

CHRIST THE KING



IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Manitowoc, Wisconsin

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Welcome

Thanks for being here! We truly pray that today you find the warmth of our Christian hospitality, the powerful truth of God's Word and the peace-giving assurance of his promises. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. We hope you worship with us again!

If Immanuel Is New to You:

Relax. At Immanuel, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed for you here as well as displayed on our screens.

Bring the kids. Our congregation really loves and encourages the worshipping family! In fact, our worship will often include a children's message with little ones in mind. If your children are acting up, please know it's never a bother to our worship service. However, if you feel other worshipers could be distracted, parents who want to calm their restless child are invited to use our lobby area with screens so that you may continue your worship with us.

Restrooms are located in the lobby, just to the right of the elevator.

Make yourself at home. You don't have to rush off after the service today. Light refreshments are typically provided in our lobby after the 8:00 am service. If you are comfortable, feel free to follow up with one of our Pastors - we'd be honored if you would take the time to introduce yourself!

Don't feel obligated. Our members give financial offerings to the Lord as an expression of thanks and praise for his amazing love. Please know that you are our guests and we're simply happy you've come to hear about Jesus and his Word today. You're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

Cell phones. To remove as many distractions as possible from worshipping God today, we kindly ask that you silence your phone before the service.

Questions? If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, or have questions about our PreK thru 8th grade school, our pastors or principal would love to help. Feel free to contact them at any time (*their contact info is included on the announcement insert*). You may also browse the information counter in our lobby for magazines, brochures and devotional resources.



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We Worship Christ – Our King

Our Opening Praise

PASTOR: We dedicate this worship to you, Oh Lord, the only true God –

CONG: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

To you and you alone belong all glory, honor and majesty! May the words of our mouths...

...and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight. (*Psalm 19:14*)

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. (*Psalm 47:6-7*)

(sung) **Come, now, almighty King;**

(adapted CW 921)

Help us your name to sing;

Help us to praise.

Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,

Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

We Honor Our King – Confessing His Holiness and Our Sin

(we pray) Almighty God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – you are the King of the Universe. You are holy, just and loving toward all you have made. On this final day of the Christian Church Year, we humbly gather before you to honor and worship you. We begin by confessing that while you are perfect, we are not. In our thoughts, words and actions – we have sinned against you. We bring all our sins to you to be drowned in the depths of the sea. We pray to you – together – trusting in you and your promises:

Almighty King, forgive all my sins. Forgive the sins of my age and the sins of my youth; the sins of my mind and the sins of my body.

Forgive my secret and my whispering sins; my bold and my arrogant sins – the sins I have done to please myself and those I have done to please others.

Forgive my lazy and idle sins. Forgive my sins done in weakness and those done in anger. Forgive the sins I can remember – and those I have forgotten.

For time and talents wasted; for blessings taken for granted; for selfish ambitions – forgive them all. Because of your great love and mercy absolve me of all of my offenses;

I trust in the life and death of Jesus, my Substitute – deliver me from the punishment and guilt which my sins rightfully deserve. Amen!

(sung) **We bow our hearts and sing;** *(adapted CW 921)*
To you our trespasses we bring.
Safe to the end...
Washed in your holy blood – keep us ‘at one’ with God;
All things done for our good, Savior and Friend!

The Greatest Gift – The King’s Forgiveness

My Friends, Jesus Christ lived and died in your place. He triumphed over death with His resurrection. And He removed your sins as far as the east is from the west. Be at peace, you are forgiven! Now your King rules all things for your good until the day He returns for you! Let’s join to praise His glorious Name!

(sung) **Our guilt, our sins washed away;** *(adapted CW 921)*
O King our tha-nks we pay –
Now you we praise.
You treat us graciously; May we live thankfully;
Help us – your glory see – all of our days!

God’s Word – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and



power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸ When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

Our Confession of Faith – Te Deum Laudamus (spoken)

PASTOR: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, Father everlasting. To you all angels, all powers of heaven, cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

CONG: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heavenly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Amen.

Song – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

(CW 552:1-4)

God’s Word – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24

¹¹ “For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the nations and

gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴ I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

²³ I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.”

Song – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

(CW 552:5-6)

Today’s Message from our Loving God – Matthew 27:27-31

²⁷ Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Things I’d like to remember this week...

All Hail the Savior King!

Song – “The Head That Once Was Crowned”

(CW 531:1-2,4,6; tune-705)

Our Thank Offerings

“Do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ Seek first his KINGDOM and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” **Matthew 6:31, 33**



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Our Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Following Our Prayer we join to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Our Closing Praise – Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you nations;

shout to God with cries of joy.

For the LORD Most High is awesome,

the great King over all the earth!

He subdued nations under us,

peoples under our feet.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;

sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;

sing to him a psalm of praise.

God reigns over the nations;

God is seated on his holy throne.

for the kings of the earth belong to God;

he is greatly exalted.



The Blessing of the King – 1 Timothy 1:17

To Jesus Christ – the King of the ages – immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. May His blessing be upon us:

His light to guide us, His presence to shelter us, His peace to unite us. Amen!

Closing Praise – “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

(CW 543:1-2,4-5)

Silent Prayer – *feel free to use this silent prayer of thanks*

Jesus, King of kings and Lord of Lords, rule in my heart now and forever. And when I take my final breath, bring me safely to your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Other personal prayers may be found on pages 255-258 in the front of your blue Hymnal.



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Flowers: Judy Fuerbringer In Memory of Glenn