



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

First Sunday in Lent



Saturday, February 20, 2021 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, February 21, 2021 – 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.

Divine Service, Setting One

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 151)

Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, LSB 418, “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

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- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.**

- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust
In God’s eternal Word.**

- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed
And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves,
Since we have known God’s love.**

- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven’s 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])

Confession and Absolution

(1 John 1:8-9)

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 91:9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16)

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

the Most High, who is my refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

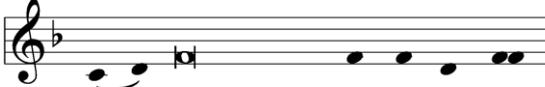
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

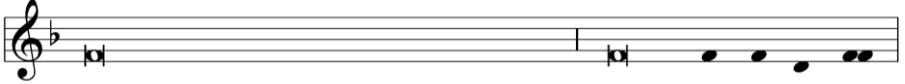
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



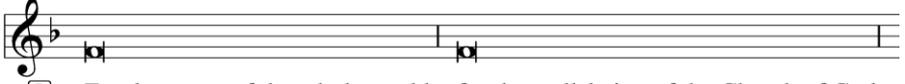
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



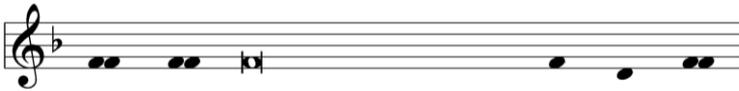
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: **O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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, Genesis 22:1-18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. ⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God,

seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” ¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading, James 1:12-18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Mark 1:9-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” ¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild

animals, and the angels were ministering to him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day, LSB 600, “Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Offering” [Text: © 1990 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001526.]

- 1 **Mark how the Lamb of God’s self-off’ring
Our human sinfulness takes on
In the birthwaters of the Jordan
As Jesus is baptized by John.
Hear how the voice from heaven thunders,
“Lo, this is My belovèd Son.”
See how in dovelike form the Spirit
Descends on God’s Anointed One.**

- 2 **From this assurance of God’s favor
Jesus goes to the wilderness,
There to endure a time of testing
That readied Him to teach and bless.
So we, by water and the Spirit
Baptized into Christ’s ministry,
Are often led to paths of service
Through mazes of adversity.**

- 3 **Grant us, O God, the strength and courage
To live the faith our lips declare;
Bless us in our baptismal calling;
Christ’s royal priesthood help us share.
Turn us from ev’ry false allegiance,
That we may trust in Christ alone:
Raise up in us a chosen people
Transformed by love to be Your own.**

Sermon, James 1:12-18, “Steadfast under Trial”

Please stand

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.

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.

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

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of 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.*)

Preparatory Music, LSB 767, “Jesus, Remember Me”

✠ 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
(*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)

Pax Domini

(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 433, “Glory Be to Jesus”

- 1 **Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins!**
- 2 **Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!**
- 3 **Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream**

**Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem!**

**4 Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.**

**5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.**

**6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!**

LSB 521, "Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken"

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**1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, unshaken
By the devil's seething rage,
Thwarts the plan of Satan's minions;
Wins the strife from age to age;
Conquers sin and death forever;
Slams them in their steely cage.**

**2 Michael fought the heav'nly battle,
Godly angels by his side;
Warred against the ancient serpent,
Foiled the beast, so full of pride,
Cast him earthbound with his angels;
Now he prowls, unsatisfied.**

**3 Long on earth the battle rages,
Since the serpent's first deceit;
Twisted God's command to Adam,
Made forbidden fruit look sweet.
Then the curse of God was spoken:
"You'll lie crushed beneath His feet!"**

- 4 Jesus came, this word fulfilling,
 Trampled Satan, death defied;
 Bore the brunt of our temptation,
 On the wretched tree He died.
 Yet to life was raised victorious;
 By His life our life supplied.
- 5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant
 From his heav'nly perch on high,
 As the word of Jesus' vict'ry
 Floods the earth and fills the sky.
 Wounded by a wound eternal
 Now his judgment has drawn nigh!
- 6 Jesus, send Your angel legions
 When the foe would us enslave.
 Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
 Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
 Overthrow at last the dragon;
 Send him to his fiery grave.

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this... Go in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.



Closing Hymn, *LSB* 707, “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

- 1** Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!
- 2** Order my footsteps by Thy Word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.
- 3** Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.
- 4** Make me to walk in Thy commands—
'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.

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, February 20, 2021 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server - Greg Wiegand

Pianist - Ron Jones
 Media - Kelley Keller

Sunday, February 21, 2021 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server - Hayden Brown
 Acolytes - Madalyn Prather & Kyle Rusteberg
 Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Lilly Prather

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Lector - Don Birrittier
 Music Director - Ann Frank
 Media - Pam Nagel

Sunday, February 21, 2021 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Music Director - Ann Frank
 Acolytes - Ayda Eggemeyer & Blake Nichols
 Ushers - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Server - Rodney Clamors
 Lector - Ollney Mueller, Jr.
 Media - Tim Scheibe (Facebook Live)

Worship Helpers - Wednesday, February 24, 2021 - 6:30 pm

Ushers - Chuck Keller, Larry Taake, Craig Mehner, Dawn Rubemeyer
 Media - Greg Hoeffken (Facebook Live) Acolytes - Collin & Jacob Dethrow

Ushers - Sunday, February 28, 2021

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

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

Acolytes - Sunday, February 28, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Kaden/Keaton Roberts
 Sunday 7:45 am - Ashlyn Whelan & Ava Hemmer
 Sunday 10:15 am - Jeriah & Masson Fink

Servers - Sunday, February 28, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Greg Wiegand
 Sunday 7:45 am - Chuck Keller
 Sunday 10:15 am - Dean Harbison

Media - Sunday, February 28, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Cathy Whelan
 Sunday 7:45 am - Kelley Keller
 Sunday 10:15 am - Lisa Clamors (Facebook Live)

Lectors - Sunday, Feb 28, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a
 Sunday 7:45 am - Ollney Mueller, Jr.
 Sunday 10:15 am - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Sunday, Feb 28, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Susan Starbuck
 Sunday 7:45 am - Sandy & Faith
 Sunday 10:15 am - Pastors

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