 18, 2024 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs Server - Rodney Clamors & Jason Valerius

Acolytes - Logan Kettler & Michael Evers Ushers - Cal Neeman, Jeriah Fink

Ushers - Sunday, August 25, 2024 7:45 a.m. - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Maddy Prather

10:15 a.m. - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer

Acolytes - Sunday, August 25, 2024 Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Jakson Gregory

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Liam Garner & Nolan Prather Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Myla & Henry Eggemeyer

Servers - Sunday, August 25, 2024 Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cal Neeman Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow & Doug Simms

Media - Sunday, August 25, 2024 Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Tyler Major

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Ashlyn Whelan Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Ayda Eggemeyer Organist - Justin Tayon Acolyte - Audrey Braun Media - Loralei Griffin

Music Director - Ann Frank Lector - Daniel Niemeyer Altar Guild - Pam Nagel

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Viola - Greg Badger

Altar Guild - Carol Kassel Media/Facebook Live - Keaton Roberts

Lectors - Sunday, August 25, 2024 Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Bob Polansky Altar Guild - Sunday, August 25, 2024 Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cally Killian

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara Altes Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Susan Hargrave

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