



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



“A Banquet Invitation Unlike Any Other”

Saturday, October 10, 2020 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, October 11, 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 (10:15 am – Welcome New Members, Chris & Martha Michael)

Opening Hymn, LSB 915, “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.**

- 2 Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father’s welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv’n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav’n.**

- 3 Today our Father calls us;
His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav’nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father’s home.**

- 4 O all-embracing Mercy,
 O ever-open Door,
 What should we do without You
 When heart and eye run o'er?
 When all things seem against us,
 To drive us to despair,
 We know one gate is open,
 One ear will hear our prayer.

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

(Psalm 9:2; 33:20-22; 122:1)

- P** I was glad when they said to me,
C “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
P I will be glad and exult in You;
C I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.
P Our soul waits for the Lord;
C He is our help and our shield.
P For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.
C Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.
C O God our Father, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to others. We have not always shown forth our faith in every aspect of our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us and hear this, our confession, O Lord. Grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.
P The Lord hears our pleas and accepts our prayers. To each of us our Lord promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called

and ordained servant of 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

(Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2)

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;

my soul shall exult in my God,

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

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.

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

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 Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle, Philippians 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Matthew 22:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

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

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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 833, “Listen, God Is Calling”

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Refrain:

Listen,

**listen, God is calling
Through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness,
Comfort, and joy. (Repeat once)**

1 *Jesus gave His mandate:
Share the good news
That He came to save us
And set us free. (Refrain)*

- 2 *Let none be forgotten*
Throughout the world.
In the triune name of God
Go and baptize. (Refrain)
- 3 *Help us to be faithful,*
Standing steadfast,
Walking in Your precepts,
Led by Your Word. (Refrain)

Sermon, Matt. 22:1-14, “A Banquet Invitation Unlike Any Other”

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

P With full confidence that our prayers will be heard by our loving God, we offer our petitions for the Church, the world, and all people in need. O Lord,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the well-being of creation in our land and every land, for all coastlands and waters and for all fields and forests. Grant that we be proper stewards of all of the gifts we have received. O Lord,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the Church, that it grow as the Spirit leads and directs, even in those places where persecution of Christian people still is a daily reality. O Lord,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those who are in need of special petitions this day, including the injured or ill, people in hospitals or other care centers, and those who are grieving this day, [*especially...*]. Be the support of those in need and the comfort of those who are burdened. O Lord,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

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

C **hear our prayer.**

P As we remember with gratitude those whose earthly lives are now completed, we ask that we be blessed by the memory of all who have fallen asleep in Jesus, especially those of this community of faith who have left behind examples of joyful trust and blessed hope. O Lord,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer. 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 proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, because Your mercy attends us all our days. Graciously You provide for all our wants of body and soul and lovingly You have invited us to come to Your Table of grace. Grant that Your Holy Spirit guard, guide, and comfort us throughout the days of our journey on earth as Your pilgrim people. 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 620, "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

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- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:
"Come and taste the blessed feast."**

- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
Of His sacred covenant.**

- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursed tree.**

- 4** God descends with heav'nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.
- 5** Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6** Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

LSB 621, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

- 1** Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.
- 2** King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven**
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,**
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

Please stand

Dismissal

- P** Now...Go in peace.
C Amen.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray.
Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we live with hope and confidence, showing forth Your love through acts of mercy. Support us in this life, and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son 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 941, “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God” [Text: © 1999 Stephen P. Starke, admin. Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001526.]

- 1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”**

- 2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”**

- 3 You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.**

- 4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!**

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, October 10, 2020 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Wayne Collmeyer

Media - Cathy Whelan

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Sydney Kuergeleis

Sunday, October 11, 2020 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Hayden Brown

Acolytes - Kaden & Keaton Roberts

Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank

Media - Pam Nagel

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Lector - Warren Frank

Music Director - Ann Frank

Sunday, October 11, 2020 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Ben Janssen & Jacob Dethrow

Ushers - Larry Goessling, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison

Media/Facebook Live - Greg Hoeffken

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Rodney Clamors

Lector - Jen Janssen

Ushers - Sunday, October 18, 2020

7:45 am - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Lilly Prather

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

Acolytes - Sunday, October 18, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Hunter Kettler

Sunday 7:45 am - Madalyn Prather & Reagan Wilhelm

Sunday 10:15 am - Jeriah & Masson Fink

Servers - Sunday, October 18, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Chuck Keller

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 am - Hayden Brown

Media - Sunday, October 18, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Kelley Keller

Sunday 7:45 am - Cathy Whelan

Sunday 10:15 am - Tim Scheibe

Lectors - Sunday, Oct 18, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Ollney Mueller, Jr.

Sunday 10:15 am - Hayden Brown

Altar Guild - Sunday, Oct 18, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Diana Heins

Sunday 7:45 am - Sandy & Wendy

Sunday 10:15 am - Linda Gutknecht

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SERMON OUTLINE
MATT. 22:1-14
“A BANQUET INVITATION UNLIKE ANY OTHER”

1. But today's text is an exception to that _____ rule.
2. First, we learn in this parable that many of the religious leaders of Jesus' day _____ him as the _____ Savior.
3. The second point of this parable is that God's _____ to receive forgiveness and eternal life in Jesus' name goes out to all people –the good, the bad, the rich, the poor, pillars of the community and outcasts.
4. You may have been a thug, a drug dealer, a self-indulgent brat who hurt your loved ones with your selfish behavior. You may have _____ Christ. But you know what? Jesus still _____.
5. The third point of this parable is that we can't go to heaven or be right with God clothed in our _____.
6. Through faith in Jesus, we're clothed in Jesus' righteousness. When God looks at us, he doesn't see our _____.
He doesn't see the _____ and _____ of sin. He only sees Jesus and Jesus' perfect life. We're white. White as snow.