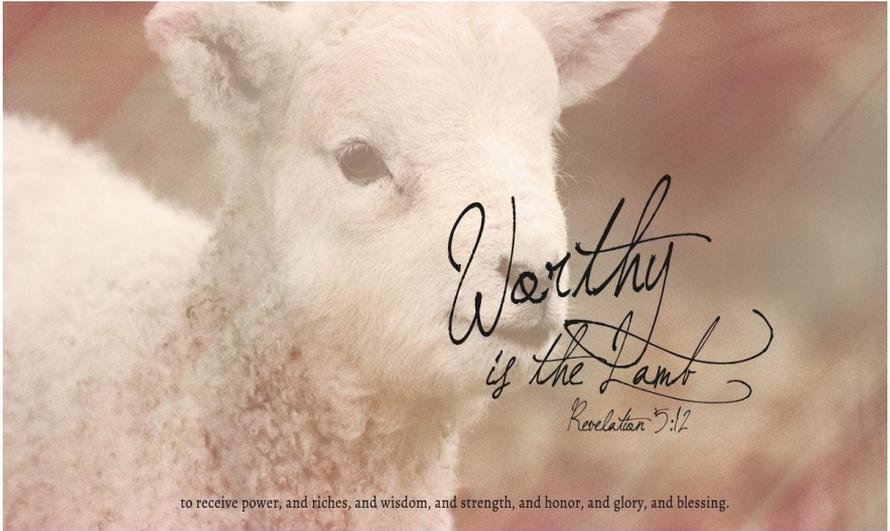




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**



**Saturday, May 7, 2022 – 5:30 pm**  
**Sunday, May 8, 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, *LSB* 477, “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

*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 23:1, 6b; Revelation 7:17)

- P** The LORD is my shepherd;
- C** **I shall not want.**
- P** For the Lamb in the midst of the throne
- C** **will be their shepherd,**
- P** and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
- C** **And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

### Confession and Absolution

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** Lord, our God,
- C** **we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who gave his life to bring us eternal life. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to hear anew our Shepherd’s voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house.**
- P** Fellow sheep within Christ’s fold, our Lord Jesus was God’s sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, 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 (Psalm 78:70-72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b)

- P** I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

- P** He chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds;  
**C** **from following the nursing ewes He brought him to shepherd Jacob His people, Israel His inheritance.**
- P** With upright heart he shepherded them  
**C** **and guided them with his skillful hand.**
- P** But we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever;  
**C** **from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.**
- P** 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.
- C** **I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.**

### 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, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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*

### First Reading, Acts 20:17-35

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from

declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Epistle, Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

### **Holy Gospel, John 10:22-30**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one.”

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

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

*Please be seated*

(10:15 am) **Sunday School Anthem**, “God Bless Families” (N. Sleeth)

**Children’s Message** (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

**Hymn of the Day**, *LSB* 799, “Alabaré — I”

**Sermon**, Rev. 7:9-17, “Revelations in Revelation”

*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**

(Psalm 23)

**P** Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.

We pray for those who do not listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, asking the Holy Spirit to give them opportunity to come to faith and join us in saying:

**C** The LORD is my shepherd.

- P** We pray for all who lack the food, clothing, and shelter that they need for a fully human life, asking our Father in heaven to meet their needs using His caring people, including ourselves, for we are confident:
- C** **I shall not want.**
- P** We pray for those falsely imprisoned or denied true justice, asking our Lord to free them and open doors of opportunity for them, as He so graciously has done for us:
- C** **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**
- P** We pray for all who are depressed in spirit or unsure of God's will for them, asking the Holy Spirit to lift them up and guide them, that with us they may rejoice to say:
- C** **He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**
- P** We pray for those who are facing sudden crises or long-term ills, and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones, [*including...*], asking our risen Lord to lift their eyes to His eternal home so that they may each declare:
- C** **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**
- P** We pray for first responders and police at home and for armed forces deployed, asking our Father in heaven to guide and protect them, and for all who grow crops and tend herds that He would bless them with bountiful harvests so that they may thank Him, praying:
- C** **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
- P** (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Finally, we pray for ourselves and all who gather around Word and Sacrament, that the Holy Spirit would keep us firm in the faith so that we may joyfully profess:
- C** **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. 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 806, “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”**

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**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He’s given  
Jesus Christ His Son. (Repeat once)**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,”  
Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat once)**

**Give thanks, give thanks.**

**+ 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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 641, “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”*

*LSB 627, “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”*

*Please stand*

## Dismissal

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

**C** Amen.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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, LSB 941, “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”**

## 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 7, 2022 - 5:30 pm**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Bob Polansky

Organist - Joan Ruwald

Acolyte - Sydney Kuergeleis & Jensyn Collmeyer

### **Sunday, May 8, 2022 - 7:45 am**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Travis Henry

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Lector - Don Birrittier

Acolytes - Danny & Zachary Bundenthal

Music Director - Ann Frank

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

Media - Lisa Clamors

### **Sunday, May 8, 2022 - 10:15 am**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Music Director - Ann Frank

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server/Lector - Warren Frank

Acolytes - Logan Kettler & Collin Dethrow

Media/Facebook Live - Cathy Whelan

Ushers - Charles Lloyd, Kevin & Alex Whelan

### **Ushers - Sunday, May 15, 2022**

7:45 am - Jason & Nick Valerius, Tyler Cooley

10:15 am - Alan Stumpf, Ian Schrader, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel

### **Acolytes - Sunday, May 15, 2022**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Lorelei Griffin

Sunday 7:45 am - Carson Filipiak & Ashlyn Whelan

Sunday 10:15 am - Kaden & Keaton Roberts

### **Servers - Sunday, May 15, 2022**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Chuck Keller

Sunday 7:45 am - Dean Harbison

Sunday 10:15 am - Travis Henry

### **Media - Sunday, May 15, 2022**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Kelley Keller

Sunday 7:45 am - Cathy Whelan

Sunday 10:15 am - Laurie Sparwasser & Greg Hoeffken

### **Lectors - Sunday, May 15, 2022**

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Daniel Niemeyer

Sunday 10:15 am - Jen Janssen

### **Altar Guild - Sunday, May 15, 2022**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 7:45 am - Barbara & Deb

Sunday 10:15 am - Susan Hargrave

# YOUTH SPOTLIGHT!

*It's a great way to get to know our youth heading to the National Youth Gathering (NYG) later this year!*

**This weekend (May 7-8) we are spotlighting...**

## ***Ben Janssen***

Ben is a 14-year-old freshman homeschooler.

**Extracurricular Activities:** With a goal to catch in college, Ben spends much of his time in the batting cages, working on skills for behind the plate, reading, and playing with his St. Louis Patriots Homeschool Baseball program, as well as playing for the Monroe County Tribe, (along with fellow youth Kaden Roberts). Ben also helps with the After School Tutoring program with refugees at Christian Friends of New Americans. He participates in FIRST Robotics (FTC), STOA Speech and Debate, and Karate. In his spare moments, he watches baseball clips.



**Favorite Movie:** Ben and his dad like to watch slow motion videos of his at-bats late into the night. Seriously.

**Guilty Pleasures:** Gummy worms from Schweiger's stand at Soulard Farmers Market, where Ben works with his sister, occasionally.

**Fun Fact:** When his pitchers are struggling, Ben has been known to pull a gummy worm from his pocket during a mound visit to cut the tension and offer relief. Also, if he has seen a movie, chances are he can quote it.

**Favorite Hymn:** "In Christ Alone" -- But he will sing just about anything...

**What is he excited about?:** Ben is looking forward to being with so many young, excited Christians at the youth gathering. Having 19,000 youth singing alongside him will also be pretty awesome.

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**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**REV. 7:9-13**  
**“REVELATIONS ABOUT REVELATION”**

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1. According to the Bible, a \_\_\_\_\_ is something that we humans can't know \_\_\_\_\_, on our own. God has to make it known to us. It's knowledge that God reveals to us!
2. In his vision, John sees a great multitude of believers before the throne of God and the Lamb. The throne represents God the \_\_\_\_\_ and the Lamb represents \_\_\_\_\_, God the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Notice, these believers aren't in their living rooms watching a \_\_\_\_\_ worship service. They're not watching some worship service alone, in their \_\_\_\_\_ while snacking on a Pop-Tart. They're together, live, with other Christians.
4. Worship is a fantastic gift of God that builds up believers. God's at work strengthening and \_\_\_\_\_ us. But remember that there are sacrificial aspects to worship, too. Times when we \_\_\_\_\_ God, times when we give him glory, our prayers and our adoration.
5. Jesus didn't stand by the \_\_\_\_\_, calling you to do your very best, telling you that you'd have to try real \_\_\_\_\_ to make it on your own. No. He knew you couldn't make it on your own. And so he plunged into our world.
6. It's unlikely that many of us will wind up in the gutter, but in \_\_\_\_\_ times and bad, in times of \_\_\_\_\_ and joy, Jesus is worthy of our praise.

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