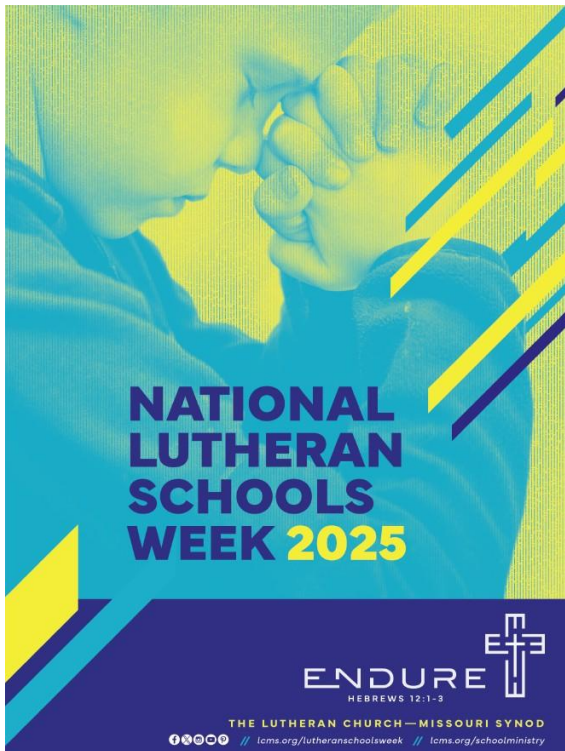




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Lutheran Schools Week



Sunday, February 2, 2025 –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 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

Bells

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 367, “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Please be seated

Preschool Songs (The Butterfly Song, Our Class Motto, Doxology, Good-Bye Song)

Please stand

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 71:1-6; antiphon: v. 12)

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame!

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me, and save me!

Be to me a rock of refuge,

to which I may continually come;

you have given the command to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

For you, O Lord, are my hope,

my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from before my birth;

you are he who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

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.

Hymn of Praise, "Father, I Adore You"

All God's People Sing #94. CCLI License #1102860.

**Father, I adore You,
Lay my life before You.
How I love You;**

**Jesus, I adore You,
Lay my life before You.
How I love You;**

**Spirit, I adore You,
Lay my life before You.
How I love You.**

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 God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading, Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.” ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, 1 Corinthians 12:31b—13:13

I will show you a still more excellent way. ¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Luke 4:31-44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

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

³¹[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. ³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. ⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. ⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

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

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

Hymn of the Day, "Someone Special"

- 1 Someone Special, I know who:
 That Someone, my God is You!
 Who could make a world like this
 And a heaven full of bliss,
 Someone special I must be,
 Since You made it all for me!**
- 2 Someone Special, that You are,
 To create the Christmas Star,
 Heralding the Savior's birth,
 Bringing peace and joy to earth.
 Someone special I must be,
 Since You made that Star for me!**
- 3 Someone Special, who would give
 His own Son that all might live,
 And by Him would set us free
 From all sin and misery.
 Someone special I must be,
 Since You gave Your Son for me!**
- 4 Someone Special, who would send
 His good Spirit for a Friend,
 Faith Creator, Light and Guide,
 Always standing at my side.
 Someone special I must be,
 Since You gave that Gift to me!**
- 5 Someone Special—God and man,
 You were there when I began,
 You'll be there when I depart,
 For You live within my heart.
 Someone special—now I see,
 That someone is really me.**

Sermon, "the most excellent...way"-----based on 1 Corinthians 12:31b

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

Please stand

Offertory, LSB 588, “Jesus Loves Me”

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt. Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68. Text and tune: Public domain

- 1 Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain**

*Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.*

- 2 Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven’s gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Let His little child come in. Refrain**

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.**

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 924, “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your 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.

Worship Helpers

Sunday, February 2, 2025 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Rodney Clamors

Media/Facebook Live - Will Hanks & Lisa Clamors

Acolytes - Rosie Fink & Brielle Fink

Ushers - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Chase Richey

Ushers - Sunday, February 9, 2025

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

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

Acolytes - Sunday, February 9, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Lorelei Griffin

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Henry Eggemeyer & Tyler Major

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Kennedy Filipiak & Olivia Simms

Servers - Sunday, February 9, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cal Neeman

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Alex Voges & Doug Simms

Media - Sunday, February 9, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Clark Deptula

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Ayda Eggemeyer

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Carson Filipiak & Nash Bradley

Lectors - Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer

Altar Guild - Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cally Killian

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Linda Gutknecht

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Come explore The Bible with us!

Jesus
in the
Old Testament:
The Book
of Isaiah

Isaiah Sees the Glory of Jesus
Sunday, Jan. 19
Presenter: Rev. Terry Grebing, Retired

The Servant of the Lord, Song 1
Tuesday, Jan. 21
Presenter: Rev. Scott Hohnacki, Timothy LC, Reed Bud

The Servant of the Lord, Song 2
Sunday, Jan. 26
Presenter: Rev. Tony Troup, Retired

The Servant of the Lord, Song 3
Tuesday, Jan. 28
Presenter: Rev. Rodney Benkenbort, Hanover LC, Cape Girardeau, MO

The Servant of the Lord, Song 4
Sunday, Feb. 2
Presenter: Rev. Stephen Krenz, St. Paul's LC, Columbia

Jesus Reveals Himself as the Servant of the Lord
Tuesday, Feb. 4
Presenter: Rev. John Lukomski, Retired

Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

St. John's - Ruma
8446 1st Rd., Ruma

Light refreshments served.

Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

St. Peter's - Evansville
900 Church St., Evansville

Light refreshments served.

All are welcome!
No cost to attend!

Follow us on Facebook for updates!

For more information, please contact Nathan Koester at 618-528-2395.

Sunday, February 23rd

YOUTH GROUP

**ESCAPE
ROOM
Fundraiser**

Immanuel Lutheran Church
502 S. Church St.
Waterloo

6-10 sleuths, all ages
welcome
(Age 10+ with no adults)
55 minute limit
12-7:30 p.m.
Choose your time!
\$50 for the **WHOLE
GROUP!**

Reserve a Room -
Use QR Code or call
618.939.6480
Challenge others!
Concessions
available.



**FEB 2
11:30 A.M.**

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

NEW MEMBER

POTLUCK

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

**LAST NAME A-M -- DESSERT
LAST NAME N-Z -- SIDE/SALAD**

**MEAT, BREAD & DRINKS PROVIDED
ENJOY GOOD FOOD & GREAT FELLOWSHIP!**



**HOSTED BY THE BOARD
OF COMMUNITY CARE**

**MEET OUR
NEWEST
MEMBERS!**

Super Bowl Snacks

Road Trips

**Snack at work
or home**

**Peanuts! Get
Your Peanuts
Here!**

\$5 per bag

*Available for sale after each
service in February. Cash or check.*

**Each bag includes a
Free Appetizer Card
for TR (\$8.99 value)!**



Supports our youth attending the National Youth Gathering in July!

Preschool Student of the Week
February 3-7, 2025

Jesus, Founder and Perfecter of our Faith
HIS love endures forever!
Heb. 12:1-3



Hadley Haare