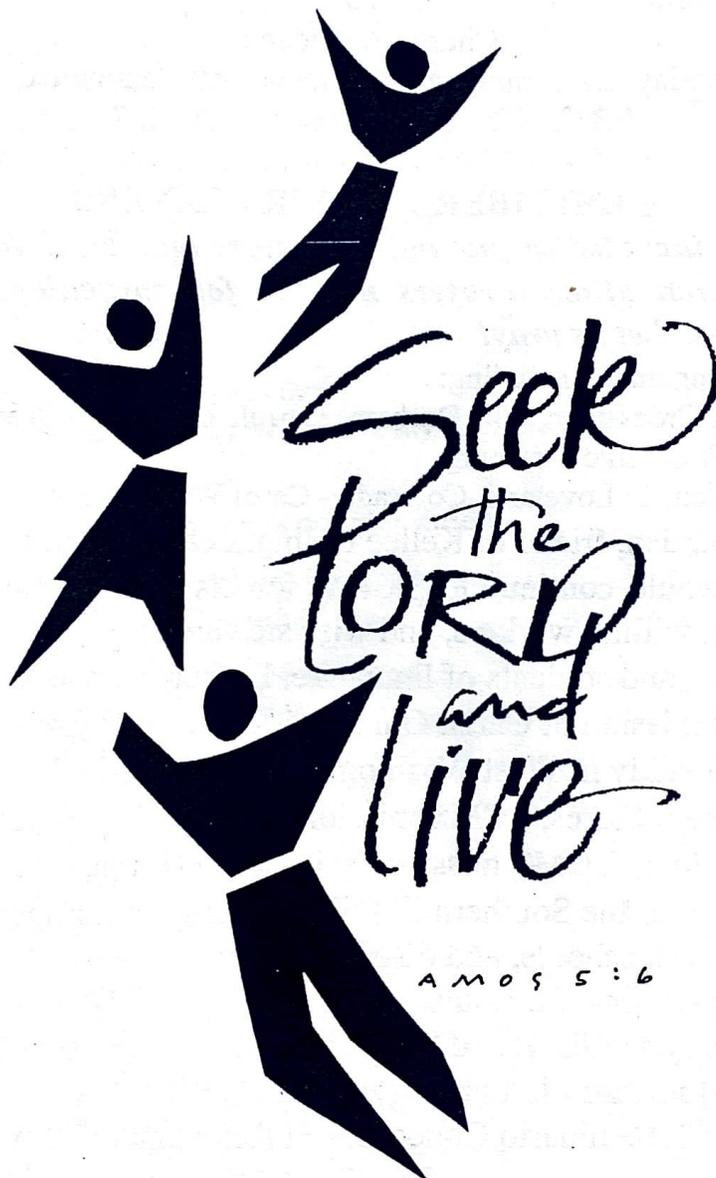




16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sermon: "Fight the Good Fight" 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (Saturday)

"What's ahead for you?" Luke 16:22-24 (Sunday)

Saturday, September 24th and Sunday, September 25th, 2022

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

Okawville, Illinois 62271

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

We gather on the Lord's Day knowing that "Christ being raised from the dead will never die again" (Romans 6:9). Welcome, visitors who have joined us today. If we can help in any way, please call: Church 618-243-6216 or School 618-243-6142.

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Church Attendance

Saturday: 14 Communed: 10 Sunday: 60 Communed: 48

Bible Class: 10 Sunday School: 7

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer concerns to be included in our public prayers may be shared with Pastor Wood and/or the church office. Prayers may be for particular individuals or concerning wider issues. Let us pray!

- All members of Immanuel including:
At home – John Croessman, Bill Durham, Darrell Eggemann, Irene Going, Kellee Helbig, Ken Jacobs, Mike Strasburg
At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado - Carol Wennemann
- Dreama Scott-Barden, friend of Kellee Helbig, dealing with cancer
- That the Lord would continue to provide for his work in this place through generous giving, willing workers, and wise stewardship
- The staff, faculty, and students of Immanuel Lutheran School.
- The educational mission of Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School
- All who work or study in West Washington County Schools
- Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores, LCMS missionary in the Dominican Republic
- Rev. Hans Trinklein, LCMS missionary in South Korea, on leave in USA.
- The mission work of the Southern Illinois District, including...
...all congregations, schools, and district leaders
...urban ministry in East St. Louis
...campus ministry at SIU-C and SIU-E
...prison and jail ministry in many locations
...partnership with Seminario Concordia El Reformador, Dominican Republic

Birthdays: 25th Kenley Jacobs 26th Colten Kampwerth, Steve Clark, Everett Jacobs 27th Jenna Dugger 28th Amber Frecker, Harper McCarthy, Loraine Schneider 29th Hadley Hasheider, Glen Schuetz, Brianna Recker

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Service – Responsive Prayer 2

788 Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness (Sunday)

Opening Versicles

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.

**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.**

Psalm 146 (in unison)

¹Praise | the LORD!*

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

³Put not your trust in | princes,*

in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.

⁴When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;*

on that very day his plans | perish.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*

whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

⁶who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is | in them,*

who keeps faith for- | ever;

⁷who executes justice for | the oppressed,*

who gives food to the | hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.*

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the | righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,*

but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign for- | ever,*

your God, O Zion, to all generations. |

Praise the LORD!

Sit

Readings

Old Testament

Amos 6:1-7

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!
Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,
O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?"

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves
instruments of music,
who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first of
those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch
themselves out shall pass away."

℣ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For

the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

☒ This is the Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said,] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house – for I have five brothers – so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear

them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Message (Sunday)

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

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Offering Hymn of the month

Kyrie

L O Lord,

C have mercy.

L O Christ,

C have mercy.

L O Lord,

C have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.**

Apostles' Creed

G 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.

Versicles

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
G let my cry come to You.
L In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
G for You answer me.
L Hide Your face from my sins,
G and blot out all my iniquities.
L Create in me a clean heart, O God,
G and renew a right spirit within me.
L Cast me not away from Your presence,
G and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
G and uphold me with a willing spirit.
L Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
G my lips will praise You.
L For You have been my help,
G and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
G unite my heart to fear Your name.
L I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

- C** and I will glorify Your name forever.
- L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- C** May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- C** listen to my plea for grace.

Collect of the Day

- L** Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Evening Prayer (Saturday)

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong. And graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your Holy angel be with me that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Morning Prayer (Sunday)

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benedicamus

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Blessing

- L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
- C** Amen.

919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus (Sunday)

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Responsive Prayer 2 from Lutheran Service Book

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Preachers (Saturday)
(Sunday)

Pianist (Saturday)

Organist (Sunday)

Acolytes (Saturday)
(Sunday)

Readers (Saturday)
(Sunday)

Rev. Bruce Keseman

Rev. Perry Scheffler

Nora Wood

Sharon Krueger

Rex Obermeier

Nolan Langenfeld, Kooper Suedmeyer

Charlotte Durham

Sunday Bible Study will focus on how God is with us in our deserts to provide His help and provisions. A 30-minute video with Ray Vander Laan will be shown from Walking with God in the Desert. This lesson is called: "Walking with God in the Dessert: Join the Journey." The video contains Bible Study. We will follow the video with a handout to guide us in our further study and sharing.

Sunday worship service begins at 10:00 a.m. from September through May and Bible Class is at 9:00 a.m.

September "hymn of the month" results – We will sing the top choice today at offering. A total of 36 LSB hymns were mentioned. The top vote-getter had 18 votes. 20 other hymns received between 2 and 10 votes each. 15 other hymns received a single vote each. One song from outside our hymnal had a very strong showing, tying for second place overall. Thanks to everyone who participated! These results will influence future hymn selection.

Pastor Wood will be out of town Friday, September 23rd through Sunday, September 25th. Contact Rev. Art Eichhorn in case of an emergency at 314-882-1983. Pastor Bruce Keseman will have the service on Saturday, September 24. Pastor Keseman has served Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Freeburg since 1991. He and his wife Christine, a musician and educator, have three grown children and five grandchildren.

Pastor Perry Schefelker will have the service on Sunday, September 25. Pastor Schefelker retired as associate pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Centralia on July 31, 2016; then, served as visitation pastor for Trinity, Centralia, until Pastor Mark Girardin retired on August 1, 2018. He and Diane moved to O'Fallon in August of 2020 to be closer to their son, Nathan, and his wife, Keatyn (Kujawa); she gave birth to their granddaughter, Carlin, on October 9th, 2020, their wedding anniversary. Though born premature and hospitalized for several weeks at Missouri Baptist, she is doing great now. They were blessed with a grandson, Kasen, on December 4, 2021. They baby sit 4-5 days a week and are members of Blessed Savior Lutheran, O'Fallon.

October newsletter items are due in the office on Monday, September 26th.

Sunday School needs another teacher for 5-8 grade Sunday school and helpers in the preschool/kindergarten room. Contact Lauren Elliott if you are interested in helping 618-363-3257.

Ushers for September Saturday – Jason Obermeier; Sunday – Roy Frederking, Ken Storck, Jr.

Public Catechesis on Monday, September 26th at 6:45 a.m.

Wedding Rehearsal on Friday, September 30th for Unverfehrt/Hall wedding.

Immanuel Web Site has been revised and is running. Go to immanuelokawville.org.

Secret Angel If you would like to be a secret angel to one of our seven 2023 confirmands, please contact Nicole Heberer (618-791-8419) via text or leave a message. Nicole will give you information about your confirmands. The confirmands for this year are: Jilien Harre, Addison Hasheider, Julia Helbig, Rodney Helbig, Laney Hundelt, Savanna Meyer, Sophia Wood. Thank you for helping our confirmands feel extra special during this special time in their life.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Choir will sing at St. Salvator on Sunday, September 25th

No School on Monday, September 19th.

Chapel Wednesday, September 28th at 12:15 p.m. with Pastor Wood. All are invited to attend.

PTL Meeting on Thursday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m.

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Do we ignore the ruin around us (Amos 6:6) because abortion seems “too political” and assisted suicide feels “too personal”? Only woes await those who do (Amos 6:1,4). But our Heavenly Father obsesses over the victims (Psalm 146:9), and heaven finds inexhaustible joy embracing the vulnerable (Luke 16:22). In speaking and showing the sanctity of all human kind, we also can “take hold of that which is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:19)!

Life Quotes “Every time we speak up for the sanctity of life, whether for the unborn, the disabled, the elderly, or the marginalized, we speak for hope. Every time we personally care for someone or hug someone or talk to someone who is in a crisis pregnancy or is disabled or is elderly or in marginalized, we show them Christ. We show them the common ground that transcends all our differences. We show them that all our lives matter because God made us. He chose each of us to be His child, and He will never leave us or forsake us. Let us never give up on baby bottle drives and hugs and smiles. The world needs us!”

Stewardship Amos 6:1a “Woe to those who are at ease in Zion.” The Book of Amos is a warning to God’s people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations – chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right, we will want to follow the rest of Amos’ instructions – to bless the poor with our alms and to make sure the Lord’s House is properly cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God’s priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.

Lutheran Hour - Broadcasts on KFUD radio (850 am) Sunday 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Other devotional programming is available on KFUD throughout the week.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Annual Auction Greetings and God’s Blessing. Christ our Rock Lutheran High School is happy to announce that we will be having our Annual Auction on October 22, 2022. We are excited to have the event in person once again. Please contact Betty Hasheider or Janet Lange who have volunteered to help collect items for the auction. Please call the office to drop off auction items at Immanuel Lutheran Church/School office. Start thinking now of items that you would be willing to donate to help continue our mission of Lutheran Education. Thank you everyone.

“David’s Harp” Meeting So far representatives from six area congregations have expressed interest in establishing a music education center among our churches. Pastors, church musicians, and lay leaders are invited to attend the next meeting on Monday, September 26, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John’s, New Minden, in the church Fellowship Hall. David’s Harp is a new Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS. Their motto is, “Where Music Brings Christ into the World.” They foster the establishment of centers of music education in LCMS churches around the country (and on the mission field). These centers are designed to raise up new pianists, organists, and other musicians who will serve in the church and to use music as a means of outreach. For more information, explore the David’s Harp website: davidsharpmusic.org. Or, watch a webinar of the David’s Harp presentation to the LCMS Rural and Small Town Ministry last fall. Just google “LCMS RSTM David’s Harp Webinar.” Your prayers are appreciated!

Glow Golf Scramble and Glow Putt-Putt Saturday, October 8th 6:30 p.m. registration at Nashville Municipal Golf Course 9 holes (4 person teams limited to 14 teams) \$75.00 per person. Entry fee includes: Green Fees, Cart Fees, Glow Golf Equipment, Snacks, Soft Drinks and Longest Putt Contest (2 holes). Glow balls and other equipment will be provided. Individual Glow Putt-Putt for ages 5 and older, \$10.00 per person from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Roesener Called Church Worker Fund” at Trinity Lutheran Church, Nashville. This fund is used to help with tuition costs for anyone attending an LCMS institution with the goal of becoming a “Called Church Worker with the LCMS. For more information, please see forms on bulletin board in narthex.

St. Salvator CPO Apple Pie Fundraiser – Double crust or crumb \$15.00 per pie, please text or call Joe Kirby 618-304-4579 or Kelli Borrenpohl 618-977-2451 by October 2nd. Pick-up October 22nd 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. or October 23rd 8:30 a.m. – noon.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Saturday, September 10th, Sunday, September 11th, Saturday, September 17th, and Sunday, September 18th, were not counted. The operating expenses for the week totaled \$21,136.46.

Thrivent Choice

If you have not contacted Thrivent Choice Recently, please call 800-847-4836 to see if Thrivent has money set aside for you to designate to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran School or another designation of your choice. Money is available through the Thrivent Choice Program. This is not a donation coming out of your investment.

Reminder: Bunker’s Restaurant (Golf Course) will give 10% to Immanuel Lutheran Church if you show your bulletin from church when eating on Sundays. Immanuel Church received \$73.80 from Bunkers Restaurant for the first six months of 2022 as its share of the 10% bulletin rebate on Sundays.