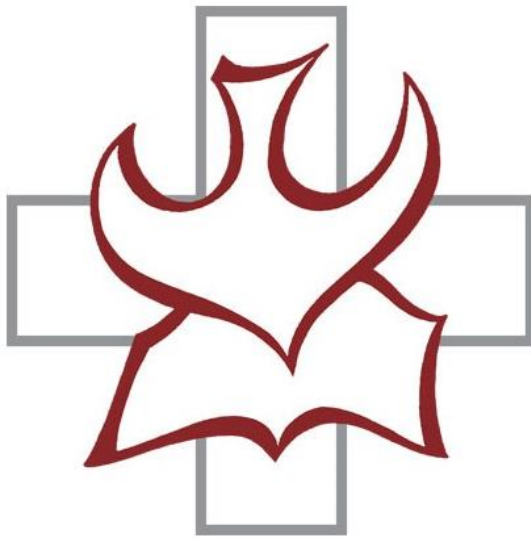




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday



Saturday, April 29, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 30, 2022 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m

“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 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 [10:15 a.m. – Piano Selections, “In Church” and “Morning Song” (Kohler/Monell) and “Canon in D” (Pachelbel/Schaum) played by Ashlyn Whelan]

Bells

Welcome [7:45 a.m. – Welcome New Members (Pam Walker and Marti Saunders)]

Opening/Processional Hymn, *LSB* 685, “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

✠ 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 95:1-3, 6-7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b)

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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.

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)



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

Gloria in Excelsis

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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 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

(10:15 a.m.) **Sunday School Anthem**, "Christ Be My Leader" [LSB 861]
 [3rd-8th grades]

First Reading, Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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.

Holy Gospel, John 10:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but

they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

C 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

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 709, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Sermon, Acts 2:42-47, “Christian Devotion”

The 5:30 p.m. & 7:45 a.m. services continue with the Prayer of the Church on page 7. The 10:15 a.m. service continues with The Rite of Confirmation below.

Please remain seated

+ The Rite of Confirmation +

Confirmation is a public rite of the Church that is preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptized Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian community. Having been instructed in the Faith prior to admission to the Lord’s Supper (e.g. 1 Cor. 11:28), the rite provides an opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God’s promise given in Holy Baptism, to make a personal public confession of the Faith and a lifelong pledge of fidelity to Christ.

The Promises / The Pronouncement / The Blessing

[Parents, grandparents, siblings, and sponsors are invited to come forward and stand behind their confirmed youth as he/she receives his/her individual blessing.]

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.*) [10:15 a.m. – Organ/Flute Selection, “My Heart Ever Faithful” (Bach/Schrader) (Karen Hodapp, flautist)]

Please stand

Offertory, LSB 956, “Create in Me”

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. 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 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 712, "Seek Ye First"

LSB 735, "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

LSB 740, "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

LSB 692, "Praise to You and Adoration"

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 lead 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/Recessional Hymn, LSB 711, “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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.

Worship Helpers

Saturday, April 29, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Greg Wiegand

Altar Guild - Diana Heins

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Gwen Wiegand

Media - Melissa Wiegand

Sunday, April 30, 2023 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Bob Polansky

Acolytes - Keaton Roberts & Liam Garner

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

Media - Don Birrittier

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Daniel Niemeyer

Altar Guild - Sandy Thompson

Sunday, April 30, 2023 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Rodney Clamors

Acolytes - Tyler Major, Carson Filipiak, Olivia Rusteberg

Ushers - Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison, Jeriah Fink, Jacob & Collin Dethrow

Altar Guild - Carol Kassel

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Jen Janssen

Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

Ushers - Sunday, May 7, 2023

7:45 a.m. - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Jacob/Collin Dethrow

10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Wyatt & Masson Fink

Acolytes - Sunday, May 7, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Lorelei Griffin

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Trinity Drewes & Clark Deptula

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Brielle & Jeriah Fink

Servers - Sunday, May 7, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cal Neeman

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Paul Broske

Media - Sunday, May 7, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Liam Garner

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Reagan Wilhelm

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Carson Filipiak

Lectors - Sunday, May 7, 2023

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer

Altar Guild - Sunday, May 7, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cally Killian

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Chris Michael

**VBS 2023
Volunteer Form
June 12-16
9 – 11:45 am**

“God’s Living Water”

Immanuel Lutheran Church
522 S Church St
Waterloo, IL
(618) 939-6480

Name _____

Phone Number _____

T-shirt Size (Circle one) AS AM AL AXL AXXL

I’d like to help in one or more of the following ways:

_____ Teacher: Grade preferred _____

_____ Teacher’s helper

_____ Craft helper

_____ Kitchen helper

_____ Recreation helper

_____ Registration helper

_____ Donations:

_____ Snack items

_____ Monetary contributions



Days I can help: All week M T W Th F Friday afternoon

VBS Safety Policy: To ensure the safety of our children, parents will be asked to come into the church for pick up at the conclusion of VBS daily. You will find your children with their class in their pew. Preschool classes will have a sign in/out sheet. For older classes, we ask that you verbally communicate with their teacher when picking up your child. Children will not be released to older siblings. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Note to parents, guardians and friends of VBS: There is no fee for VBS. Each student receives a t-shirt (which costs us about \$5) and each family will receive a music CD (about \$5). If you would like to underwrite VBS costs, you may make donations to Immanuel Lutheran Church and write VBS in the memo space. There will also be an offering to support a local mission during our VBS week, and you may help us with that mission. If you would like to volunteer in other ways, please fill out the form above or click on the QR code on the reverse side.

VBS 2023

June 12 – 16

9 – 11:45 am

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522 South Church Street
Waterloo, IL 62298
(618) 939-6480



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Classes for children born on or before 9/1/19 and who have not entered 7th grade. One registration form per student, please.

Student's name _____

Birthday (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Grade (2022/2023 School Year) _____

T-shirt Size (Circle one) YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

Parents' names _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

Address _____

Food allergies Y _____ N _____ (List:) _____

Medical concerns Y _____ N _____ (Explain:) _____

Or use the QR code to
register or volunteer
online!



2023 Confirmation Class

1. **Jensyn Noelle Collmeyer**, the daughter of Matt & Lori Collmeyer, was born on May 3, 2009. She was received into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on July 11, 2009. Her baptismal sponsors are Andrea Kuergeleis and Chad Pryor. Jensyn's confirmation verse is Ephesians 2:8-9.
2. **Clark Michael Deptula**, the son of Michael & Julie Deptula, was born on March 22, 2009. He was received into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on May 31, 2009. His baptismal sponsors are Kelly Fowler, Jamie Vaughn, and Joe Deptula. Clark's confirmation verse is Genesis 28:15.
3. **Trinity Drewes**, the daughter of Larry Drewes and Amanda Drewes, was born on November 14, 2008. She was received into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on February 8, 2009. Her baptismal sponsor is Nathan Schultheis. Trinity's confirmation verse is Psalm 18:2.
4. **Reagan Lucille Wilhelm**, the daughter of Eric & Kristin Wilhelm, was born on August 31, 2008. She was welcomed into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on October 12, 2008. Her baptismal sponsors are Clint & Deanna Rodenberg. Reagan's confirmation verse is Joshua 1:9.
5. **Evan Williams**, the son of Tim & Angie Williams, was born on January 27, 2009. He was welcomed into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on June 14, 2009. His baptismal sponsors are Scott & Nicole Marquardt, Lynn Helms, and Amy Schmeding-Morgan. Evan's confirmation verse is 2 Samuel 22:24.

***Congratulations, Confirmands!
May God bless you abundantly!***

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