



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**



**Sunday, November 9, 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.*

## Preservice Music / Bells

### Welcome / Greeting

*Please stand*

**Opening Hymn, LSB 802, “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

*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])

*(10:15 a.m. - Please be seated)*

**Baptism, Macaulay Gregory Bradley**

**Baptismal Hymn, LSB 392, “God Loves Me Dearly”**

*Please stand*

### Confession and Absolution

(1 John 1:8-9)

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord

Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father  
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Amen.

**+ Service of the Word +**

**Introit of the Day**

(Psalm 115:2-4, 8, 17-18; antiphon: v.11)

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

**He is their help and their shield.**

Why should the nations say,

**“Where is their God?”**

Our God is in the heavens;

**he does all that he pleases.**

Their idols are silver and gold,

**the work of human hands.**

Those who make them become like them;

**so do all who trust in them.**

The dead do not praise the LORD,

**nor do any who go down into silence.**

But we will bless the LORD

**from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

**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.**

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

**He is their help and their shield.**

**Hymn of Praise, *LSB* 785, “We Praise You, O God”**

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**1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;**

**In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**

**We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;**

**We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;**

**Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.**

**When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,**

**And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

- 3 With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

### **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** **Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; 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*

### **Old Testament Reading, Exodus 3:1-15**

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." <sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."

And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Epistle, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup>And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. <sup>8</sup>And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . . <sup>13</sup>But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. <sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

**Gradual, “Father, I Adore You”**

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**Father, I adore You  
Lay my life before You  
How I love You**

**Jesus, I adore You  
Lay my life before You  
How I love You**

**Spirit, I adore You  
Lay my life before You  
How I love You**

**Holy Gospel, Luke 20:27-40**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, <sup>28</sup>and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. <sup>30</sup>And the second <sup>31</sup>and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. <sup>32</sup>Afterward the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.” <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, <sup>36</sup>for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” <sup>39</sup>Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” <sup>40</sup>For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

**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* 713 v. 1-4, "From God Can Nothing Move Me" [Tune: *LSB* 354.]

**Sermon** "The God within the burning bush---is the God who Resurrects" ---- based on Exodus 3 and Luke 20:38

**Hymn of the Day**, *LSB* 713 v. 5-7, "From God Can Nothing Move Me" [Tune: *LSB* 354]

*Please stand*

## Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

**P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.



**P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** *Additional petitions may be inserted here.* Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Offering**

*Please stand*

**Offertory**, *LSB* 781 v. 1-2, 4, 6, “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- 1    **We give Thee but Thine own,  
      Whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
      A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**
  
- 2    **May we Thy bounties thus  
      As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blestest us,  
      To Thee our firstfruits give!**
  
- 4    **To comfort and to bless,  
      To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless  
      Is angels’ work below.**
  
- 6    **And we believe Thy Word,  
      Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate’er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
      We do it unto Thee.**

**✠ 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**

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

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## 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** Amen.

**Agnus Dei**

(John 1:29)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please be seated*

**Distribution**

LSB 671, "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

LSB 585, "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

*Please stand*

**Dismissal**

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

**C** Amen.

## **Post-Communion Canticle, *LSB* 617, “O Lord, We Praise Thee”**

- 1    O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
    O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:  
    O Lord, have mercy!**
- 2    Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!  
    O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:  
    O Lord, have mercy!**
- 3    May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!  
    O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav’nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
    O Lord, have mercy!**

## **Post-Communion Collect**



Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy

Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**Amen.**

## **Benedicamus and Benediction**

(Numbers 6:24-26)



Let us bless the Lord.



**Thanks be to God.**



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.



**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn, LSB 923, “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”**

## **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).*

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## **Worship Helpers**

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### **Saturday, November 8, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.**

Service Leader - Wesley Johnson

Lector - Bob Polansky

Media - Liam Garner

Organist - Joan Ruwald

Acolytes - AJ Helms & Reece Collmeyer

### **Sunday, November 9, 2025 - 7:45 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Servers - Rodney Clamors & Warren Frank

Acolytes - Mason Wilhelm & Cason Birkenmeier

Ushers - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Warren Frank

Altar Guild - Pam Nagel

Media - Cathy Whelan

### **Sunday, November 9, 2025 - 10:15 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Servers - Adam Eggemeyer & Seth Weinberg

Acolytes - Aidan Kubelka & Olivia Simms

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

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Seth Weinberg

Altar Guild - Carol Kassel

Media - Lisa Clamors & Everly Dethrow

### **Ushers - Sunday, November 16, 2025**

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

10:15 a.m. - Elden Niemeyer, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer

### **Acolytes - Sunday, November 16, 2025**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Audrey Braun

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Eddie Arras & Nolan Prather

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Carolina Bradley & Rosie Fink

### **Lectors - Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025**

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Seth Weinberg

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer

**Servers - Sunday, November 16, 2025**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors & Bob Polansky

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Alex Voges & Seth Weinberg

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow & Doug Simms

**Media - Sunday, November 16, 2025**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - AJ Helms

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Nash Bradley

**Altar Guild - Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Marilyn Collette

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Debbie Olsson

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Jill Eggemeyer



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**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.**

Psalm 100:1



*Maverick*

Maverick Doerr