



## 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 our pastor 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 / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 936, “Sing Praise to the God of Israel”

#### ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

*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

(Psalm 124:8; 30:3-4)

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

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.

**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 105:4-7; antiphon: v. 8)

He remembers his covenant forever,

**the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

Seek the LORD and his strength;

**seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
**his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**  
 O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
**children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**  
 He is the LORD our God;  
**his judgments are in all the earth.**  
**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.**  
 He remembers his covenant forever,  
**the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

**Kyrie**

(Mark 10:47)



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

**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** **O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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*

(10:15 a.m.) **Choir Anthem**, “God, Give Us Grace These Lenten Days”  
 (M. M. Thompson)

**Old Testament Reading, Genesis 12:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his

brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Epistle, Romans 4:1-8, 13-17**

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . . <sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(10:15 a.m.)* **Choir Anthem, "To Dust"** (K. Marrolli)

*Please stand*

**Holy Gospel, John 3:1-17**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

*After the reading:*

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

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

**Nicene Creed**

**C** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again**

according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated*

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

**Hymn of the Day**, *LSB* 708, “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

## Sermon

*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** (*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* 956, “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Text: Psalm 51:10–12. Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583–1651, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new

a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
 from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
 and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

✠ **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 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**

LSB 628, "Your Table I Approach"

LSB 535, "How Wide the Love of Christ"

*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 -



### Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 865, “Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”

### 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, March 4, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.**

Preacher - Hayden Brown  
Liturgist/Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski  
Media - Lisa Clamors

Pianist - Ron Jones  
Acolyte - Michael Evers  
Altar Guild - Diana Heins

**Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 7:45 a.m.**

Preacher - Hayden Brown  
Liturgist/Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski  
Acolytes - Avery & Jensyn Collmeyer  
Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier  
Altar Guild - Barbara Altes & Deb Bergman

Music Director - Ann Frank  
Lector - Don Birrittier  
Server - Bob Polansky  
Media - Keaton Roberts

**Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 10:15 a.m.**

Preacher - Hayden Brown  
Liturgist/Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski  
Acolytes - Mason & Reagan Wilhelm  
Ushers - Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison, Jeriah Fink, Jacob/Collin Dethrow  
Altar Guild - Carol Kassel

Music Director - Ann Frank  
Lector - Daniel Niemeyer  
Server - Doug Simms  
Media/Facebook Live - Liam Garner

**Worship Helpers - Wednesday, March 8, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.**

Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer  
Acolytes - Trinity Drewes & Olivia Rusteberg

Media/Facebook Live - Reagan Wilhelm

**Ushers - Sunday, March 12, 2023**

7:45 a.m. - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Lilly Prather  
10:15 a.m. - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Trinity Drewes, Evan Williams

**Acolytes - Sunday, March 12, 2023**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Liam Garner  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Tyler Major & Carson Filipiak  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Ayda & Myla Eggemeyer

**Lectors - Sunday, March 12, 2023**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Warren Frank  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors  
**Altar Guild - Sunday, March 12, 2023**  
Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cally Killian  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Debbie Olsson  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Chris Michael

**Servers - Sunday, March 12, 2023**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Bob Polansky  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Warren Frank  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Dean Harbison

**Media - Sunday, March 12, 2023**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Clark Deptula  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Jensyn Collmeyer

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