



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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**Saturday, November 1, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, November 2, 2025 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**

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“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.*

## Divine Service, Setting One

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 151)

### Preservice Music / Bells

### Welcome / Greeting

*Please stand*

**Opening Hymn**, *LSB* 677 v. 1-5, “For All the Saints”

*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])

*(5:30 p.m. - Please be seated)*

**Baptism**, Cormack Cashel Hemmer

**Baptismal Hymn**, *LSB* 740, “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

### Confession and Absolution

(1 John 1:8-9)

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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** 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 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b)

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.**

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
**in your righteousness deliver me.**

For you are my rock and my fortress;  
**and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**

Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
**you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

**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.**

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**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

### Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Gloria in Excelsis

**P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## 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 and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated*

**First Reading**, 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, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>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?” <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>“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.

**Epistle**, 1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## Alleluia & Verse

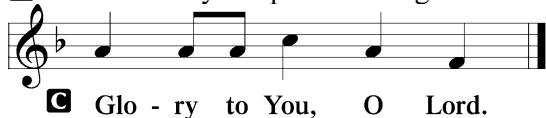
(John 6:68)



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

## 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.**

*Please be seated*

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

**Hymn of the Day**, *LSB* 543, "What Wondrous Love Is This"

**Sermon**, "First Word----lasting promise"----based on Matthew 5:1-12

*Please remain seated*

**✠ Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed ✠**

**P** I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."  
*(Revelation 14:13)*

**Hymn**, *LSB* 649 v. 1-3, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

**P** With God's people throughout the Church on this day we thankfully remember all those who have finished the race and have kept the Faith. They were created by God to offer Him praise forever. He made them new creations through His Son in Holy Baptism. He nourished them in the company of His people through His Word and by giving them the body and blood of Jesus in Holy Communion. In His infinite mercy He has summoned them to His nearer presence so they may continue in joyful service to Him forever.

We especially praise God for His faithfulness to those Immanuel members who have gone to the Church Triumphant during this last year.

*[The pastor proceeds to the altar.]*

In joyful expectation of the bodily resurrection to eternal life, we remember before You, O Lord.



*[The bell will toll once for each of these saints of God who have gone to be with the Lord since All Saint's Day 2024.]*

**Lori Collmeyer  
Bill Stueve  
Iva Mesnarich  
Lois Rabbermann  
Cooper Michael Guithues  
Jack Netzeband  
Karen Ruesler  
Lerona Pryor  
Bob Stueve**

*...and all others who have departed this earth in the Christian faith.*

*Please stand*

**P**

Let us pray.

It is with thanksgiving that we remember these faithful servants in Christ, gracious Father. They, even now, enjoy the heavenly chorus, singing Your praises eternally. It is with this certainty that we are able to follow in their example.

Remember, O Lord, Your Church throughout the world that You may make all its members grow in love for You and for one another. Teach us to serve You in all things. And grant us the spirit of thanksgiving as we serve You, knowing that when we are called to our eternal rest You will be able to say of us through the merits of Jesus Your Son, "Well done, My good and faithful servant." For it is in his name that we come to You confidently with praise on our lips:

**Hymn, LSB 649 v. 4-5, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

*Please stand*

**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.)*

*Please stand*

**Offertory**

(Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**✠ 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.

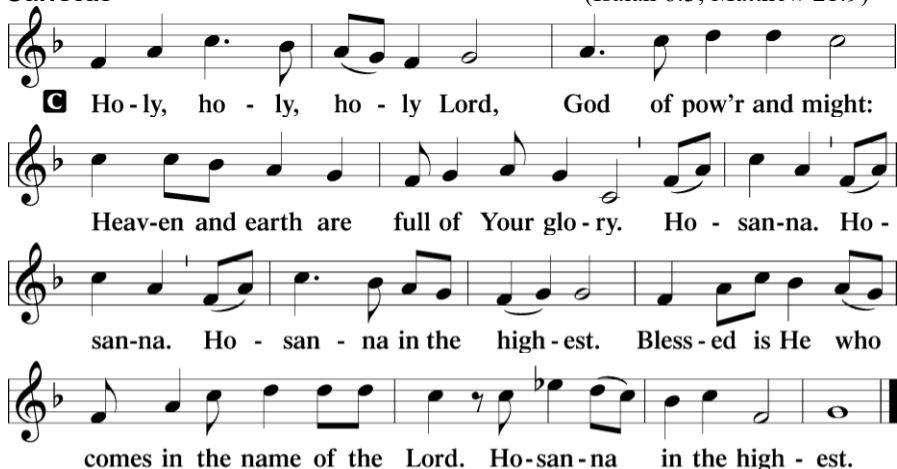
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## 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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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

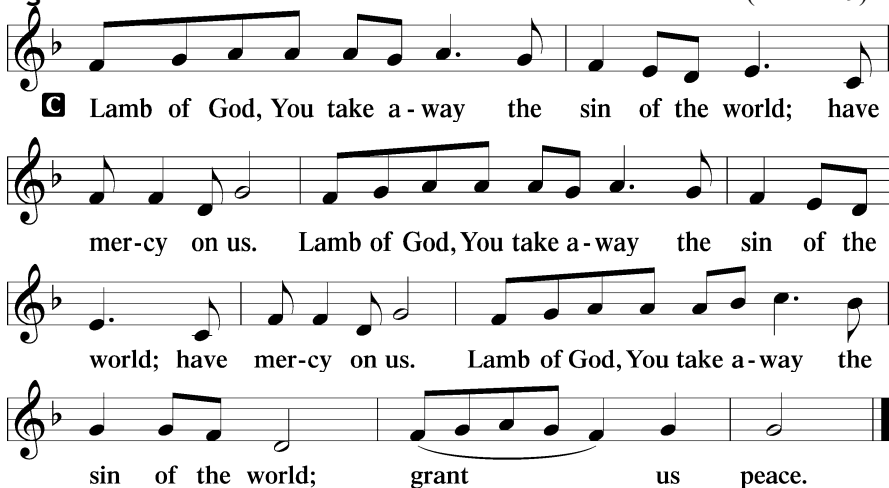
(John 20:19)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



*Please be seated*

## Distribution

*LSB 680, "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"*

*LSB 670, "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"*

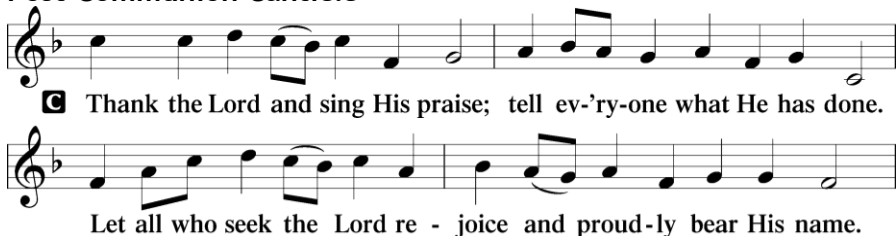
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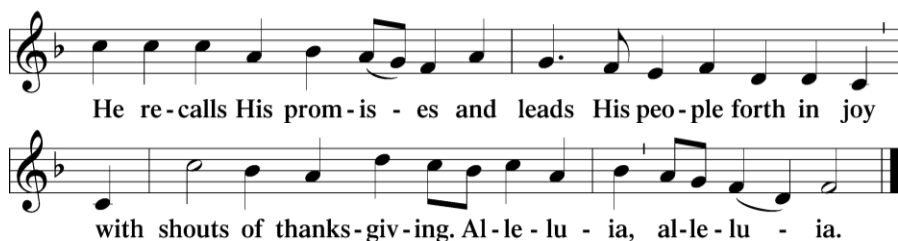
## Dismissal

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

**C** Amen.

## Post-Communion Cantic





## 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* 677 v. 6-8, “For All the Saints”

## 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](http://immanuelwaterloo.org).*

## Worship Helpers

### **Saturday, November 1, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs  
Servers - Rodney Clamors & Greg Wiegand  
Altar Guild - Susan Starbuck  
Lector - Rodney Clamors

Organist - Justin Tayon  
Acolyte - Kenzie Wiegand  
Media - Quinn Menke & Melissa Wiegand

### **Sunday, November 2, 2025 - 7:45 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs  
Servers - Alex Voges & Seth Weinberg  
Acolytes - Amelia Deptula & Jase Gregory  
Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier, Mason Wilhelm  
Media - Don Birrittier & Reagan Wilhelm

Music Director - Ann Frank  
Lector - Seth Weinberg  
Altar Guild - Amy Kolweier

### **Sunday, November 2, 2025 - 10:15 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs  
Servers - Dusty Dethrow & Tyson Bradley  
Acolytes - Everly Dethrow & TJ Joellenbeck  
Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel  
Media - Greg Hoeffken & Tyler Major

Music Director - Ann Frank  
Lector - Daniel Niemeyer  
Altar Guild - Lindsey Dethrow

### **Ushers - Sunday, November 9, 2025**

7:45 a.m. - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan

10:15 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow, Davin Dethrow, Collin Dethrow, Jacob Dethrow, Everly Dethrow

### **Acolytes - Sunday, November 9, 2025**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - AJ Helms & Reece Collmeyer  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Mason Wilhelm & Cason Birkenmeier  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Aidan Kubelka & Olivia Simms

### **Lectors - Sunday, Nov. 9, 2025**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Seth Weinberg

### **Servers - Sunday, November 9, 2025**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier & Warren Frank  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Adam Eggemeyer & Seth Weinberg

### **Altar Guild - Sunday, Nov. 9, 2025**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Pam Nagel  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Carol Kassel

### **Media - Sunday, November 9, 2025**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Liam Garner  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Cathy Whelan  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Lisa Clamors & Everly Dethrow

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# Ladies' Bunco Night

for fun & fellowship!



**THURSDAY, NOV. 6TH  
6:30 P.M.**

*Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Snacks & drinks provided.*

**\$2.00/person - OR - 2 or more non-perishable food items for  
the Bi-County Backpack Program (no glass items)**

Additional info: call Immanuel's office 618-939-6480



**JOIN  
US!**

**SEMI-ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

**Sunday, Nov. 16 - 11:30 a.m.**

Board & Financial Reports - 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Call  
Committee Updates - Approval of 2026 Budget

**YOUR ATTENDANCE IS ENCOURAGED.**

*Immanuel Lutheran Preschool*

**invites you to the  
3rd Annual Dinner Auction**

**Friday, November 14, 2025**

**\$50 per person (max of 8 per table)**

**Doors open at 5 p.m.**

**Dinner at 6 p.m.**

**Live and Silent Auctions**

**Acorns Golf Links**

**3933 Ahne Road**

**Waterloo, IL 62298**

***Dress Code is Smart Casual***

"I am the vine; you are  
the branches. If you  
remain in me and I in  
you, you will bear much  
fruit; apart from me you  
can do nothing."

John 15:1-5

**RSVP by Oct. 29, 2025**

**Call 618-939-6480, mail in  
form, or use QR code below.**



**Please pay by cash, check,  
Visa/Mastercard, or Venmo  
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**Dinner Menu**

**Fried Chicken & Roast Beef**

**Pasta con Broccoli**

**Vegetable Blend**

**Mashed Potatoes & Gravy**

**House Salad & Rolls**

**Homemade Desserts by Angela Stratman**

**Wine, Beer, Soda, Coffee, Tea & Lemonade**



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make a donation?**