



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**



**Saturday, May 28, 2022 – 5:30 pm**  
**Sunday, May 29, 2022 – 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, Guest's or Member's Choice

*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 133, adapt.)

**P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is

**C** **when brothers dwell in unity!**

**P** It is like precious oil on the head,

**C** **like the dew on the mountains.**

**P** For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,

**C** **life forevermore.**

#### Confession and Absolution

John 17:26

**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.**

**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** In Holy Baptism, we were united in the Body of Christ, the Church. He continually asks the Father that “the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” He gave His life so that nothing shall separate us from the uniting love of God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

+ Service of the Word +

**Introit of the Day**

(Psalm 61:3, 5-8; antiphon: v. 1)

Hear my cry, O God,

**listen to my prayer;**

for you have been my refuge,

**a strong tower against the enemy.**

For you, O God, have heard my vows;

**you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.**

Prolong the life of the king;

**may his years endure to all generations!**

May he be enthroned forever before God;

**appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!**

So will I ever sing praises to your name,

**as I perform my vows day after day.**

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.**

Hear my cry, O God,

**listen to my prayer;**

**Hymn of Praise, *LSB* 810 v. 1 & 4, “O God of God, O Light of Light”**

Text: John Julian, 1839–1913, alt. Text: Public domain

**1 O God of God, O Light of Light,  
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:  
To you in heaven’s glory bright  
The song of praise forever rings.  
To Him who sits upon the throne,  
The Lamb once slain but raised again,  
Be all the glory He has won,  
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.**

**4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song,  
And shout His name, His mercies tell!  
Sing, heav’nly host, your praise prolong,  
And all on earth, your anthem swell!  
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!  
Forever let the song ascend!  
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,  
All glory, pow’r! Amen, amen.**

## 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 King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **First Reading, Acts 1:12-26**

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. <sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>"For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.'" <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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

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

### **Epistle, Revelation 22:1-20**

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the

street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup>They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.” <sup>7</sup>“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” <sup>8</sup>I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.” <sup>10</sup>And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. <sup>11</sup>Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.” <sup>12</sup>“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” <sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. <sup>16</sup>“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” <sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. <sup>18</sup>I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, <sup>19</sup>and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. <sup>20</sup>He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

**Holy Gospel, John 17:20-26**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>20</sup>[Jesus said:] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may

become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

**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** (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

**Hymn of the Day**, Guest’s or Member’s Choice

**Sermon**, Acts 1:12-26, “What Matters?”

*Please stand*

**Prayer of the Church** (Psalm 67:3)

**P** Our Lord has ascended and now fills all time and space, both with us here and also at the Father’s right hand. As we anticipate our joining Him in eternity, let us bring Him our petitions for the needs we have this day.

For leaders of the Church, that they have courage to proclaim the Gospel to the world around us in every circumstance, and that they seek God’s guidance in their work as we confess our faith in the one Savior of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Ascended Lord, have mercy.

**P** For leaders of the nations, that God would guide them in the ways of peace; for all international relief agencies, that they are able to meet the needs of refugees due to human and natural disasters; and for all who work to discover ways to use God's creation for the good of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Ascended Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who tend fields and flocks, who minister to the sick and dying, and who go in harm's way to order society and to ensure freedom, that God would protect and guide them, using them for the nourishment, health, and concord we need each day, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Ascended Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those near and dear to us with problems of health, welfare, sorrow, unemployment, or other concerns, [*especially...*], that God would provide healing, consolation, and relief as fits His gracious plans for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Ascended Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Church around the world and for ourselves, gathered here around Word and Sacrament as a family of faith, for the families of each congregation, and for every individual of faith, that the unity we share as members of the Body of Christ would show forth in our forgiving and loving one another in Jesus' name, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Ascended Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

**P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is one God with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Offering** (*During our Saturday evening service, please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the narthex.*)

*Please stand*

**Offertory, LSB 789, “Praise and Thanksgiving”**

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- 1 Praise and thanksgiving,  
Father, we offer  
For all things living,  
Created good:  
Harvest of sown fields,  
Fruits of the orchard,  
Hay from the mown fields,  
Blossom and wood.**
  
- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor  
We bring to serve You  
That with our neighbor  
We may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling,  
We would work with You,  
Harvesting, milling  
For daily bread.**
  
- 3 Father, providing  
Food for Your children,  
By Your wise guiding  
Teach us to share  
One with another,  
So that, rejoicing  
With us, all others  
May know Your care.**

**+ 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 after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. 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 pow’r 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)

**Pax Domini** (John 20:19)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### Distribution

*LSB 828, “We Are Called to Stand Together”*

*LSB 617, “O Lord, We Praise Thee”*

*Please stand*

## **Dismissal**

**P** Now may this... Go in peace.

**C** Amen.

## **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

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 in 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.

**C** Amen.

## **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.

**C** Amen.

## **Closing Hymn, Guest's or Member's Choice**

## **Bells / Postlude**

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*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, May 28, 2022 - 5:30 pm**

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Cal Neeman

Media - Melissa Wiegand

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Gwen Wiegand

### **Sunday, May 29, 2022 - 7:45 am**

Preacher/Celebrant/Liturgist - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Chuck Keller

Acolytes - Nicholas Hoeffken & Kadin LaRue

Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Daniel Niemeyer

Media - Greg Hoeffken

### **Sunday, May 29, 2022 - 10:15 am**

Preacher/Celebrant/Liturgist - Rev. Merritt Demski

Acolytes - Liam Garner & Nash Bradley

Ushers - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer

Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

Music Director - Ann Frank

Server - Dean Harbison

Lector - Rodney Clamors

**Ushers - Sunday, June 5, 2022**

10:15 am - Jason Valerius

**Acolytes - Sunday, June 5, 2022**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Gwen Wiegand

Sunday 10:15 am - n/a

**Servers - Sunday, June 5, 2022**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Greg Wiegand

Sunday 10:15 am - n/a

**Media - Sunday, June 5, 2022**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Melissa Wiegand

Sunday 10:15 am - n/a

**Lectors - Sunday, June 5, 2022**

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - n/a

**Altar Guild - Sunday, June 5, 2022**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 10:15 am - n/a

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**2022 Summer Sermon Series**  
**“Finding Rest in Restless Times”**  
**June 11/12 – July 16/17**

Misplaced Identity – “Who Am I?”

Misplaced Priorities – “I Have to...”

Misplaced Fear – “What If...”

Misplaced Love – “I Can’t Live without...”

Misplaced Trust – “As Long As I Can...”

Misplaced Conversation – “I Have to Talk to...”

Pastor Demski & Pastor Troup will journey through the beautiful gifts Christ has for us (rest, peace, forgiveness, and strength/ perseverance) and some of the ways that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature attempt to keep God’s gift of rest from us.