

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fifth Sunday of Easter Confirmation Sunday



Saturday, April 27, 2024 – 5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, 2024 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

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 Duets (Ayda Eggemeyer & Ashlyn Whelan), "God Loved the World" and "Jesus Lives, the Victory's Won" arr. E. Grimpo]

Bells

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening/Processional Hymn, LSB 837, "Lift High the Cross"

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

(10:15 a.m. - Please be seated) Confirmation Verse Essays

Confession and Absolution

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

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- 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.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16)

A little while, and you will see me no longer;

and again a little while, and you will see me.

I will extol you, my God and King,

and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you

and praise your name forever and ever.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

and all your saints shall bless you!

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

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.

A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.



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



In 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-shiped 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...
- O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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.) **Sunday School Anthem,** "Jesus Is God's Living Vine" (Burkart & Knecht) [3rd-7th grades]

First Reading, Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about

himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

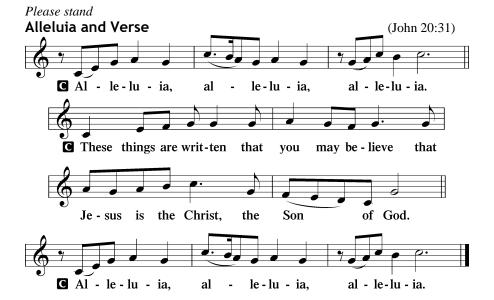
C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, 1 John 4:1-21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 4Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

After the reading:

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



Holy Gospel, John 15:1-8

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

After the reading:

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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 \pm everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day, LSB 707, "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

Sermon, "To Abide..." based on John 15:4

5:30 p.m. & 7:45 a.m. – Continue on pg. 8 with the Prayer of the Church. 10:15 a.m. – Continue 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)

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- (Special petitions...) Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- 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* 955, "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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★ 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)

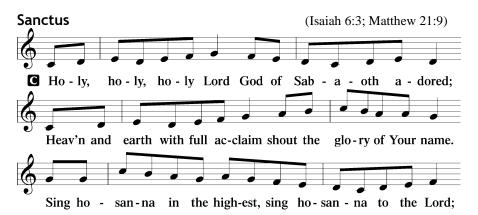
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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:





Tru - ly blest is He who comes the name of the Lord! in

The Lord's Prayer

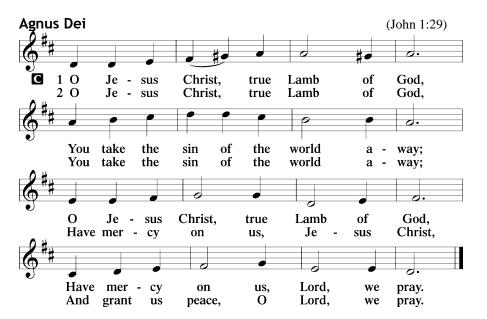
(Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy All: 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

- The peace of the Lord be with you always. \mathbf{P} (John 20:19)
- \mathbf{C} Amen.



Please be seated

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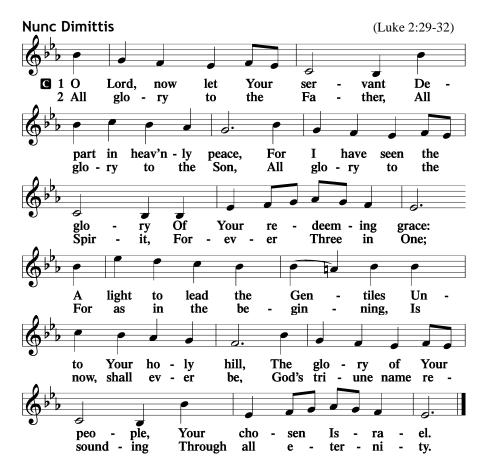
LSB 641, "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" LSB 633, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now...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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord. (Psalm 103:1)

Thanks be to God.

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, "In Christ Alone" (words on screens)

Bells / Postlude

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Worship Helpers

Pianist - Ron Jones

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Saturday, April 27, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs Server - Bob Polansky Altar Guild - Diana Heins

Sunday, April 28, 2024 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs
Server - Rodney Clamors & Paul Broske, Sr.
Acolytes - Jakson Gregory & Nash Bradley
Music Director - Ann Frank
Lector - Rodney Clamors
Altar Guild - Debbie Olsson

Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier, Michael Evers

Media - Don Birrittier

Sunday, April 28, 2024 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Jason Valerius & Greg Wiegand

Acolytes - Myla & Henry Eggemeyer

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Warren Frank

Altar Guild - Joyce McDaniel

Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel

Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors Ushers - Sunday, May 5, 2024

7:45 a.m. - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench

10:15 a.m. - Cal Neeman, Jeriah Fink, Jacob Dethrow, Michael Evers

Acolytes - Sunday, May 5, 2024 Lectors
Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Colton Glessner Saturday

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Chase Richey & Keaton Roberts
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Ashlyn Whelan & Ayda Eggemeyer

Servers - Sunday, May 5, 2024 Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Bob Polansky Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Warren Frank Media - Sunday, May 5, 2024

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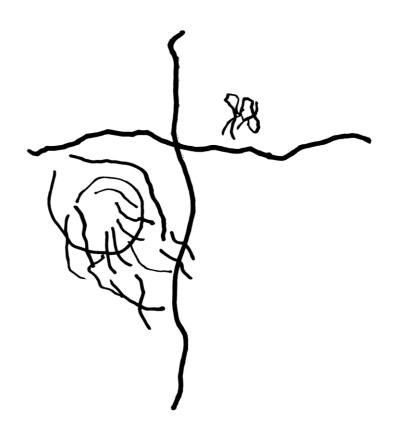
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Connected To Christ:

I am the vine; you are the branches...John 15:5



Jack Kannewurf

2024 Confirmation Class

- Jacob Mark Dethrow, the son of Dusty & Lindsey Dethrow, was born on September 29, 2009. He was received into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on March 14, 2010. His baptismal sponsors are Shelley Guifoyle & Drew Dethrow. Jacob's confirmation verse is Psalm 46:1-2.
- Ayda Marie Eggemeyer, the daughter of Adam & Jill Eggemeyer, was born on September 23, 2009. She was received into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on November 15, 2009. Her baptismal sponsors are Samuel Stumpf & Emilie Eggemeyer. Ayda's confirmation verse is Philippians 4:6-7.
- 3. **Carson Michael Filipiak**, the son of Jeff & Angie Filipiak, was born on November 3, 2009. He was welcomed into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on January 23, 2010. His baptismal sponsors are Rhonda & Eric Major and Kevin Filipiak. Carson's confirmation verse is Proverbs 3:5-6.
- 4. Jeriah Christopher Fink, the son of Michael & Michelle Fink, was born on October 28, 2009. He was welcomed into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on November 29, 2009. His baptismal sponsors are Mary Pulcher & Diane Conrad Kersen (both deceased) & Jackie Fink. Jeriah's confirmation verse is Isaiah 41:10.
- Liam Nicholas Garner, the son of Adam & Stephanie Garner, was born on June 8, 2010. He was welcomed into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on April 3, 2011. His baptismal sponsors are Danielle Seymour & Andrew Wiese. Liam's confirmation verse is Matthew 7:8.
- Keaton Jacob Roberts, the son of Jeremy & Lori Roberts, was born on March 28, 2010. He was welcomed into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on April 10, 2010. His baptismal sponsors are Dan Liefer and Rebecca Fark. Keaton's confirmation verse is John 8:12.
- Ashlyn Anne Whelan, the daughter of Kevin & Cathy Whelan, was born on September 25, 2009. She was welcomed into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on October 25, 2009. Her baptismal sponsors are Steve Heise, Daryl Whelan & Dan Heise. Ashlyn's confirmation verse is Psalm 46:1-2.

Congratulations, Confirmands! May God bless you abundantly!