



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



Saturday, February 1, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 2, 2025 – 7:45 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])

Confession and Absolution

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, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.**

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, “Someone Special”

- 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

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.

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, 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,
Lest His little child come in. Refrain**

✠ 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)



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)

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)

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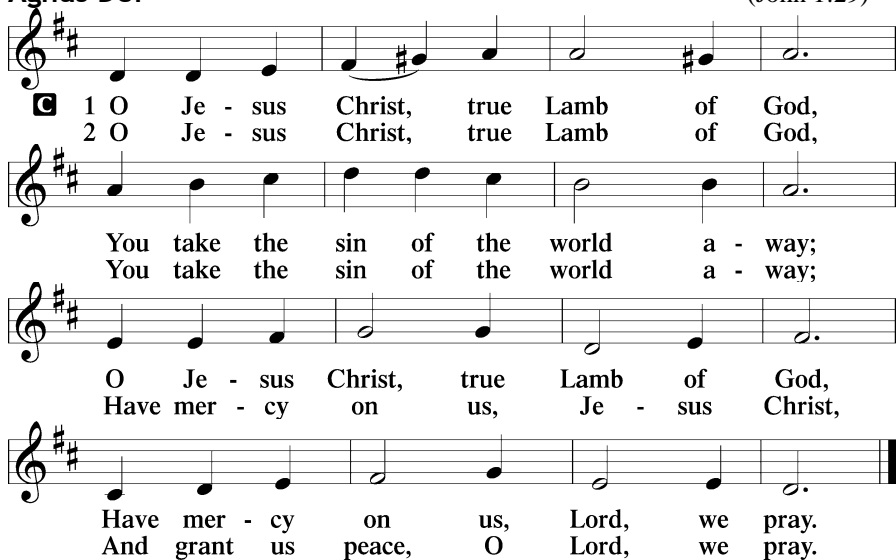
(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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 374, "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

LSB 544, "O Love, How Deep"

Please stand

Dismissal

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

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry seen to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light as 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 -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

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

Saturday, February 1, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Greg Wiegand

Altar Guild - Diana Heins

Organist - Justin Tayon

Acolyte - Audrey Braun

Media - Gwen Wiegand

Sunday, February 2, 2025 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Alex Voges

Acolytes - Jakson & Jase Gregory

Altar Guild - Pam Nagel

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Daniel Niemeyer

Media - Olivia Rusteberg

Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier, Mason Wilhelm

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, Trinity LC, Red 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 Barkendorf, 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.

Follow us on Facebook for updates!
For more information, please contact Nathan Koester at 618-528-2395.

**All are welcome!
No cost to attend!**

**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

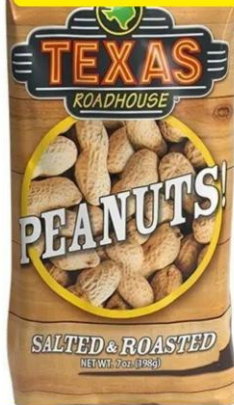
**Snack at work
or home**

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

Peanuts! Get Your Peanuts Here!

\$5 per bag

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



Supports our youth attending the National Youth Gathering in July!

Sunday, February 23rd

YOUTH GROUP

ESCAPE ROOM

Fundraiser

Immanuel Lutheran Church
522 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
618.938.6480
Challenge others!
Concessions
available.



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