



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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## Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



**Saturday, November 9, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, November 10, 2024 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.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.*

**Preservice Music** [10:15 a.m. – Choir Anthem, “O Lord, I Love the Habitation of Your House” (M. Bender)]

## Bells

### Welcome / Greeting

*Please stand*

**Opening Hymn, LSB 732, “All Depends on Our Possessing”**

*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])

### Opening Sentences

(Psalm 122:1; Hebrews 9:15)

**P** I was glad when they said to me,

**C** **“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**

**P** Christ Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant,

**C** **so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

### Confession and Absolution

(Hebrews 9:22, 26b)

**P** Scripture says, “under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. . . . But Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” Let us prepare to receive forgiveness and cleansing from God our Savior by confessing our need and repentance of our sin.

**C** **Lord God, we come before You this day seeking Your mercy and grace for the forgiveness of our sins and the cleansing of our lives. We confess to You all our sins, both the wrong we have done as well as the love we have withheld and the good we have failed to do for others. Lord, have mercy on us.**

**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**+ Service of the Word +**

**Introit of the Day**

(Psalm 107:1-2, 41-42; antiphon: v. 8)

Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,

**for His wondrous works to the children of men!**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

**for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

**whom He has redeemed from trouble.**

He raises up the needy out of affliction

**and makes their families like flocks.**

The upright see it and are glad,

**and all wickedness shuts its mouth.**

**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.**

Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,

**for His wondrous works to the children of men!**

**Hymn of Praise, “Lord, Be Glorified”**

All God's People Sing #165. CCLI License #1102860.

**In my life Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.**

**In my life Lord, Be glorified today.**

**In my song Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.**

**In my song Lord, Be glorified today.**

**In Your church Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.**

**In Your church Lord, Be glorified today.**

**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** Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; 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*

(10:15 a.m.) **Choir Anthem**, “Equip Us for Your Service, Lord” (K.T. Kosche)

### **Old Testament Reading**, 1 Kings 17:8-16

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.” <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Epistle**, Hebrews 9:24-28

<sup>24</sup>For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Verse**

(2 Corinthians 8:9)

**P** Alleluia, alleluia!

**C** **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**P** You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich. Alleluia.

**C** **Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Holy Gospel, Mark 12:38-44**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>38</sup>In his teaching [Jesus] said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces <sup>39</sup>and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, <sup>40</sup>who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” <sup>41</sup>And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. <sup>43</sup>And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. <sup>44</sup>For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

**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 738, “Lord of All Hopefulness”**

**Sermon**, “The Radical Essence of GRACE”--- based on 1 Kings 17:8/Mark 12:44c

*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  $\dagger$  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.**

*Please be seated*

**Offering** (*During the Saturday service, please place your offering and attendance card in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.*)

*Please stand*

### 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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a

cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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.

### The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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)

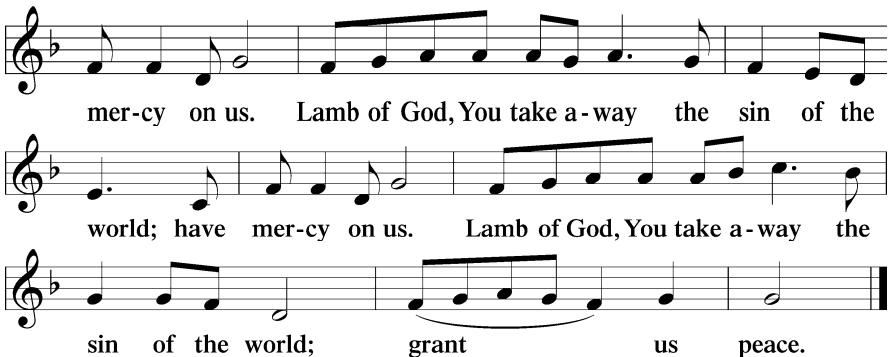
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

### Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



*Please be seated*

### **Distribution**

LSB 527, "O Savior, Precious Savior"

LSB 703, "How Can I Thank You, Lord?"

*Please stand*

### **Dismissal**

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

**C** Amen.

### **Post-Communion Canticle**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's

body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Benediction**

(Numbers 6:24-26)

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**Closing Hymn, LSB 922, “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

### **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, November 9, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Diana Heins

**Sunday, November 10, 2024 - 7:45 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server/Lector - Don Birrittier

Acolytes - Tyler Major & Kennedy Filipiak

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

**Sunday, November 10, 2024 - 10:15 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Servers - Alex Voges & Jason Valerius

Acolytes - Rosie Fink & Brielle Fink

Ushers - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan, Cal Neeman

Media/Facebook Live - Cathy Whelan & AJ Helms

**Ushers - Sunday, November 17, 2024**

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

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

**Acolytes - Sunday, November 17, 2024**

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Mason Wilhelm & Olivia Rusteberg

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Brady Drewes & Will Hanks

**Servers - Sunday, November 17, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cal Neeman

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Alex Voges

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow & Rodney Clamors

**Media - Sunday, November 17, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Clark Deptula

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Reagan Wilhelm

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Nash Bradley

Organist - Joan Ruwald

Acolyte - Audrey Braun

Media - Will Hanks

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Pam Nagel

Media - Carson Filipiak

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

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Daniel Niemeyer

Altar Guild - Carol Kassel

**Lectors - Sunday, Nov. 17, 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, Nov. 17, 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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