



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

The Ascension of Our Lord
Seventh Sunday of Easter



Saturday, May 31, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 1, 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 [10:15 a.m. – Agape Ringers, “Be Glad and Rejoice” (J.W. Kerr)]

Bells

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 495, “Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious”

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 (Acts 1:6, 11; Luke 24:46-47; Ephesians 1:22-23)

P Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?

C **Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?**

P It is written, that the Christ should suffer

C **and on the third day rise from the dead,**

P and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations.

C **God gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body.**

Confession and Absolution

(1 John 1:8-9)

P Let us confess our sins to our gracious God.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P God did not leave us devoid of power and love. Christ ascended to His throne above but is with us still. The Holy Spirit did not give us faith for a short time but is with us throughout our time on earth. Your sins were forgiven by the death of Christ on the cross and by His glorious resurrection.

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.



Amen. Thanks be to God.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 110:1. 4-5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5)

God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,

until I make your enemies your footstool.”

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

The Lord is at your right hand;

he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

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.

God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Hymn of Praise, *LSB* 537, “Beautiful Savior”

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

(10:15 a.m.) **Agape Ringers**, “As the Deer” (setting P. S. Cota)

First Reading, Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance

in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Verse

(Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b)

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.

P Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

C Alleluia.

Holy Gospel, Luke 24:44-53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, LSB 828, “We Are Called to Stand Together”

Sermon, “The ‘why’ in Jesus--- the immeasurable greatness of His power”--- based on Ephesians 1:19

Please stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Christ has ascended to the Father but is with us in power to continue the mission of the church, the Body of Christ. Let us pray for people everywhere.

For the whole church, witness to the risen and ascended Christ,

C that we all proclaim His victory over sin and death;

P for all who proclaim the Gospel,

C that they announce the promise of a new heaven and a new earth;

P and for all who have just come to faith,

C that the Spirit enable them to understand the fullness of Christ's love. Lord have mercy.

- P** For the nations of the world and all relief agencies,
C **that God guide them in seeking peace and cooperation;**
P for all who work in business and all who help the downtrodden
 and distressed,
C **that they provide all that is needed in food, clothing, and
 shelter;**
P and for continued scientific research,
C **that we may utilize the bounty of God's good creation. Lord,
 have mercy.**
P For favorable weather,
C **that we may praise God for recreation, leisure, and the
 growth of crops;**
P for all who suffer, [*including . . .*], that God provide relief where it
 fits His plans for them,
C **and that we may be part of His answer to prayer;**
P for this congregation and all who work with us,
C **that we rededicate ourselves to the mission of our ascended
 Lord. Lord, have mercy.**
P Into Your hands we entrust ourselves and all for whom we pray;
 through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

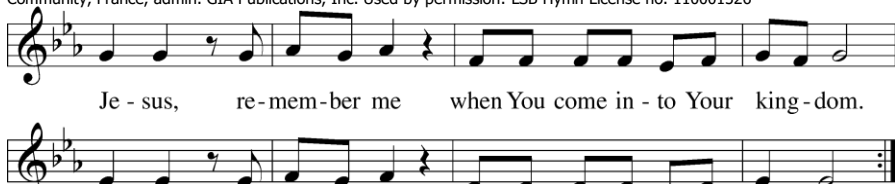
Please be seated

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

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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

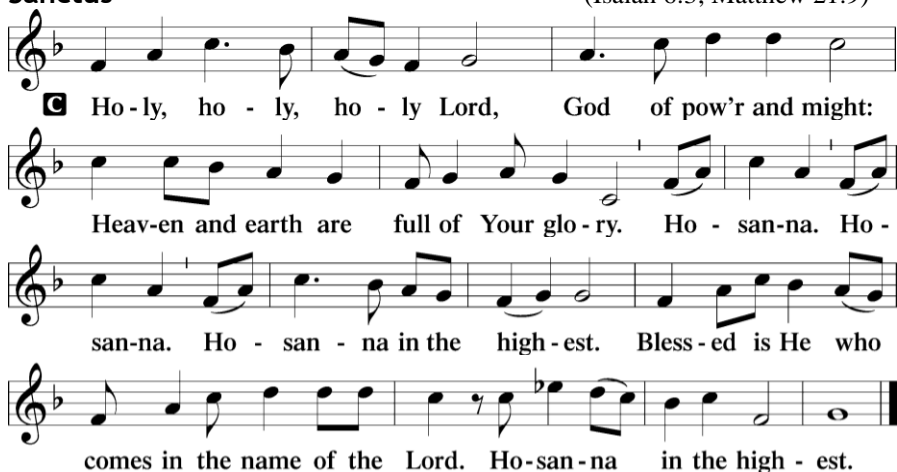
- P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine 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 pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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)

Pax Domini

(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



Please stand

Dismissal

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

C Amen.

Post-Communion Cantic



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Prayer

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* 493, "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

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, May 31, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Cally Killian

Organist - Sarah Koester

Acolyte - Audrey Braun

Media - Liam Garner

Sunday, June 1, 2025 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Alex Voges

Acolytes - Myla & Henry Eggemeyer

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Debbie Olsson

Media - Ayda Eggemeyer

Ushers - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Chase Richey, Jakson Gregory

Sunday, June 1, 2025 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Servers - Doug Simms & Jason Valerius

Acolytes - Logan Kettler & Brady Drewes

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Daniel Niemeyer

Altar Guild - Carol Kassel

Ushers - Dusty Dethrow, Davin Dethrow, Collin Dethrow, Jacob Dethrow

Media/Facebook Live - Nash Bradley

Ushers - Sunday, June 8, 2025

7:45 a.m. - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench

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

Acolytes - Sunday, June 8, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Kennedy Filipiak

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Jakson & Jase Gregory

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rosie & Brielle Fink

Servers - Sunday, June 8, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Greg Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Warren Frank & Dusty Dethrow

Media - Sunday, June 8, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Gwen Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Olivia Rusteberg

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - AJ Helms & Will Hanks

Lectors - Sunday, June 8, 2025

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Warren Frank

Altar Guild - Sunday, June 8, 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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