



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS



Wednesday, March 26, 2025
6:30 p.m.

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel! If you are a guest, please fill out a visitor's card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew. Please place this card in the offering plate in the narthex. As you leave, please introduce yourself to the pastor.

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out one of our attendance cards. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church—it helps us keep good records.

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

OPENING HYMN, LSB 543, “What Wondrous Love Is This”

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 VERSICLES

(Psalm 23)

P: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

P: He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

C: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

C: I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

All: 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, LSB 740, “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

Please be seated

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

EZEKIEL 34:11-16. ¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN, LSB 392 v. 1-2, “God Loves Me Dearly”

JOHN 10:11-18. ¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I

know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN, LSB 392 v. 3-5, “God Loves Me Dearly”

+ CATECHISM +

Please stand

TEN COMMANDMENTS

(Exodus 20:2-17)

C: **You shall have no other gods. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

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.

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.

Please be seated

SERMON HYMN, *LSB* 711, "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

SERMON, John 10:10, "I AM the Good Shepherd ... you are
protected" based on John 10:14, 28

OFFERING *(There will be no offering gathered during the service, but
please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the
narthex.)*

Please stand

PRAYER

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our
heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered
throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the
Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the
Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the
common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth,
let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

C: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE WORD

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

BLESSING

(Psalm 103:1)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN, LSB 544, “O Love, How Deep”

BELLS / POSTLUDE

Worship Helpers

Pastor – Rev. Brian Downs

Music Director – Mrs. Ann Frank

Ushers – Dusty Dethrow, Davin Dethrow, Collin Dethrow, Jacob Dethrow

Acolytes – Everly Dethrow & Myla Eggemeyer

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MISSION QUILT TYING DAY



Sunday, March 30, 2025

11:30 am - 4:00 pm

Multipurpose Room

Lunch & snacks provided

**Our Mission for 2025... To provide a quilt to each student at Unity
Lutheran Elementary School in East St. Louis.**

Join Immanuel's QTs for a fun day of mission work tying quilts, cutting blocks, and other projects to help support their 2025 mission project.

Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend to help us prepare. Walk-ins are certainly welcome as well!

All ages welcome.
No experience needed.
Hope to see you then!