



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

it's the *Little* things

Saturday, November 25, 2017 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, November 26, 2017 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel!

Guest/Member Cards can be found in the card holder of the pew in front of you. We invite you to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate when we receive the offering. When you fill out these cards each week you make it possible for our pastors to more easily follow up with and provide pastoral care for our guests and members from week to week. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Holy Communion is distributed every Saturday evening, and at either the 7:45 am or 10:15 am service on Sunday mornings. 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. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of our common confession of the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

If for health or personal reasons you cannot 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, while only consuming a very small amount of alcohol. You are also welcome to practice intinction (dipping the edge of the host [bread] into the common cup as it passes by).

Immanuel's Saturday evening service is a bit less formal than our Sunday services. Therefore, you will notice there are no ushers, the offering plate is left in the narthex (entrance) of the church rather than being passed during service, and we have only two individuals distributing Holy Communion. On Saturday night we only use the chalice (common cup) during Holy Communion. If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink wine, you're welcome to practice intinction. Intinction involves dipping the edge of the host (bread) into the wine. In this way, the communicant receives both elements. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

Worship at Immanuel is...

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.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.

In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you.

The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Preservice Music (10:15 am - Agape Ringers, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” arr. by L. Delancy)

Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 680, “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

Please stand

Invocation

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

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

Opening Sentences (Revelation 4:8b, 11)

P Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,

C **who was and is and is to come!**

P Worthy are You, our Lord and God,

C **to receive glory and honor and power,**

P for You created all things,

C **and by Your will they existed and were created.**

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord, sheep of the Good Shepherd, we know of His abiding goodness and mercy. With confidence, let us come before our Lord to confess our sins and to find the forgiveness we seek.

C **Almighty God, we admit our sinfulness, both that which is within us from the beginning and that which continues to occur in our lives through our transgressions in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, renew us, and create in us clean hearts so that we may serve You as Your redeemed people, now and forever.**

P God hears our cries for mercy, and because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, He grants forgiveness. 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. May you live confidently in this life as you await the joy of life everlasting. Be at peace!

C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day (Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13)

P In keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

Women: O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!

Men: Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before You.

C And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You.

Women: Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Men: Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not Your peace at my tears! For I am a sojourner with You, a guest, like all my fathers.

C 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.

P In keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

Hymn of Praise, LSB 525 v. 1-2, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

1 **Crown Him with many crowns,
 The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns
 All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
 Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
 Through all eternity.**

2 **Crown Him the virgin's Son,
 The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
 Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
 Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
 The babe of Bethlehem.**

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

**All: Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son
as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the
day of His return with our eyes fixed on the Kingdom
prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

(10:15 am) **Agape Ringers**, “People, Look East,” arr. by H. Morris

Old Testament Reading, Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.” ²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up

over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Matthew 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the

eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 532, “The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”

Sermon, Matthew 25:31-46, “It’s the Little Things”

(10:15 am) **Presentation to Sandy Mueller and Cindy Troup**

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the whole Christian community around the world that, as people united in faith, we may witness to the good news that is ours in Christ Jesus. Together we say:

C Amen and amen.

P We pray for all nations of the earth, that in those places where strife and discord rule, there may be peace. And we pray for our own nation, that it may seek to bring that which is good and God-pleasing about in every global situation. Together we say:

C **Amen and amen.**

P We pray for all those who labor in the fields of the Lord, that the Good Shepherd would lead them to pleasant pastures and give them joy in their callings. And we pray that the God of all grace would continue to raise up men and women to serve in vocations of service in the Church. Together we say:

C **Amen and amen.**

P We pray for our lives and for the situations in which we are placed day by day at home, in the workplace, in schools, or wherever our paths lead us, that we may be peacemakers and peace bringers, carrying out the command to love one another as our Lord has loved us. Together we say:

C **Amen and amen.**

P We pray for the special needs of this day, including health and family concerns (*especially...*), joys and sorrows, and all that is on our hearts. Together we say:

C **Amen and amen.**

P With gratitude, we remember all those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith, whose witness remains to bless and inspire us. May we with confidence follow in their footsteps and be led by the Holy Spirit. Together we say:

C **Amen and amen.**

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

C **hear our prayer.**

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.**

Please be seated

Offering (5:30 pm – *Please place your offerings in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.*)

Please stand

Offertory/Response to Prayer, LSB 525 v. 3-4, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond’ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.**
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o’er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.**

The 10:15 am service continues on page 10.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, heavenly Father, because You are with us to bless us for time and for eternity. With goodness and mercy You provide for all our wants of body and soul. May Your Holy Spirit guard, guide, and comfort us throughout the days of our journey on earth, while we live to

Your glory as Your pilgrim people. Keep us focused in faith as we journey toward our final goal, Your everlasting kingdom, where 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 **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

(Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning “save us now.”)

The Lord’s Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. (John 20:19)

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 617, “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

LSB 756, “Why Should Cross or Trial Grieve Me”

LSB 700, “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this...Go in peace.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24-26)
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn, *LSB* 564, “Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand”

Bells / Postlude

The 10:15 am service continues below.

The Lord’s Prayer

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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, November 25, 2017 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors

Pianist - Ron Jones

Media - Lisa Clamors

Sunday, November 26, 2017 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server/Lector - Wayne Collmeyer

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Ian Schrader & Jenna Hoeffken

Media - Kelley Keller

Ushers - Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn & Chase Rubemeyer

Sunday, November 26, 2017 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Lector - Ollney Mueller, Jr.

Liturgist - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Tyler Cooley & Nathan Hemmer

Media - Mitchell/Tim Scheibe (with recording)

Ushers - Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher

Ushers - Sunday, December 3, 2017

7:45 am - Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin Whelan

10:15 am - Jason & Nick Valerius, Tim Troup

Acolytes - Sunday, December 3, 2017

Saturday 5:30 pm - Jay Grant

Sunday 7:45 am - Ali & Blake Kloeppel

Sunday 10:15 am - Addie & Ben Janssen

Lectors - Sunday, December 3, 2017

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Wayne Collmeyer

Sunday 10:15 am - Jackson Marchlewski

Servers - Sunday, December 3, 2017

Saturday 5:30 pm - Chuck Keller

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Jackson Marchlewski

Altar Guild - Sunday, December 3, 2017

Saturday 5:30 pm - Joyce & Diana

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Shirley & Susan H

Media - Sunday, December 3, 2017

Saturday 5:30 pm - Kelley Keller

Sunday 7:45 am - Adrianna Whelan (with recording)

Sunday 10:15 am - Pam Nagel

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