



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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**Saturday, February 7, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 8, 2026 – 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 Four

(*Lutheran Service Book*, pg. 203)

Preservice Music [10:15 a.m. – Agape Ringers, “A Winter’s Night, So Deep” (Brenda E. Austin)]

Bells

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, LSB 904, “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

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 ¤

Please stand

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 124:8; 30:3-4

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: vv. 23, 25a, 26a

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!
For our soul is bowed down to the dust.

Rise up; come to our help!

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,

what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted;
you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free.

But you have saved us from our foes

and have put to shame those who hate us.

In God we have boasted continually,
and we will give thanks to your name forever.

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.

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!
For our soul is bowed down to the dust.

Rise up; come to our help!

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

(10:15 a.m.) **Agape Ringers**, “In Christ Alone,” arr. Sandra Eithun

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 83:18, 13

[Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name is the LORD,
are the Most High over all the earth.

**O my God, make them like whirling dust,
like chaff before the wind.**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9

¹⁹For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! ²⁰For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. ²¹To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. ²²Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. ²³Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. ²⁴Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ²⁶on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? ³⁰If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. ³¹The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³²At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of

Damascus in order to seize me,³³but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows.³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me.⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated.⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 8:4-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8th chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it.⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it.⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant,¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away.¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.¹⁵As for that in the good soil,

they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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 worshiped 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.

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, LSB 586, “Preach You the Word”

Sermon

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.

After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

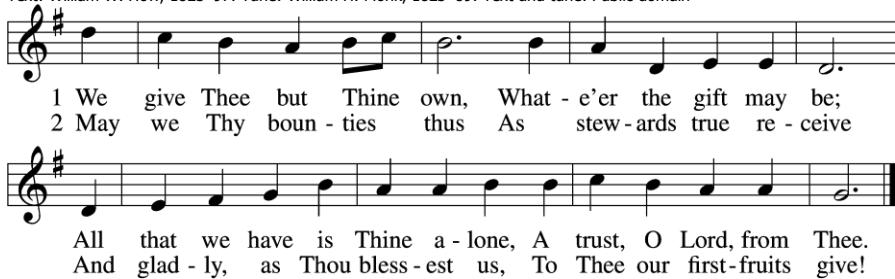
The prayer concludes:

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

Text: William W. How, 1823-97. Tune: William H. Monk, 1823-89. Text and tune: Public domain



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

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.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalm 136

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

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

C 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, us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated

Distribution

LSB 578, "Thy Strong Word"

LSB 577, "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

LSB 435, "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

Please stand

Dismissal

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

Nunc Dimitis

Luke 2:29-32

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All 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 be - gin - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Un -
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.

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.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24-26
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn, *LSB 921, “On What Has Now Been Sown”*

Bells / Postlude

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immanuelwaterloo.org.*

Worship Helpers

Saturday, February 7, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
Servers - Rodney Clamors & Ranley Killian
Altar Guild - Sally Thorburg

Media - Clark Deptula

Sunday, February 8, 2026 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
Servers - Don Birrittier & Warren Frank
Acolytes - AJ Helms & Brady Drewes
Ushers - Jason Valerius, Trinity Drewes, Jeriah Fink, Brielle Fink, Brady Drewes
Media - Gina Birrittier

Sunday, February 8, 2026 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
Servers - Doug Simms & Seth Weinberg
Acolytes - Kennedy Filipiak & Lucas Garner
Ushers - Dusty Dethrow, Davin Dethrow, Collin Dethrow, Jacob Dethrow, Everly Dethrow
Media/Facebook Live - Nash Bradley & Liam Garner

Ushers - Sunday, February 15, 2026

7:45 a.m. - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier, Mason Wilhelm
10:15 a.m. - Elden Niemeyer, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer

Acolytes - Sunday, February 15, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Avery Griffin
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Olivia Rusteberg & H. Eggemeyer
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Carolina Bradley & E. Dethrow

Servers - Sunday, February 15, 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, February 15, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Quinn Menke
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Ayda Eggemeyer
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Ashlyn & Cathy Whelan

Organist - Justin Tayon

Acolyte - Amelia Deptula

Lector - Rodney Clamors

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Warren Frank

Altar Guild - Barbara Altes

Ushers - Jason Valerius, Trinity Drewes, Jeriah Fink, Brielle Fink, Brady Drewes

Media - Gina Birrittier

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Seth Weinberg

Altar Guild - Ellen Heise

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

Media/Facebook Live - Nash Bradley & Liam Garner

Lectors - Sunday, Feb. 15, 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, Feb. 15, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Susan Starbuck
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Amy Kolweier
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Linda Gutknecht

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Shut-in & Homebound Members

The Board of Community Care is asking for the congregation's help by sending "thinking of you" cards to our shut-in & homebound members periodically. See the list below. Thank You!

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Hitzemann, Judy	709 Mahala Drive	Waterloo, IL 62298
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Netzeband, Kathy	624 Hartman Lane	Waterloo, IL 62298
Orsech, Edith	623 Hamacher St, #221	Waterloo, IL 62298
Prange, Bob & Willa Mae	#7 Villa Court	Waterloo, IL 62298
Prigge, Arnold	835 Circle Drive	Red Bud, IL 62278
Prigge, Jackie	623 Hamacher St, #804	Waterloo, IL 62298
Wolf, Mary Ann	3 Arrowhead Court	Waterloo, IL 62298
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Lent, Holy Week & Easter

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ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Divine Services with the
Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 25, MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25

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

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28-29

Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Divine Services with Holy Communion

LIVING LAST SUPPER - WED., APRIL 1ST

6:30 p.m. Dramatic Service of The Last Supper

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion & the
Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

12:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Tenabre Services

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

5:30 p.m. The Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

6:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion (at
Camp Wartburg, 5705 LRC Road, Waterloo)

7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Divine Services with Easter
Processional & Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt

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



Nora Davis