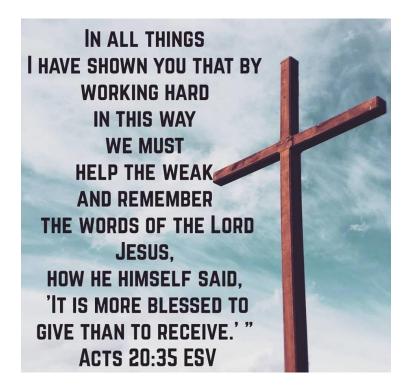


# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

## Fourth Sunday of Easter *Mothers' Day*



Saturday, May 10, 2025 – 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 11, 2025 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

#### 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** [7:45 a.m. – Agape Ringers, "Sheep May Safely Graze," arr. by M. L. Thompson]

#### Bells

#### Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, LSB 821, "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

#### Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

#### ▼ Confession and Absolution ▼

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(Psalm 124:8; 30:3-4)

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **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.
- 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.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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 78:70-72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b) I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.

With upright heart he shepherded them

and guided them with his skillful hand.

But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever:

from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

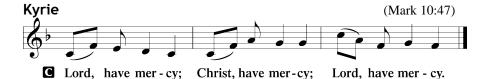
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning.

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

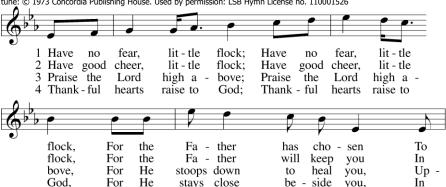
I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.



## **Hymn of Praise,** *LSB* 735, "Have No Fear, Little Flock" Text (sts. 2–4): Marjorie A. Jillson, 1931–2010. Text (st. 1) and tune: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, 1930–2022. Text and

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#### 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.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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

(7:45 a.m.) **Agape Ringers,** "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart," arr. by J. A. Behnke

(10:15 a.m.) **Sunday School Anthem,** "Feed My Lambs" (N. Sleeth) [3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades]

#### First Reading, Acts 20:17-35

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup> for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

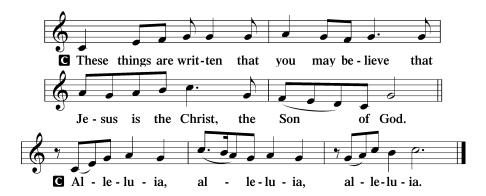
- This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Epistle,** Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" 14I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15" Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.





Holy Gospel, John 10:22-30

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You. O Christ.

#### Apostles' Creed

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  $\pm$  everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

(10:15 a.m.) **Sunday School Anthem,** "Father, I Adore You" and "Thank You, God, for Family" [Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grades]

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

**Hymn of the Day,** *LSB* 709, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

**Sermon,** "It is more blessed to give...than receive" ---based on Acts 20:35

Please stand

#### Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- (Special petitions...) Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- 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.)

Please stand

Offertory, LSB 806, "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

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Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. (Repeat once)

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat once)

Give thanks, give thanks.

#### ★ 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**

The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

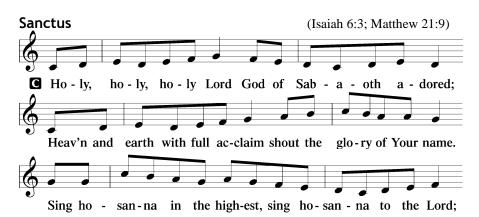
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### **Proper Preface**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:





Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

#### The Lord's Prayer

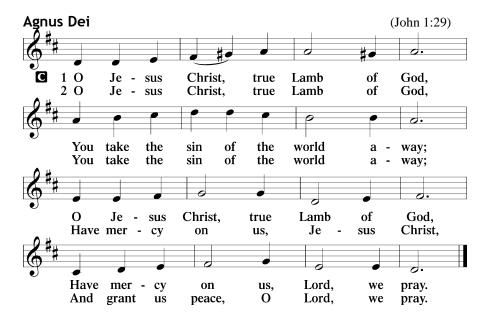
(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.



#### Please be seated

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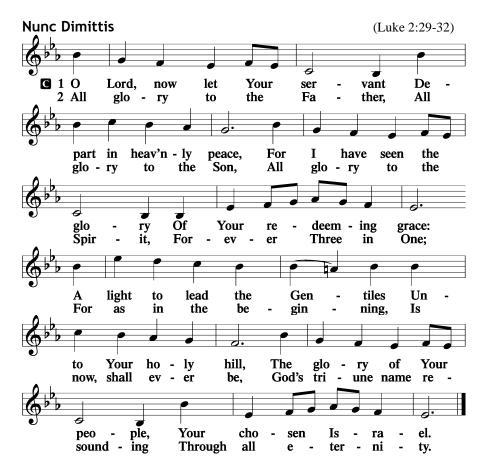
LSB 711, "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" LSB 683, "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

#### Please stand

#### Dismissal

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

C Amen.



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**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.

#### Benedicamus and Benediction

P 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.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn, LSB 710, "The Lord's My Shepherd"

#### 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 10, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors Altar Guild - Marilyn Collette

Sunday, May 11, 2025 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs Server/Lector - Warren Frank Acolytes - Rosie & Brielle Fink

Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier, Mason Wilhelm

Sunday, May 11, 2025 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs Server - Alex Voges & Dusty Dethrow Acolytes - Tyler Major & Kennedy Filipiak

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

Media/Facebook Live - Carson Filipiak

Ushers - Sunday, May 18, 2025

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

10:15 a.m. - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan, Cal Neeman

Acolytes - Sunday, May 18, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Gwen & Kenzie Wiegand Sunday 7:45 a.m. - AJ Helms & Nolan Prather Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Olivia Simms & Jase Gregory

Servers - Sunday, May 18, 2025 Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Greg Wiegand Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Jason Valerius

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors & Dusty Dethrow

Media - Sunday, May 18, 2025
Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Melissa Wiegand
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don/Gina Birrittier
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Ashlyn & Cathy Whelan

Organist - Joan Ruwald Acolyte - Loralei Griffin Media - Lisa Clamors

Music Director - Ann Frank Altar Guild - Amy Kolweier

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Music Director - Ann Frank Lector - Daniel Niemeyer Altar Guild - Carol Kassel

Lectors - Sunday, May 18, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors **Altar Guild - Sunday, May 18, 2025** Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Pam Nagel Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Susan Hargrave

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## SUNDAY, JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> 1:15 P.M.

## \$30 PER TICKET

Each ticket includes a free hot dog & soda! Free giveaways for everyone - Adults & Children!

<u>For tickets</u>: Order forms are in the weekly bulletins and in the April & May newsletters, or contact Lisa Clamors directly. First come, first serve. Limited tickets available.

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Cardinals Game' Tickets Order Form Sunday, July 13, 2025 – 1:15 pm	
Name	Phone
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I would like to order	tickets for the July 13th Cardinals game!
Included in my order, I v	vill need handicap seats, if possible.
Total due = \$30.00 x Checks can be made pa	tickets = \$00 nyable to: Immanuel Lutheran Church Mission Team.