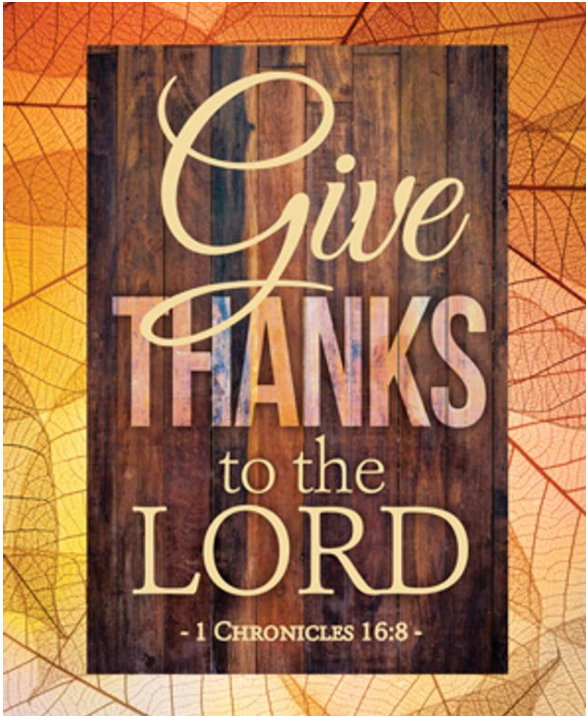




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

The Day of Thanksgiving



Wednesday, November 26, 2025 – 6:30 p.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 (Brass Ensemble, “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come,”
arr. Jeremy Bankson)

Bells

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, LSB 809, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

(Psalm 54:6; 79:13; 136:1; 145:10)

- P** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
C **for His steadfast love endures forever.**
P All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
C **and all Your saints shall bless You!**
P I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.
C **We, Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.**

Confession and Absolution

(1 John 1:9, adapt.)

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
C **to God my exceeding joy.**
P If we confess our sins, our God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
C **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**
P Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.
C **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, creator of all things, we confess that we are a sin-filled people. We are by nature sinful in thought, word, and deed. We know that we have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You require of us. We have not always lived lives that reflect thankfulness to You, the giver of all that is good. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us, forgive us, and renew our spirit. Grant that, by the working**

of the Holy Spirit, we may live faithfully and with great gratitude here on earth until that time when we rejoice together in Your eternal presence.

P Our God has promised to hear us and to grant forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for His grace and mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you be kept steadfast in the Holy Spirit, living each day in thankfulness to God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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 Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

Choir Anthem, “Praise the Lord, Every Land and Nation”
(Handel/Hopson)

Old Testament Reading, Deuteronomy 8:1-10

¹“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ²And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle, 1 Timothy 2:1-4

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand

Gradual

(Psalm 145:15-16; 118:1)

P The eyes of all look to You, O Lord,

C **and You give them their food in due season.**

P You open Your hand

C **and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
C His steadfast love endures forever.

Holy Gospel, Luke 17:11-19

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.
C **Glorio to You, O Lord.**

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day, LSB 782, “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

Sermon, “And you shall eat and be full...” ----inspired by Deuteronomy 8:10a

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

All: 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.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs, giving thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

Gracious God, gratefully we remember Your bountiful gifts to all of us. We remember Your many acts of kindness to Your people through all ages. We bless You for the orderly progression of the seasons and thank You for the bountiful harvest of the fruits of the earth. We thank You,

C **for Your steadfast love endures forever.**

P Almighty God, we thank You for the church, where Your Holy Spirit gathers us as Your people to receive Your gifts and celebrate Your goodness. Bless the work of missionaries, teachers, health workers, and all others who give witness to Your unchanging love. We thank You,

C **for Your steadfast love endures forever.**

P Caring God, we thank You for the world in which we live as together we pray for the community of nations around the globe. Continue to give us all things needful and grant that we may be good stewards of the earth. Grant that our homes be places of love and care and our neighborhoods be centers of welcome and compassion. We thank You,

C **for Your steadfast love endures forever.**

P Giver of all good gifts, we thank You for the faithful labor of people living out their vocations for our welfare. Bless the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, who selflessly serve to defend our nation in challenging times and who guarantee our safety in times of peace. We remember those whose labor brings a rich variety of food to our tables in this and in every season. We thank You,

C **for Your steadfast love endures forever.**

P Lord of time and of eternity, we remember in our petitions those with special concerns and needs including the ill, the hospitalized, and the homebound, those who sorrow, the unemployed and underemployed. Grant that we find purpose and blessing in assisting those who need our concern and our care. On this Day of Thanksgiving, we also recall those no longer among us on earth, who now rejoice in the glorious light of Your heavenly kingdom. May we be inspired by their faithful witness and seek to be Your agents of blessing during our earthly lives as

we look forward to that time when we rejoice together and give
You eternal thanks and praise. We thank You,
C for Your steadfast love endures forever. Lord, in Your
mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Please be seated

Offering [Choir Anthem, “Lord God, We Praise You for Your Love” (D. & R. Schultz)]

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

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, 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:

Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

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)

All: 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)

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

(John 20:19)

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)

G 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 894, "For the Fruits of His Creation"

LSB 895, "Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB 643, "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now...Go in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

Benediction

- P** 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 922, “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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

Worship Helpers - Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 26, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

Ushers - Jason Valerius, Trinity Drewes, Jeriah & Brielle Fink
Servers - Adam Eggemeyer & Seth Weinberg Lector - Seth Weinberg
Acolytes - Brady Drewes & AJ Helms Altar Guild - Cally Killian
Media/Facebook Live - Ayda Eggemeyer Trumpets - Jenna Hoeffken & Ashlyn Whelan
Trombone - Mark Heise French Horn - Joyce Rossel
Flute - Karen Hodapp Clarinet - Diane Heizer
Saxophones - Daniel & Elden Niemeyer

Ushers - Sunday, November 30, 2025

7:45 a.m. - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Jakson Gregory, Myla & Henry Eggemeyer
10:15 a.m. - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel

Acolytes - Sunday, November 30, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Amelia Deptula
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Myla Eggemeyer & Henry Eggemeyer
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Jase Gregory & TJ Joellenbeck

Servers - Sunday, November 30, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors & Greg Wiegand
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier & Seth Weinberg
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow & Warren Frank

Media - Sunday, November 30, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Clark Deptula & Melissa Wiegand
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Olivia Rusteberg
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Lisa Clamors

Lectors - Sunday, Nov 30, 2025

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

Altar Guild - Sunday, Nov 30, 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Sally Thorburg
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Amy Kolweier
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Lindsey Dethrow

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