



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Saturday, April 5, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 6, 2025 – 7:45 a.m. & 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 [7:45 a.m. – Organ Selection (Ava Hemmer), “Prelude No. 1” (J. Bender); 10:15 a.m. – Piano Selection (Ashlyn Whelan), “Sonatina in F” (D. Alexander)]

Bells / Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 644, “The Church’s One Foundation”

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

(Isaiah 43:1; Psalm 126:3)

P But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, . . . “Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

C **I have called you by name, you are Mine.”**

P The LORD has done great things for us;

C **we are glad.**

Confession and Absolution

(Isaiah 43:1, adapt.)

P As the Lord God delivered His chosen people from Egyptian slavery through the sea yet on dry ground, and as He delivered His chosen people from their captivity in Babylon of old, so has He now delivered His chosen people to this day from slavery to sin and death through the cross and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Remembering that your Holy Baptism is still a present reality today, let us return to the Lord our God in true repentance and faith.

C **Lord God, we confess that we have sinned against You and have fallen back into our old ways of neglecting You and our love for our neighbor. Create a new heart and spirit within us and make us to be Your new creation by faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live under Him and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness both today and forever.**

P But now thus says the Lord, He who created you and formed you, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God to all of 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 3:3-6; antiphon: v. 8)

Salvation belongs to the LORD;

Your blessing be on Your people!

But You, O LORD, are a shield about me,

my glory, and the lifter of my head.

I cried aloud to the LORD,

and He answered me from His holy hill.

I lay down and slept;

I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

I will not be afraid of many thousands of people

who have set themselves against me all around.

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.

Salvation belongs to the LORD;

Your blessing be on Your people!

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, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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, Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to

my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Luke 20:9-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What

then is this that is written: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?’ ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

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* 430 v. 1-3, “My Song Is Love Unknown”

Sermon, “The Parable of the Wicked Tenants: The harshness of God’s Hand....reveals the gentle, compassionate mercy of His Heart”---- based on Luke 20:9-18

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 430 v. 4-7, “My Song Is Love Unknown”

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.*) [7:45 a.m. – Organ Selection (Ava Hemmer), “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (setting W. Held); 10:15 a.m. – Piano Selection (Ashlyn Whelan), “Minuet in G Minor” (Petzold/Monell)]

Please stand

Offertory, LSB 767, “Jesus, Remember Me” (2 Timothy 2:8,11-13)

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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(Repeat once)

✠ 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)



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)

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.**

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 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

(7:45 a.m.) Organ Selection (Ava Hemmer), “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (setting K. Hildebrand)

(10:15 a.m.) Piano Selection (Ashlyn Whelan), “Be Still My Soul/Finlandia,” arr. Sibeling/Monell

LSB 909, “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

LSB 426, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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 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

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

P We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have made us Your own people, a new creation in Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His body and blood You have strengthened our faith, thus enabling us to tell forth Your praises. Enlighten our paths and guide our steps that we may live according to Your gracious will in faithfulness to You and love for 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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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* 912, "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

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, April 5, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Greg Wiegand

Altar Guild - Cally Killian

Organist - Justin Tayon

Acolyte - Audrey Braun

Media - Clark Deptula

Sunday, April 6, 2025 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server/Lector - Warren Frank

Acolytes - Mason Wilhelm & AJ Helms

Ushers - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Debbie Olsson

Media - Olivia Rusteberg

Sunday, April 6, 2025 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Servers - Dusty Dethrow & Rodney Clamors

Acolytes - Henry Eggemeyer & Tyler Major

Ushers - Jason Valerius, Trinity Drewes, Jeriah Fink, Brielle Fink

Media/Facebook Live - Ayda Eggemeyer

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Joyce McDaniel

Worship Helpers - Wednesday, April 9, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Masson Fink

Acolytes - Kennedy Filipiak & Olivia Simms

Media/Facebook Live - Will Hanks

Ushers - Sunday, April 13, 2025

7:45 a.m. - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Maddy Prather

10:15 a.m. - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel

Acolytes - Sunday, April 13, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Loralei Griffin

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

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Brady Drewes & Logan Kettler

Servers - Sunday, April 13, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier

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

Media - Sunday, April 13, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Tyler Major

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Cathy Whelan

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Nash Bradley

Lectors - Sunday, April 13, 2025

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer

Altar Guild - Sunday, April 13, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Marilyn Collette

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Amy Kolweier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Carol Kassel

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Preschool Students of the Week
April 7-11, 2025

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



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