



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

"From dust you are and to dust you shall return."

ASH WEDNESDAY

I AM the Bread of Life ... you are filled ...

MARCH 5, 2025
9:00 A.M.
6:30 P.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.

Divine Service, Setting Four

(*Lutheran Service Book*, pg. 203)

Preservice Music (6:30 p.m. – Choir Anthem, “On My Heart Imprint Your Image,” arr J. Melby)

Bells

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 424, “O Christ, You Walked the Road”

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

Imposition of Ashes

Ashes have been a symbol of contrition since biblical times: “I repent in dust and ashes” (Job 42:6b). They are also vivid reminders of mortality: “For dust you are and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19). Therefore the imposition of ashes has been a fitting beginning for the season of Lent. Ashes usually consist of the remains of the previous Palm Sunday's burned palms, and are applied to the forehead in the sign of the cross. Although powerfully speaking the law (contrition and mortality), ashes also speak the Gospel—applied in the shape of the cross, where sin and death were conquered, and we are cleansed of our sin.

✠ **Confession and Absolution** ✠

Please stand

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

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.**

(Psalm 130:3-4)

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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. (Luke 18:13)

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 51:1-3, 10-12; antiphon: v. 17)

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is ever before me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,

and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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 sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)



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

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 everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; 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

(6:30 p.m.) **Choir Anthem**, “Hear Us, Holy Jesus,” arr. J. Melby

First Reading, Psalm 78:1-4, 23-25

¹Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! ²I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, ³things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. ⁴We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. ²³Yet he commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven, ²⁴and he rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven. ²⁵Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Lenten Verse

(Joel 2:13)

C Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel, John 6:25-40

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe

in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

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

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 636 v. 1, 4, 6, 8, “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
 Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
 Come into the daylight’s splendor,
 There with joy your praises render.
 Bless the One whose grace unbounded
 This amazing banquet founded;
 He, though heav’nly, high, and holy,
 Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
 Over this surpassing wonder
 That the bread of life is boundless
 Though the souls it feeds are countless:
 With the choicest wine of heaven
 Christ's own blood to us is given.
 Oh, most glorious consolation,
 Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven,
 For our good, Your glory, given.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

Sermon, "I AM the Bread of Life. . . You are filled" based on John 6:35

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 9:00 a.m. service, please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the narthex.*) [6:30 p.m. – Choir Anthem, “Keep the Feast” (Peterson/Shive)]

Please stand

Offertory, LSB 774, “Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy”

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Feed Thy chil-dren, God most ho-ly; Com-fort sin-ners
poor and low-ly. O Thou Bread of Life from heav-en, Bless the
food Thou here hast giv-en! As these gifts the bod-y nour-ish,
May our souls in grac-es flour-ish Till with saints in
heav'n-ly splen-dor At Thy feast due thanks we ren-der.

✠ 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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)

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)

Pax Domini

(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)

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 618, "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

"Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)"

LSB 625, "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this... Go in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

(Luke 2:29-32)

1 O Lord, now let to 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 I glo - ry seen 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, 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



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.



Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction



Let us bless the Lord.

(Psalm 103:1)



Thanks be to God.



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.



Amen.

Closing Hymn, *LSB* 829, "Christ the Eternal Lord"

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

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Bob Polansky

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Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Barbara Altes

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

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Server - Jason Valerius

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Love and the Law

Loving all our neighbors and following both Godly and human law

Rev Stephen Heimer
All Nations Ministry
Lutheran Church--
Missouri Synod

Trinity Lutheran Church
503 E Washington St
Millstadt, Illinois
Saturday, March 15- 9am-noon

Join Southern Illinois Circuit 6 for a workshop on immigration and Christian living on **Saturday, March 15, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Millstadt.** Rev Stephen Heimer, manager of All Nations Ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, will present about how we, as Lutheran Christians, live in the reality of loving our neighbors like Jesus has called us to do and encouraging all people to live under God’s Law and human laws. Immigration policy and loving our neighbors sometimes creates confusing situations for Christians, and Rev Heimer will help us consider these important and timely topics. **The workshop will begin with a prayer service at 9am and will conclude at noon.** *An offering will be taken for the St Louis ministry Christian Friends of New Americans.*

Guest Speaker - Rev Stephen Heimer

Rev Stephen Heimer is currently serving as the LCMS manager of All Nations Ministry. Before that, he served as a parish pastor for 13 years on the border in Texas, serving a combination of Americans and immigrants. He cared for immigrants, armed forces members, customs and border agents, and all other backgrounds. He also cared for people on both sides of the border and provided chapel services at detention centers along the border.

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March 12—Pizza & salad—hosted by Girl Scouts

March 19—Soups & salads—hosted by the Women's Christian Ministry

March 26—Sloppy Joe's & hot dogs—hosted by the Immanuel QTs

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2025 - 2026

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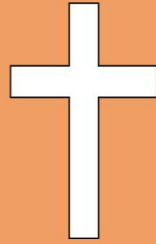
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MARCH 5 - APRIL 20, 2025

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3/12: Midweek-- "IAM the Light of the World...you are my beacons" --John 8:12

3/19: Midweek-- "IAM the Gate...you are saved" --John 10:10

3/26: Midweek-- "IAM the Good Shepherd....you are protected" --John 10:14, 28

4/2: Midweek-- "IAM the Way, the Truth, and the Life....you are Mine" --John 14:6

4/9: Midweek-- "IAM the True Vine....you are My disciples" --John 15:8

*****Midweek services at 6:30 p.m.***

Holy Week:

4/13: Palm Sunday-- "IAM the King.....you are My heirs"

4/17: Maundy Thursday "IAM the Sacrifice.....you are forgiven"

4/18: Good Friday; Service of Tenebrae--- "IAM Stricken, Smitten and
Afflicted....you are Redeemed"

4/20: Easter Sunday--- IAM the Resurrection and the Life....you are a living
testimony"