



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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**First Sunday in Advent**



**Saturday, November 26, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, November 27, 2022 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**

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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.*

## Divine Service, Setting Four

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 203)

**Preservice Music** [10:15 a.m. – Choir Anthem, “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning,” arr. by V.C. Johnson]

### Bells / Welcome

**Opening Hymn, LSB 514, “The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”**

### ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

*Please stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.** (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**  
(Psalm 130:3-4)

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

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (Luke 18:13)

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 118:25-28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.)

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**righteous and having salvation.**

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

**O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

**you are my God; I will extol you.**

**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, your king is coming to you;

**righteous and having salvation.**

**Kyrie**

(Mark 10:47)



**☐** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**Advent Hymn, “We Light the Advent Candle”**

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1 We light the Ad - vent can - dle And wait for Christ to



come. With hope, we trust the prom - ise That



He will bring us home. Our hope is in our

Sav - ior Who wins for us God's fa - vor. We  
wait with grow - ing light Till God makes all things right!

### 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** **Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

(10:15 a.m.) **Choir Anthem**, “Children of God We Are” (J.A. Behnke)

### Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

*After the reading:*

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle, Romans 13:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other

commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

(John 20:31)

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a 7/8 time signature. The first staff is the Alleluia chorus. The second and third staves are the verse, with lyrics: "These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." The fourth staff is a second Alleluia chorus. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

**Holy Gospel, Matthew 24:36-44**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>36</sup>[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the

master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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

**Hymn of the Day**, *LSB* 332, "Savior of the Nations, Come"

**Sermon**, Matthew 24:36-44, "Left Behind"

*Please stand*

## **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.

*Please be seated*

**Offering** (*You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.*) [10:15 a.m. – Flute/Organ Selection, “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns,” arr. by R. Powell (Karen Hodapp)]

*Please stand*

**Offertory, LSB 955, “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”**

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

✠ **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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### 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.

**Agnus Dei**

(John 1:29)

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated*

**Distribution Hymns**

LSB 348, "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

LSB 632, "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

*Please stand*

**Dismissal**

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

**C** Amen.

# Nunc Dimittis

(Luke 2:29-32)

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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.

## Benedicamus and Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord. (Psalm 103:1)
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- 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* 331, “The Advent of Our King”

## 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, November 26, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Howard Shive

Altar Guild - Diana Heins

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Carson Filipiak

Media - Keaton Roberts

**Sunday, November 27, 2022 - 7:45 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Servers - Chuck Keller & Hayden Brown

Acolytes - Liam Garner & Olivia Rusteberg

Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Lilly Prather

French Horn - Joyce Rossel

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Hayden Brown

Altar Guild - Debbie Conover

Media - Don Birrittier

Viola - Greg Badger

**Sunday, November 27, 2022 - 10:15 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Jacob Dethrow & Jakson Gregory

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

Media/Facebook Live - Cathy Whelan

Flute - Karen Hodapp

Server - Dean Harbison

Lector - Daniel Niemeyer

Altar Guild - Carol Kassel

**Worship Helpers - Wednesday, November 30, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.**

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

Acolytes - Clark Deptula & Evan Williams

Media/Facebook Live - Carson Filipiak

**Ushers - Sunday, December 4, 2022**

7:45 a.m. - Jason Valerius, Jeriah Fink, Trinity Drewes, Evan Williams

10:15 a.m. - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel

**Acolytes - Sunday, December 4, 2022**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Nash Bradley

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Chase Richey & Michael Evers

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Avery & Jensyn Collmeyer

**Servers - Sunday, December 4, 2022**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Dean Harbison

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Hayden Brown

**Media - Sunday, December 4, 2022**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Lisa Clamors

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Kelley Keller

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Ayda Eggemeyer

**Lectors - Sunday, Dec 4, 2022**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Hayden Brown

**Altar Guild - Sunday, Dec 4, 2022**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Sandy Thompson

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Susan Hargrave

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5-6:30 p.m.



# WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Nov. 30 – Boy Scouts – Pasta Night

Dec. 7 – Mission Team – Mexican Night

Dec. 14 – Youth Group – Soup Supper



Prepare Your Heart  
for Christmas

## Advent

## Midweek Worship

Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & 14 at 6:30 p.m.