



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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## **The Baptism of Our Lord**



**Saturday, January 9, 2021 – 5:30 pm**  
**Sunday, January 10, 2021 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am**

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“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 594, “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”**

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- 1 God’s own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth’s treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!**
  
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?**
  
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I’ve traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!**
  
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes**

**Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine  
To make life immortal mine.**

- 5 There is nothing worth comparing  
To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ;  
I'm a child of paradise!**

*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**

(Genesis 1:1-2; Psalm 29:3-4)

- P** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  
**C** **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**  
**P** And God said, "Let there be light."  
**C** **The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**  
**P** The voice of the Lord is powerful.  
**C** **The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**  
**P** The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.  
**C** **The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

- P** In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Heavenly Father,  
**C** **we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. 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. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

✠ **Service of the Word** ✠

**Introit of the Day** (Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a)

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
**my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

I will tell of the decree:

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
**and the ends of the earth your possession.**

You shall break them with a rod of iron  
**and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
**be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

Serve the LORD with fear,  
**and rejoice with trembling,**  
 for his wrath is quickly kindled.

**Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.**

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.**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
**my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

Hymn of Praise, *LSB* 368 v. 1, “Angels We Have Heard on High”

1 Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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** **Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same 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 1:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*After the reading:*

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle, Romans 6:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our

old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

**Holy Gospel**, Mark 1:4-11

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Apostles' Creed**

**C** 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 405, “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”**

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- 1 To Jordan’s river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.**
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—  
The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father’s will  
And all His righteousness fulfill.**
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.**
- 4 Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound  
Came God’s own voice with words profound:  
“This is My Son,” was His decree,  
“The one I love, who pleases Me.”**
- 5 The Father’s word, the Spirit’s flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God’s own choice, from Adam’s fall  
To save the world and free us all.**
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

**Sermon, Romans 6:1-11, “Life after Death”**



*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.

Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, strengthen all those who have been baptized, especially those who have been baptized recently, with Your heavenly protection. Lead them to find their true identity in You as Your beloved sons and daughters. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially...*]. Console them with the sure and certain hope that just as we have been united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, bless all pastors, church planters, missionaries, and servants in Your Church who proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments. Embolden them to seek and to save the lost and bring those who have strayed back into Your family. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially...*]. Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

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

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

**P** Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us. 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; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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 839, "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"*

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,  
Enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Your voice  
And in Your fold with us rejoice.**
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace  
The souls now lost in error's maze;  
Enlighten those whose inmost minds  
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**
- 3 O gently call those gone astray  
That they may find the saving way!  
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed  
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.**
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;  
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart;  
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,**
- 5 That they with us may evermore  
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv'n  
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.**

LSB 590, “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

- 1 **Baptized into Your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
Your Spirit now shall live within.**
  
- 2 **My loving Father, here You take me  
To be henceforth Your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, here You make me  
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see.**
  
- 3 **My faithful God, You fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.**
  
- 4 **All that I am and love most dearly—  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely;  
Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but Yours alone.**

*Please stand*

**Dismissal**

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

**C** Amen.

**Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us, thereby, that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue

in this fellowship and do the good works that You desire us to do, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the same Spirit be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

**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 877, “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”**

**1 God, who made the earth and heaven,**

**Darkness and light:**

**You the day for work have given,**

**For rest the night.**

**May Your angel guards defend us,**

**Slumber sweet Your mercy send us,**

**Holy dreams and hopes attend us**

**All through the night.**

**2 And when morn again shall call us**

**To run life’s way,**

**May we still, whate’er befall us,**

**Your will obey.**

**From the pow’r of evil hide us,**

**In the narrow pathway guide us,**

**Never be Your smile denied us**

**All through the day.**

**3 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,**

**And when we die,**

**May we in Your mighty keeping**

**All peaceful lie.**

**When the last dread call shall wake us,**

**Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,**

**But to reign in glory take us**

**With You on high.**

△ 4 **Holy Father, throned in heaven,  
 All-holy Son,  
 Holy Spirit, freely given,  
 Blest Three in One:  
 Grant us grace, we now implore You,  
 Till we lay our crowns before You  
 And in worthier strains adore You  
 While ages run.**

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

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## Worship Helpers

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### Saturday, January 9, 2021 - 5:30 pm

Preacher/Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski  
 Media - Kelley Keller

Organist - Joan Ruwald

### Sunday, January 10, 2021 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski  
 Music Director - Ann Frank

Liturgist/Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup  
 Media - Greg Hoeffken

### Sunday, January 10, 2021 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski  
 Music Director - Ann Frank

Liturgist/Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup  
 Media - Tim Scheibe (Facebook Live)

### Media - Sunday, January 17, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Lisa Clamors  
 Sunday 7:45 am - Cathy Whelan  
 Sunday 10:15 am - Pam Nagel

### Altar Guild - Sunday, January 17, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Dinah Pflasterer  
 Sunday 7:45 am - Barbara Altes  
 Sunday 10:15 am - Susan Hargrave

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