



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

**IAM the True Vine ...
you are My
disciples.**

based on John 15:8



Midweek Lent 5

**Wednesday, April 9, 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 / GREETING

OPENING HYMN, LSB 611, “Chief of Sinners, Though I Be”

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

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

P: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

P: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C: He was bruised for our iniquities.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

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 434, “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

Please be seated

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 14:23-31. ²³Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me. ²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

JOHN 15:1-9. ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may

bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

+ 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, "In Christ Alone" (*Words on the screens.*)

SERMON, "I AM the True Vine ... you are My disciples" based on John 15:8

HYMN OF RESPONSE, *LSB* 427, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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: 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.

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 919, “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

BELLS / POSTLUDE

Worship Helpers

Pastor – Rev. Brian Downs

Music Director – Mrs. Ann Frank

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

Acolytes – Kennedy Filipiak & Olivia Simms

Media/Facebook Live – Will Hanks



IAM... +

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

MARCH 5 - APRIL 20, 2025

you are...

3/5: Ash Weds 9 AM & 6:30-- "IAM the Bread of Life...you are filled" --John 6:35
3/12: Midweek-- "IAM the Light of the World...you are my reflections" --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

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"

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