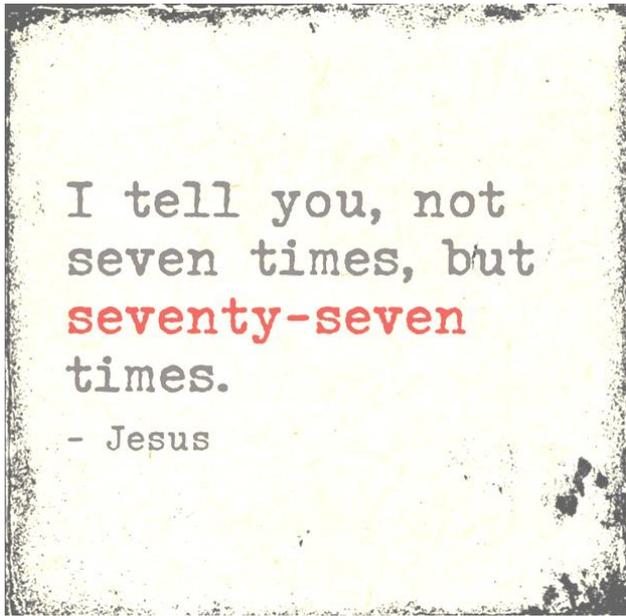




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

---

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Saturday, September 12, 2020 – 5:30 pm**  
**Sunday, September 13, 2020 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am**

---

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

# Welcome to Immanuel!

*Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!*

**If you are a guest**, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

**Members**, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

**We celebrate Holy Communion today!** In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

**During the communion service:** If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

## Worship at Immanuel is...

**Christ Centered.** We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

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

**Multigenerational.** We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

**Eclectic.** Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

*In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.*

## **Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome**

**Opening Hymn, LSB 506, “Glory Be to God the Father”**

- 1**    **Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit:  
Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory  
While eternal ages run!**
  
- 2**    **Glory be to Him who loved us,  
Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us,  
Made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory  
To the Lamb that once was slain!**
  
- 3**    **Glory to the King of angels,  
Glory to the Church’s King,  
Glory to the King of nations;  
Heav’n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory  
To the King of glory sing!**
  
- 4**    **Glory, blessing, praise eternal!  
Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow’r, dominion!  
Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory,  
Glory to the King of kings!**

*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])

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for self-examination.*

**P** Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness to all who are penitent.

**C** **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Introit of the Day

(Psalm 143:1-2; antiphon: v. 9)

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

**I have fled to you for refuge!**

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

**for no one living is righteous before you.**

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.**

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

**I have fled to you for refuge!**

### 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...

**C** **O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times**

**of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Old Testament Reading, Genesis 50:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle, Romans 14:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

**Holy Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. <sup>23</sup>“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

*After the reading:*

**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*

## **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day, LSB 844, "Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"**

Text: © 1969 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001526

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
To love all people, ev'ry race;  
And in each person may I see  
My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.**
- 2 Break down the wall that would divide  
Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.  
My neighbor's good let me pursue;  
Let Christian love bind warm and true.**
- 3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred  
By loveless act and thoughtless word.  
Make me to see the wrong I do  
Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.**
- 4 Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak  
Whenever strong oppress the weak.  
Should I myself the victim be,  
Help me forgive, rememb'ring Thee.**
- 5 With Thine own love may I be filled  
And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,  
That all I touch, where'er I be,  
May be divinely touched by Thee.**

**Sermon, Matthew 18:21-35, "Forgiveness From Above, Forgiveness  
Spread Around"**

**"Crown of Silver" Recognition**

*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.

Lord, grant that we not judge without mercy but forgive without limit, that we who have known the fullness of Your mercy in Christ also manifest a compassionate heart against those who sin against us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, grant to Your Church Your Spirit and power, that we be supplied with faithful pastors and church workers to serve us in Your name, and that we hear and heed the voice of Your Word and walk in holiness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, grant to those who lead us in this nation and in all the nations wisdom and integrity, that they pursue what is good and right and just according to Your Word and commands, and serve the common good. Deliver us from terror and threat, and give Your peace to the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, we pray for the sick and all who suffer (*especially...*). Grant them the blessing of Your mercy, healing according to Your will, and Your presence and comfort to sustain them through the day of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, grant to us grace that none of us approach Your Table with unrepented sin, and help us to receive with faith and for our benefit the richest gifts of Your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, grant to us grateful hearts that with our voices we offer You the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and with our tithes and offerings show forth our confidence in Your loving care and our desire to support the work of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Local concerns may be added here.*

**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.

**Offering** (*You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.*)

### ✠ 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

**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, 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** 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 817, "Earth and All Stars"

Text: © 1968 Augsburg Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001526

**1 Earth and all stars!**  
Loud rushing planets!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Oh, victory!  
Loud shouting army!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

*Refrain: He has done marvelous things.  
I too will praise Him with a new song!*

**2 Hail, wind, and rain!**  
Loud blowing snowstorm!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Flowers and trees!  
Loud rustling dry leaves!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

- 3 Trumpet and pipes!**  
Loud clashing cymbals!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre!  
Loud humming cellos!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 4 Engines and steel!**  
Loud pounding hammers!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Limestone and beams!  
Loud building workers!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 5 Classrooms and labs!**  
Loud boiling test tubes!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Athlete and band!  
Loud cheering people!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 6 Knowledge and truth!**  
Loud sounding wisdom!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Daughter and son!  
Loud praying members!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 7 Children of God,**  
Dying and rising,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Heaven and earth,  
Hosts everlasting,  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared  
This feast for our salvation;  
It is Your body and Your blood,  
And at Your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
We come to You for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.**
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,  
Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in Your presence they behold  
Your glory, all excelling,  
And though Your people shall not see  
Your glory and Your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,**
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined  
To any habitation;  
But You are present even now  
Here with Your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,  
Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.**
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
Your precious Word believing  
That Your true body and Your blood  
Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true;  
All things are possible with You,  
For You are Lord Almighty.**
- 5 Though reason cannot understand,  
Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is even now  
At once in many places.  
I leave to You how this can be;  
Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.**

- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;  
Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust,  
And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears  
Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.**
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.**
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessèd comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.**

*Please stand*

### **Dismissal**

**P** Now...Go in peace.

**C** Amen.

### **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, for the sake of Your holy name, forgive us, Your children, whom You have redeemed through the precious blood of Your dear Son. Deal graciously with us, Your servants, not according to our weakness and guilt but according to Your love and goodness. Grant to us forgiveness, peace, and the gift of a clear conscience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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 lift up His countenance on you and + give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn, LSB 738, “Lord of All Hopefulness”

Text: © Oxford University Press. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001526

- 1 **Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**
- 2 **Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the  
lathe:  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the  
day.**
- 3 **Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**
- 4 **Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

## Bells / Postlude

---

Acknowledgments: Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 4. Copyright © 2020 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2018 Concordia Publishing House

---

*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](http://immanuelwaterloo.org).*

---

## Worship Helpers

---

### **Saturday, September 12, 2020 - 5:30 pm**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Rodney Clamors

Media - Pam Nagel

Organist - Joan Ruwald

Acolyte - Ava Hemmer

### **Sunday, September 13, 2020 - 7:45 am**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Collin & Davin Dethrow

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

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Lector - Sean Arians

Media - Cathy Whelan

### **Sunday, September 13, 2020 - 10:15 am**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Ali Kloeppe & Blake Nichols

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

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Dean Harbison

Media & Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

### **Ushers - Sunday, September 20, 2020**

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

10:15 am - Rodney Clamors, Paul & Jenna Hoeffken, Evan & Wyatt Fink

### **Acolytes - Sunday, September 20, 2020**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Charli Major

Sunday 7:45 am - Autumn Whelan & Hunter Kettler

Sunday 10:15 am - Addie & Ben Janssen

### **Servers - Sunday, September 20, 2020**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Chuck Keller

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 am - Howard Shive

### **Media - Sunday, September 20, 2020**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Kelley Keller

Sunday 7:45 am - Cathy Whelan

Sunday 10:15 am - Greg Hoeffken

### **Lectors - Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020**

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 am - Jen Janssen

### **Altar Guild - Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Diana Heins

Sunday 7:45 am - Sandy & Wendy

Sunday 10:15 am - Janet Goessling

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL – WATERLOO, ILLINOIS**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD**

[immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org)

e-mail: [immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com)

Rev. Merritt Demski, Administrative Pastor	939-6480 or 847-254-9666
Rev. Dr. Tony Troup, Associate Pastor	939-6480 or 618-340-8375
Hayden Brown, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Field Education Student	309-231-2183
Mrs. Lisa Clamors, Secretary	939-6480 or 618-719-4954
Mrs. Ann Frank, Music Director	939-6480 or 618-282-6597
Mrs. Linda Polansky, Preschool Director	939-6480 or 618-980-3475