

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 pew holder 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 / Bells

Welcome / Greeting

“Crown of Silver” Recognition [Cliff Bense, Jim Heise, Bob Kassel]

Please stand

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 869, “With the Lord Begin Your Task”

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

Psalms 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 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3*

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,

save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.

Be gracious to me, O Lord,

for to you do I cry all the day.

Gladden the soul of your servant,

for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

listen to my plea for grace.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;

turn to me and be gracious to me;

give your strength to your servant,

and save the son of your maidservant.

✠ **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.

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,

save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.

Be gracious to me, O Lord,

for to you do I cry all the day.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
✠ For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—

✠ In God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re - ply.

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 Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 118:8-9

It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.

**It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.**

Epistle

Galatians 5:25—6:10

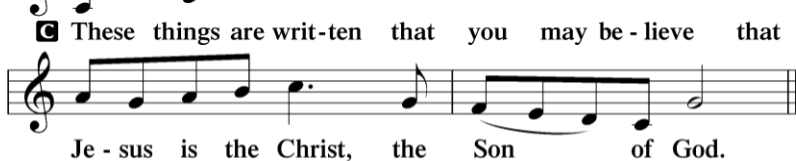
²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. ¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load. ⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse



- P** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!



Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:24-34

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁴[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

- 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* 736, "Consider How the Birds Above"

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.

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



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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. Psalm 136

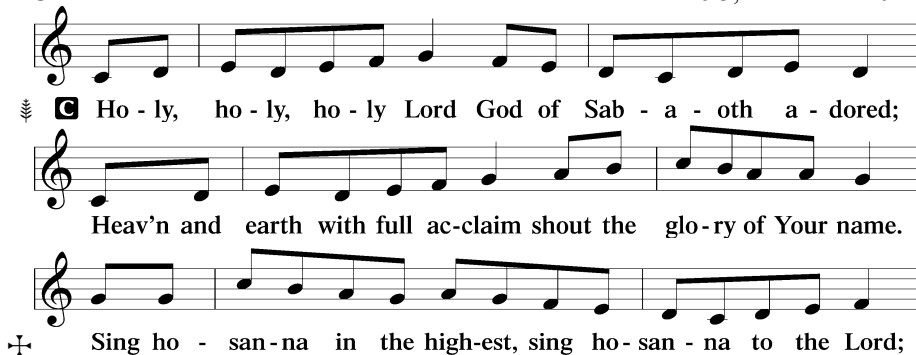
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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



✠ **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;



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

Please be seated

Distribution

LSB 750, "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

LSB 720, "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

LSB 760, "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

Please stand

Dismissal

P The body and blood... Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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 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, The 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.

Psalm 103:1

C Thanks be to God.

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* 712, “Seek Ye First”

Bells / Postlude

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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, September 12, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Server - Greg Wiegand

Altar Guild - Sally Thorburg

Sunday, September 13, 2026 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Servers - Adam Eggemeyer & Jason Valerius

Acolyte - Eddie Arras

Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Maddy Prather, Nolan Prather

Media - Don Birrittier

Sunday, September 13, 2026 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Servers - Tyson Bradley & Seth Weinberg

Acolytes - TJ Joellenbeck & Olivia Simms

Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken

Media - Ayda Eggemeyer

Ushers - Sunday, September 20, 2026

7:45 a.m. - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench

10:15 a.m. - Jason Valerius, Trinity Drewes, Jeriah Fink, Brielle Fink, Brady Drewes

Acolytes - Sunday, September 20, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Quinn Menke

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Mason Wilhelm & AJ Helms

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Myla & Henry Eggemeyer

Servers - Sunday, September 20, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Ranley Killian

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Seth Weinberg

Media - Sunday, September 20, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Lorelei Griffin

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Olivia Rusteberg

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Everly Dethrow

Organist - Justin Tayon

Acolyte - Avery Griffin

Media - Lorelei Griffin & Quinn Menke

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Adam Eggemeyer

Altar Guild - Pam Nagel

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Seth Weinberg

Altar Guild - Ellen Heise

Lectors - Sunday, September 20, 2026

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer

Altar Guild - Sunday, September 20, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cally Killian

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Debbie Olsson

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Jill Eggemeyer

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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 5: September 13-19

Catechetical Theme: The 3rd Commandment

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy. It is easy to think of this commandment being primarily about not doing work. Indeed, many understand it to mean exactly that. In fact, this understanding is what caused the Pharisees to be opposed to Jesus when He healed on the Sabbath (Luke 14:1-11). But why did the LORD command the people of God to rest from the labor? It wasn't for the sake of rest, but for the sake of the people. For while they rested from their work, they were to gather as the people of God to hear His Word, to rejoice in His promises, and to give thanks for His peace. This week we will unpack how this commandment is kept among us today, and how the LORD continues to give us Sabbath rest!

Catechism: The Third Commandment

What is the Third Commandment?

Pre+

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

1st+

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Readings for the Week

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| ☐ September 14: Monday | Luke 2:41-52 – Jesus in the Temple |
| ☐ September 15: Tuesday | Mark 2:23-3:4 – Sabbath for Man |
| ☐ September 16: Wednesday | Luke 10:38-42 – Mary and Martha |
| ☐ September 17: Thursday | Hebrews 4:9-12 – There Remains a Sabbath Rest |
| ☐ September 18: Friday | Matthew 11:25-30 – I Will Give You Rest |
| ☐ September 19: Saturday | Luke 4:16-21 – As Was His Custom |

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Mon: Where did Jesus go? When his parents found him, what was he doing? How does Jesus keep the Third Commandment? Why is it necessary for Him to keep this commandment?

Tues: What was Jesus doing when the reading begins? Why are the Pharisees concerned? Where does Jesus point them? For what—or whom—was the Sabbath given? How does Jesus healing on the Sabbath teach us what the Sabbath is intended for? How is the Sabbath properly understood as a gift?

Wed: What was Martha concerned with doing? What did Mary do? Why was Mary commended for this? How did Mary keep the Third Commandment?

Thur: Do the people of God continue to have a Sabbath Rest? What does verse 10 teach us should occur on the Sabbath? How does verse 12 teach us about how the LORD gives Sabbath rest? How is this consistent with Luther's meaning of the Third Commandment?

Fri: Who is invited to come to Jesus? Where do we do our work? Why does our work make us "heavy laden"? What does Jesus say He will give to those who come? What does this teach us regarding the Divine Service?

Sat: How did Jesus rest on the Sabbath? Why was this Jesus' "custom"? How does Jesus serve us on the Sabbath?

Verse of the Week: Matthew 11:28

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Hymn of the Season:

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

