

Sermon: "Who Can Be My Disciple?" Luke 14:25-35 Saturday, September 6 and Sunday, September 7, 2025 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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Saturday: 21 Communed: 15 Sunday: 45 Communed: 38 Bible Class: 9

#### 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 – Adeline Blumhorst, Bill Durham, Linda Frederking, Norbert Hasheider, Kellee Helbig, Janet Lange, Jewel Martens, Linda Schuetz, Jackie Schwankhaus, Stanley Schwankhaus, Crystal Strasburg, Mike Strasburg

At Brightly in Mascoutah - Leonard Hemminghaus

At Breese Nursing Home - Lois Rabenort

At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado - Carol Wennemann

- Non-members with health concerns: Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; ILS Kindergarten teacher, Jody Liszewski; Tim Schnitker, son-in-law of Sharon Storck.
- 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
- Reverend Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores, serving in Chile
- The mission work of the Southern Illinois District, including...
  - ...all congregations, schools, and district leaders
  - ...rural and smalltown congregational support
  - ...urban ministry (neighborhood renewal and Unity school) in East St. Louis
  - ...campus ministry and international student outreach at SIU-C and SIU-E
  - ...prison and jail ministry in many locations
  - ...partnership with Seminary in Dominican Republic
  - ...disaster response ministry (LERT)
  - ...Advocates for Life

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Order of Service – Divine Service Setting One

Stand

688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake (Sunday)

# Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 H Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

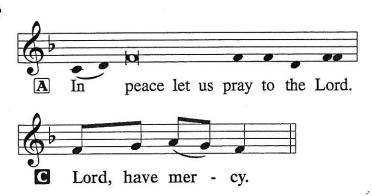
# Service of the Word

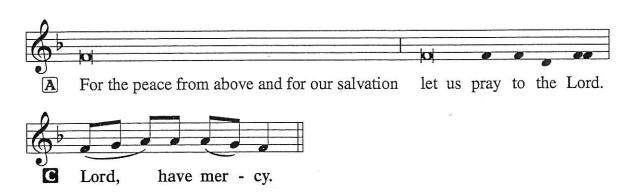
#### Introit

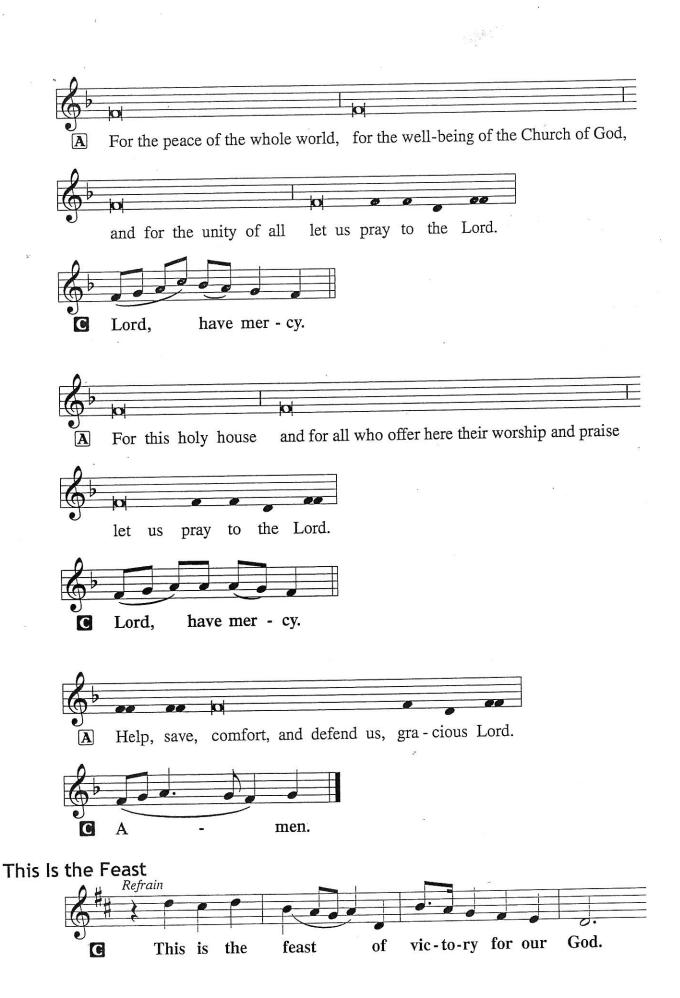
Psalm 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,\* and I will meditate on your | wondrous works. My soul melts away for | sorrow;\* strengthen me according | to your word! Put false ways | far from me\* and graciously teach | me your law! I have chosen the way of | faithfulness;\* I set your just decrees be- | fore me. I cling to your testimonies, | O LORD;\* let me not be | put to shame! I will run in the way of your com- | mandments\* when you en- | large my heart! Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen. Make me understand the way of your | precepts,\* and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

**Kyrie** 

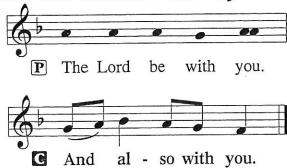












P Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

15"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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

## Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

**Epistle** 

Philemon 1-21

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup> and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

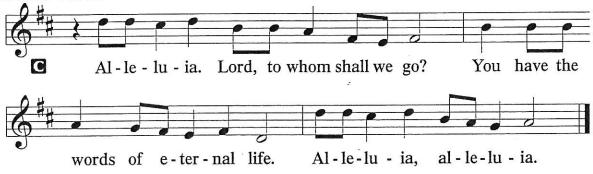
<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

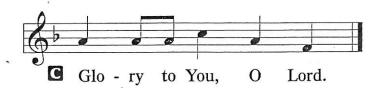
## Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.



<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup>"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to

hear, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

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Luke 14:25-35

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# Nicene Creed

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 🕂 of the world to come. Amen.

# Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

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# Offering

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# Service of the Sacrament

# **Preface**

P The Lord be with you.



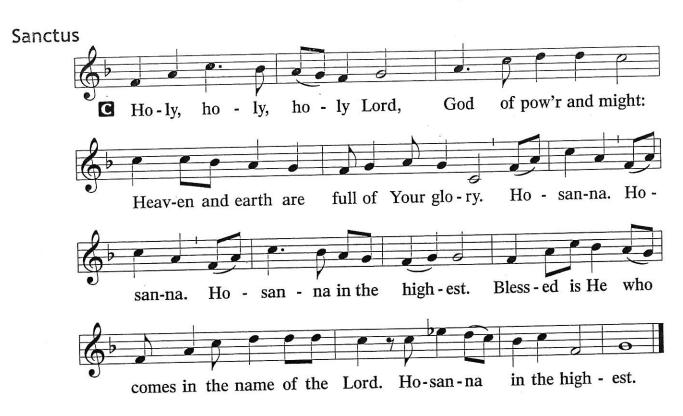
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive

our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

# Lord's Prayer

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.



Sit

### Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

grant

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

peace.

us

#### Amen.

sin

of the world;

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

# 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

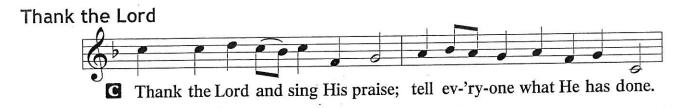
# 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

# 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.









## **Post-Communion Collect**

- 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.
- Amen.





The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



# 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer (Sunday)

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Pianist: (Saturday)

Organist:(Sunday)

Acolytes: (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Readers: (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Communion Assistants (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Eric Wood

Sophia Wood

Sharon Krueger

Landon Elliott and Sadie Bergmann

Devin Hundelt and Markus Lautenschlaeger

Charolette Durham

Mike Jacobs

Dennis Pruehsner

Birthdays: 7th Amanda Moeller, Blake Bolam, 8th Kelly Schumacher, Debra Maschhoff, 9th Elizabeth Isenhart, Marita Hemman, 11th Albert Moeller, 12th Sandra Epplin, 13th Michael Borrenpohl, Brian Going

September Ushers - Saturday -

Sunday - Jeff Jacobs and Mike Jacobs

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Bible Class at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Public Catechesis is this Monday at 6:45 a.m.

Elders' Meeting is this Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Chapel at 8:15 a.m. this Wednesday with Pastor Wood Sunday School begins on September, 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Immanuel's LWML group will again be collecting toiletries for the Addieville UCC food pantry this September! We are grateful for the congregation's past help in this collection. Again, this year, we will be collecting toilet paper, toothpaste, bar soap/body wash, shampoo, dish soap, and laundry detergent. Donations can be left in/near the bin in the entry area, and we will collect for the whole month of September, in order to deliver to the food pantry in early October. Please call or text Emily Wood at 618-713-0953 with any questions. Thank you for your help!

Extra copies of the September newsletter are available on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to take one of these items for yourself or someone else.

**Powerlift-recline chair:** If anyone is in need of an electric recliner, please call Pat Quinlan at 618-795-2297 for more information.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

Board for Parochial Education Meeting is this Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Mid Terms are this Friday followed by an early dismissal at 12:20 p.m.

No School on Monday, September 15th.

# Wee Care Wheat Festival Float

Thank you to all the volunteers that have committed to help out with the float this year. We have a list of some items needed to complete the float. We are looking for metal hangers, batter powered Christmas lights (clear only), garland strands of glittery colors (not greenery), and monetary donations to purchase bags of candy to hand out during the parade. Please bring all donated items to Immanuel Lutheran School. Thank you.

#### Immanuel Lutheran PTL Kabob Stand

Our Kabob Stand at the Wheat Festival is one of Immanuel's biggest fundraisers of the year—but we can't make it happen without YOU. There are still several open shifts that need to be filled. Please consider signing up to work a shift. Even one shift makes a huge difference for our kids and our school! Can't make it to volunteer? You can still support in BIG ways. Donate through Venmo to help cover costs like charcoal, meat, and supplies or send an item straight to the school from our Amazon wish list. Together, we can make this year's kabob stand a success! Thank you for helping us make it happen. Contact an ILS parent or teacher with any questions.







You can help the school financially by doing the following: Shop With Raiseright – For complete information visit <a href="www.shopwithraiseright.com">www.shopwithraiseright.com</a> Checks payable to ILS PTL. Go to smile.amazon.com/ch37-0916756 and Amazon donates to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Okawville. Participate in the Kroger Community Rewards program. Join Casey's Rewards today and donate to our school. This is for instore, online or at the pump purchases.

### **COMMUNITY NOTES**

### HYMN FESTIVAL TODAY AT HOPE LUTHERAN IN HIGHLAND

This afternoon, Sunday, September 7, at 3:00, Hope Lutheran in Highland will host a hymn festival entitled ""Hymns of the Church: Militant and Triumphant." We will join together to sing "Lift High the Cross, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," "A Mighty Fortress Is our God," "Built on the Rock," "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise," "The Church's One Foundation," and "Jerusalem the Golden." The musicians include Johnathan Clayton and Mike Trinklein, who also composed and arranged most of the music that will be sung. The hymn commentaries will be provided by Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton, Assistant Professor of Theology at Concordia University Chicago. Come join in as we "sing to Christ our leader, who conquered in the fight" this afternoon at 3:00 PM at Hope Lutheran in Highland.

#### **GENERAL NOTES**

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Funny how the Almighty Maker invites (orders?) His people to choose life (Deuteronomy 30:19). By His creating, redeeming, and calling, life has already chosen us—and every single one of our neighbors—from fertilization to forever. Any dealings with death—like abortion and assisted suicide—diametrically oppose and dangerously depart from His express commandments.

Life Quotes: "Difficult situations like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can tempt us to forget our Savior's presence and power. Comfort comes not from making deals with death but from the gifts He wrings and the privileges He brings even in and through hardship. An everlasting, unchanging, and all-sufficient Creator and Keeper not only provides life, He protects it as well!" *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* 

Stewardship: Romans 10:15a — "And how are they to preach unless they are sent?" Each week in the Lord's House, the Word goes out to us. Indeed, every day and all around the world, the Word goes out wherever it is preached and read. This brings us great joy, but even more joy is derived from realizing that God has blessed us with being part of this sending of the Word. From the blessings God gives us, we return a portion to Him in the church for His work. And thus we are doubly blessed. We receive the Word, and we get to send it forth to others.

Lutheran programs on Radio & TV on Sundays – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 850 AM Radio KFUO Lutheran Worship from a Lutheran church; 9:00 a.m. 104.7 FM Rev. Mueller, New Minden Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. TV Station "TCT" "Lutheran Worship." These are not a replacement for being in church and Bible class. These are for times when we are unable to attend in person.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Saturday, August 30, and Sunday, August 31 were not counted

Expenses for the week: \$2,169.99

Loan Balance: \$20,000.00 (Borrowed 05/28/25), \$25,000.00 (Borrowed on 06/30/25), \$10,000.00(Borrowed on 07/14/25), and \$25,000.00 (Borrowed on 08//28/25).

### Thrivent Choice

Thank you to everyone who directed their "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to Immanuel. 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 <u>not</u> 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. Thank you for your support!! RBM Golf Course