



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Reformation Day



Saturday, October 25, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 26, 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 on the table near the doors as you enter the multipurpose room 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

Processional Hymn, LSB 656, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Invocation

P 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

(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 46; antiphon: v. 7)

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

God will help her when morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come, behold the works of the LORD,

how he has brought desolations on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots
with fire.**

“Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

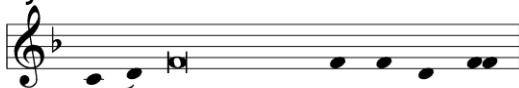
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Kyrie

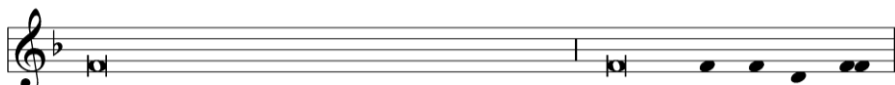
(Mark 10:47)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



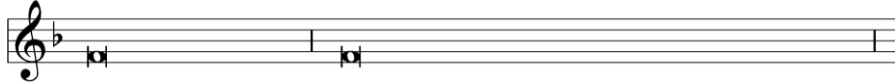
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



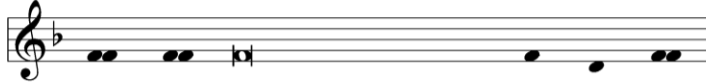
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-



blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain*
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Final Refrain*



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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 gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

First Reading, Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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, John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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* 578 v. 1-4, “Thy Strong Word”

Sermon, “The Heart of God---His Cross....your life-line”----based on Psalm 46:1, 10-11

Hymn of Response, *LSB* 578 v. 5-6, “Thy Strong Word”

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.

Prayers 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.

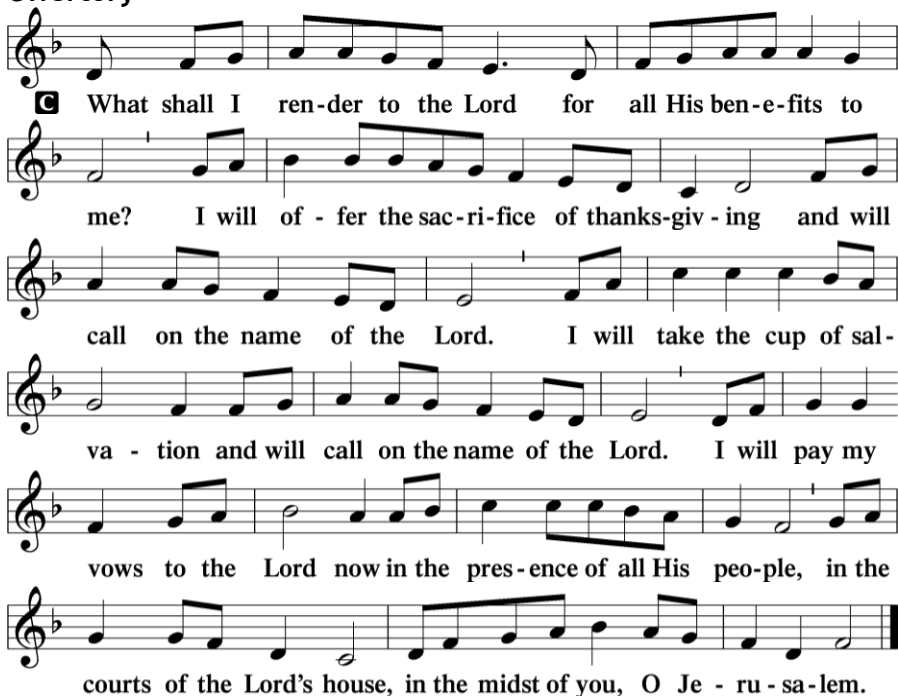
C Amen.

Please be seated

Offering (*During the Saturday service, please place your offering and attendance card in the plate on the table in the narthex before or after the service.*)

Please stand

Offertory



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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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.
(Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now.")

Please stand

Dismissal

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

C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle



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 Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 645, "Built on the Rock"

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, October 25, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs
Servers - Howard Shive & Greg Wiegand
Altar Guild - Sally Thorburg

Sunday, October 26, 2025 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs
Servers - Bob Polansky & Rodney Clamors
Acolytes - Lucas Garner & Kennedy Filipiak
Ushers - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench
Media - Don Birrittier & Liam Garner

Sunday, October 26, 2025 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs
Servers - Warren Frank & Doug Simms
Acolytes - Henry Eggemeyer & Alaina Stumpf
Ushers - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Jakson Gregory, Myla & Henry Eggemeyer
Media - Ayda Eggemeyer & Ashlyn Whelan

Ushers - Sunday, November 2, 2025

7:45 a.m. - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier, Mason Wilhelm
10:15 a.m. - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel

Acolytes - Sunday, November 2, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Kenzie Wiegand
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Amelia Deptula & Jase Gregory
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Aidan Kubelka & TJ Joellenbeck

Servers - Sunday, November 2, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors & Greg Wiegand
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Alex Voges & Seth Weinberg
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow & Tyson Bradley

Media - Sunday, November 2, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Melissa Wiegand & Quinn Menke
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Clark Deptula & Reagan Wilhelm
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Greg Hoeffken & Tyler Major

Organist - Justin Tayon
Acolytes - Quinn Menke & Avery Griffin
Media - Lorelei Griffin & Gwen Wiegand

Music Director - Ann Frank
Lector - Bob Polansky
Altar Guild - Debbie Olsson
Crucifer - Olivia Rusteberg

Music Director - Ann Frank
Lector - Seth Weinberg
Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht
Crucifer - Myla Eggemeyer

Lectors - Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Seth Weinberg
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer
Altar Guild - Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025
Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Susan Starbuck
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Amy Kolweier
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Lindsey Dethrow

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GLOW GAMES *and* BONFIRE



Join Immanuel Lutheran Youth for faith, fun and fellowship at Camp Wartburg, with glow in the dark field games, pizza, music and s'mores around the Campfire.

26 OCTOBER, 2025 | 5-8PM

RSVP to Jennifer Janssen 817.437.3668



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

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
@immanuelwaterloo**

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



**Would you like to
be a sponsor?**



**Would you like to
make a donation?**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Psalm 100:1



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