



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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## First Sunday in Lent



**Saturday, February 21, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, February 22, 2026 – 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 418, "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"**

#### ¤ Confession and Absolution ¤

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.** Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:8-9

**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 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: vv. 15a, c, 16*

When he calls to me, I will answer him;

    I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

    and show him my salvation.

**He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High**

**will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,

    my God, in whom I trust."

**Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—**

**the Most High, who is my refuge—**

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

    no plague come near your tent.

**You will tread on the lion and the adder;**

**the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

**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.**

When he calls to me, I will answer him;

    I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

    and show him my salvation.

**Kyrie**

Mark 10:47



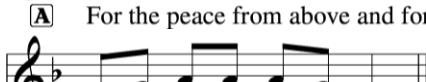
**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** 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.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk

through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please be seated*

(10:15 a.m.) **Sunday School Anthem**, “Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow” (LSB 428 sung by the 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade children)

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 3:1-21*

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin cloths. <sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” <sup>16</sup>To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” <sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you,

‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” <sup>20</sup>The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

*Psalm 91:11-12*

He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

**On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

### **Epistle**

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(10:15 a.m.) Sunday School Anthem, “In Silent Pain the Eternal Son”  
(LSB 432 sung by the 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade children)*

*Please stand*

### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 4:1-11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



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

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the

temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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



*Please be seated*

**Hymn of the Day, LSB 724, vs. 1-5, “If God Himself Be for Me”**

## Sermon

*Please stand*

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the

remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  of the world to come. Amen.

### 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.

*After each portion of the prayer:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayer concludes:*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### Offertory



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.

*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.)

## ⌘ 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.*

*Please stand*

### Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136



**P** The Lord be with you.



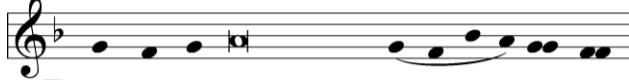
**C** And also with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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.

C A - men.

### Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated*

**Distribution**

*LSB 724, vs. 6-10, "If God Himself Be for Me"*

*LSB 656, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

*LSB 521, "Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken"*

*Please stand*

**Dismissal**

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

**C** Amen.

**Nunc Dimittis**

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the begin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

### Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

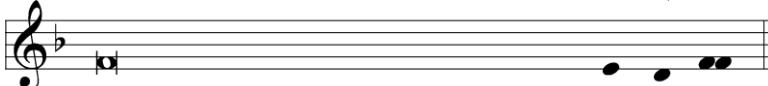
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your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



**C** A - men.

### 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  $\ddagger$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

### Closing Hymn, LSB 424, "O Christ, You Walked the Road"

### Bells / Postlude

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## Worship Helpers

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**Saturday, February 21, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter  
Servers - Rodney Clamors & Ranley Killian  
Lector - Rodney Clamors  
Altar Guild - Cally Killian

Organist - Justin Tayon  
Acolyte - Reece Collmeyer  
Media - AJ Helms

**Sunday, February 22, 2026 - 7:45 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter  
Servers - Jason Valerius & Alex Voges  
Acolytes - Eddie Arras & Nolan Prather  
Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Maddy Prather, Nolan Prather  
Media - Gina Birrittier

Music Director - Ann Frank  
Lector - Don Birrittier  
Altar Guild - Amy Kolweier

**Sunday, February 22, 2026 - 10:15 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter  
Servers - Doug Simms & Seth Weinberg  
Acolytes - Myla Eggemeyer & Alaina Stumpf  
Ushers - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Jakson Gregory, Myla & Henry Eggemeyer  
Media/Facebook Live - Nash Bradley

Music Director - Ann Frank  
Lector - Seth Weinberg  
Altar Guild - Ellen Heise

**Worship Helpers – Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.**

Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken  
Acolytes - Kenzie Wiegand & Mason Wilhelm  
Media/Facebook Live - Gwen Wiegand

**Ushers - Sunday, March 1, 2026**

7:45 a.m. - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench  
10:15 a.m. - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan

**Acolytes - Sunday, March 1, 2026**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Quinn Menke  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - AJ Helms & Cason Birkenmeier  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Olivia Simms & Rosie Fink

**Servers - Sunday, March 1, 2026**

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

**Media - Sunday, March 1, 2026**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Loralei Griffin  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Olivia Rusteberg  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Lisa Clamors & Everly Dethrow

**Lectors - Sunday, March 1, 2026**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Seth Weinberg  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer  
**Altar Guild - Sunday, March 1, 2026**  
Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Sally Thorburg  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Debbie Olsson  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Lindsey Dethrow

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# Lent at Immanuel

+ The Ten Commandments +

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**5-6:15 p.m.** Fellowship Dinner  
**6:30 p.m.** Evening Prayer Service

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**5-6:15 p.m.** Fellowship Dinner  
**6:30 p.m.** Evening Prayer Service

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**5-6:15 p.m.** Fellowship Dinner  
**6:30 p.m.** Evening Prayer Service

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**5-6:15 p.m.** Fellowship Dinner  
**6:30 p.m.** Evening Prayer Service

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**5-6:15 p.m.** Fellowship Dinner  
**6:30 p.m.** Evening Prayer Service

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



Hayden  
Hayden Harvell