



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity



Saturday, August 15, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 16, 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 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 our pastor 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 Three

(*Lutheran Service Book*, pg. 184)

Preservice Music

Bells

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 861, “Christ Be My Leader”

✠ 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 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.

C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit of the Day *Psalm 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b*



God is in his holy habi- | tation;*

[he] settles the solitary | in a home.

The God of Israel—he | is the one*

who gives power and strength to his | people.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*

and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;*

they shall be jubilant | with joy!

O God, when you went out before your | people,*

in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.

Blessèd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;*

God is our sal- | vation.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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[he] settles the solitary | in a home.

The God of Israel—he | is the one*

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Kyrie

Mark 10:47



G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

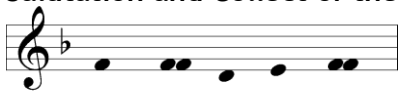
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is in a simple, sans-serif font. The lyrics are: "Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men."

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art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1-15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." ⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Psalm 28:7b, 1a, 2a



To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*

1 Corinthians 15:1-10

L This is the Word of the Lord.

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Please stand

Alleluia & Verse

Psalm 90:1



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

P Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

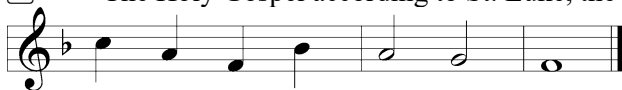


C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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 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.

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 867, “Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds”

Sermon – 1 Corinthians 15:1-10

Please stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

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.*)

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.

P (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

✠ 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

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



P The Lord be with you.



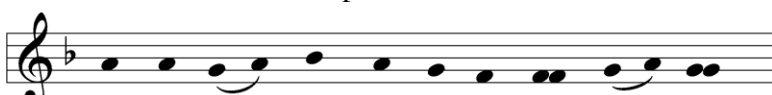
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

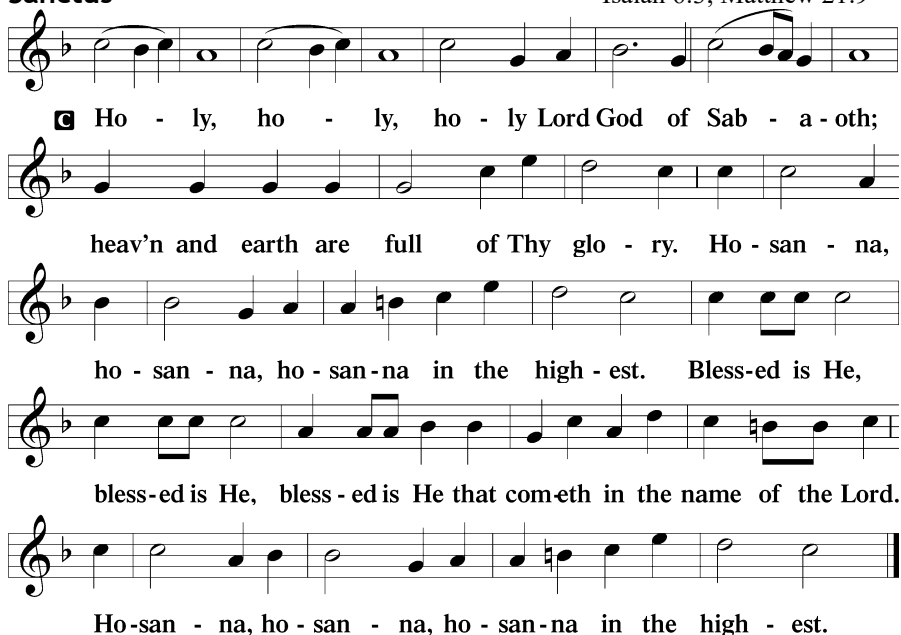
Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

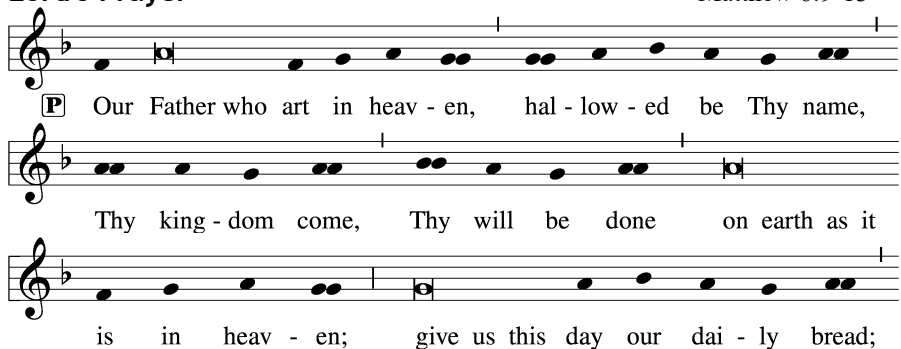
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13



Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
 Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it
 is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;

and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who
 tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to
 temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

Pax Domini

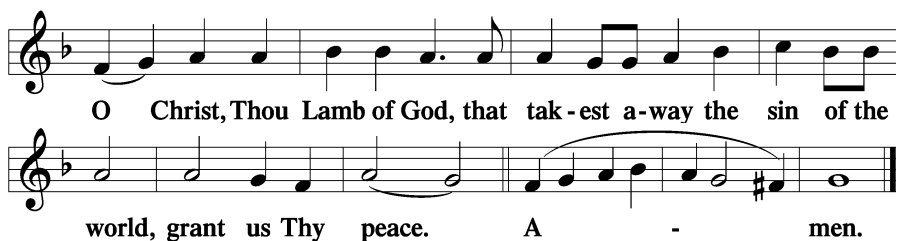
John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

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.



Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 740, "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

LSB 865, "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

LSB 725, "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Please stand

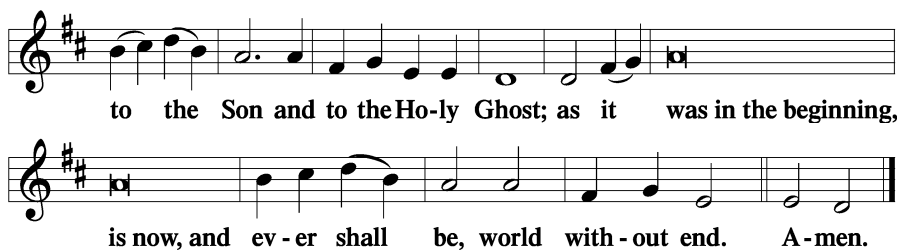
The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

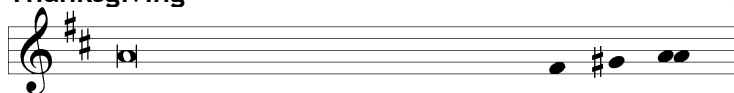




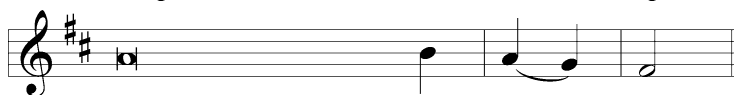
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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 A - men.



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus



A Bless we the Lord.

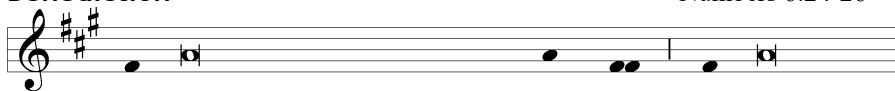
Psalm 103:1



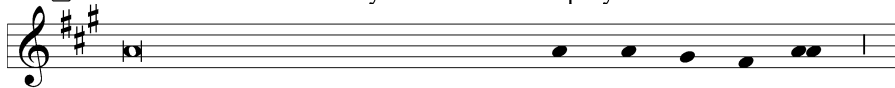
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



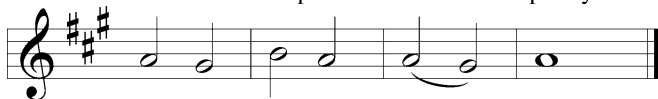
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn, LSB 864, “Shepherd of Tender Youth”

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, August 15, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Server - Aaron Thompson

Altar Guild - Sally Thorburg

Sunday, August 16, 2026 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Servers - Don Birrittier & Warren Frank

Acolyte - Kennedy Filipiak

Ushers - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench

Media - Clark Deptula

Sunday, August 16, 2026 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Servers - Tyson Bradley & Dusty Dethrow

Acolytes - Myla Eggemeyer & Alaina Stumpf

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

Ushers - Sunday, August 23, 2026

7:45 a.m. - Elden Niemeyer, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer

10:15 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow, Davin Dethrow, Collin Dethrow, Jacob Dethrow, Everly Dethrow

Acolytes - Sunday, August 23, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Amelia Deptula

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Mason Wilhelm & Rosie Fink

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Carolina Bradley & AJ Helms

Servers - Sunday, August 23, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Adam Eggemeyer & Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Doug Simms & Seth Weinberg

Media - Sunday, August 23, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Lisa Clamors

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Olivia Rusteberg

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Everly Dethrow

Organist - Justin Tayon

Acolyte - Quinn Menke

Media - Lorelei Griffin

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Don Birrittier

Altar Guild - Pam Nagel

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Lindsey Dethrow

Media/Facebook Live - Ayda Eggemeyer

Lectors - Sunday, Aug. 23, 2026

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Seth Weinberg

Altar Guild - Sunday, Aug. 23, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Marilyn Collette

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Amy Kolweier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Angie Broske

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Mrs. Delana Whelan, Preschool Director

618-939-6480 or 618-443-8353

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!

Binder, Nina	406 Avington	Waterloo, IL 62298
Clamors, Helen	6703 Susewind Lane	Waterloo, IL 62298
Dietzel, Marie	832 Cheshire Dr	Waterloo, IL 62298
Henry, Carolyn	623 Hamacher St, #703	Waterloo, IL 62298
Henry, Marvin	411 Janice Drive	Waterloo, IL 62298
Hitzemann, Judy	709 Mahala Drive	Waterloo, IL 62298
Horn, Leroy	623 Hamacher St., #411	Waterloo, IL 62298
Horn, Wanda	623 Hamacher St., #224	Waterloo, IL 62298
Jarvis, Beverly	623 Hamacher St, #201	Waterloo, IL 62298
Jones, Pat	246A Hamacher	Waterloo, IL 62298
Knoke, Gloria	735 Columbia Ave Apt 23	Waterloo, IL 62298
Lloyd, Charles & Phyllis	2658 State Route 156	Waterloo, IL 62298
Moore, Sandy	1602 Berkley Lane	Belleville, IL 62226
Netzeband, Kathy	13457 Tesson Ferry Road, Apt 104	St Louis, MO 63128
Orsech, Edith	623 Hamacher St, #221	Waterloo, IL 62298
Prange, 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
Wynn, Georgia	735 Columbia Ave Apt 29	Waterloo, IL 62298

Thank you for making our Rummage Sale a HUGE Success!



We are so grateful to all who donated items, volunteered their time before, during, and after the sale, came out to shop, and/or made monetary donations.

Fifty-nine volunteers contributed more than 330 hours to make this event possible! Thanks to your incredible generosity, we received an abundance of wonderful donations and raised \$9,001.18 for our Preschool Ministry!

Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of our preschool families!

- Delana Whelan & our Preschool staff

DAILY PRAYER

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare your praise.

Make haste, O God to deliver me;

make haste to help me, O 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.

Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia.

The Hymn of the Season, or another appropriate hymn or psalm, may be sung or spoken.

The appointed reading from The Family at Prayer is read and discussed using the accompanying questions.

A portion of the Small or Large Catechism from The Congregation at Prayer is read and/or recited.

O Lord,

have mercy upon us.

O Christ,

have mercy upon us.

O Lord,

have mercy upon us.

Lord's Prayer

Prayers for others and ourselves

Concluding prayer:

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Week 1: August 16-22

Catechetical Theme: Handing Down the Faith

This week not only marks the beginning of the academic year in our schools, but in our congregations and homes. It also kicks off the catechetical year! The Sunday School classes, Bible studies, and another year of Midweek instruction gets off to a start. Those who teach are installed into their offices. But why do we take this teaching ministry so seriously? And what relationship does the congregation have to the role which God has given to parents to carry out in the home? What is the Church's role in handing down the faith? And what can we do to make sure we fulfill these duties faithfully? This will serve as the theme for this week's catechesis. The Lord bless your time in His Word!

Catechism: From the Prefaces to the Small & Large Catechism

Therefore, I beg you all for God's sake, my dear sirs and brethren, who are pastors or preachers, to devote yourselves heartily to your office [1 Timothy 4:13]. Have pity on the people who are entrusted to you [Acts 20:28] and help us teach the catechism to the people, and especially to the young. And let those of you who cannot do better take these tables and forms and impress them, word for word, on the people [Deuteronomy 6:7] (SC, Preface, 6).

But for myself I say this: I am also a doctor and preacher...Yet I act as a child who is being taught the catechism. Every morning—and whenever I have time—I read and say, word for word, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Psalms, and such. I must still read and study them daily. Yet I cannot master the catechism as I wish. But I must remain a child and pupil of the catechism, and am glad to remain so (LC, Longer Preface, 7).

Readings for the Week

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| ☐ August 16: Monday | Jude 1:1-4 – Contend for the Faith |
| ☐ August 17: Tuesday | 1 Timothy 6:3-5 – Sound Words of Jesus |
| ☐ August 18: Wednesday | Deuteronomy 6:4-15 – Teach Children Diligently |
| ☐ August 19: Thursday | Luke 18:15-17 – Let the Children Come to Me |
| ☐ August 20: Friday | 2 Timothy 3:14-17 – Continue in What You Learned |
| ☐ August 21: Saturday | Psalms 78:1-8 – Tell the Coming Generation |

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Mon- Sat: What does the day's passage teach us about the importance of teaching the faith? What is necessary to teach the faith? What is the source of the faith? Who is to be taught the faith? Does this passage encourage the teaching of the faith ever to stop? How does one generation ensure that the next generation confesses the one true faith?

Verse of the Week: Luke 18:15-16

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

Hymn of the Season:

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (LSB 655)