



Sermon: "Speaking Faithfully" Jeremiah 23:16-29
Saturday, August 14 and Sunday, August 15, 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 Sunday: 80 Bible Class: 8

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, Gene Rennegarbe, Linda Schuetz, 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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Order of Service - Divine Service Setting Four

584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing (Sunday)

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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 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.

Kneel/Stand

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;*

he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Give ear to my prayer, | O God,*

and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;*

it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could | hide from him.

But it is you, a man, my equal,*

my companion, my fa- | miliar friend.

We used to take sweet counsel to- | gether;*

within God's house we walked | in the throng.

But I | call to God,*

and the LORD will | save me.

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.

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;*

he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Kyrie

[A] In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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

[A] For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



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

- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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

Gloria in Excelsis



- C** 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 - 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹"I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Gradual

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

Hebrews 11:17—12:3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being

afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

³²And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

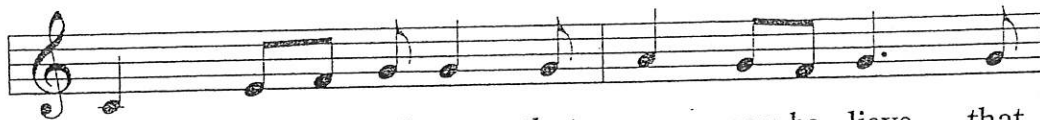
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

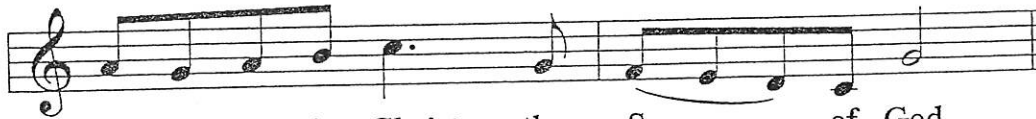
Stand

Alleluia and Verse





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

Luke 12:49-56

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁹[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!
⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished!
⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.
⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three.
⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens.
⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens.
⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Sit

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Sermon "Speaking Faithfully"

Jeremiah 23:16-29

Stand

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).

Sit

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation; for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P 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."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
☩ Amen.

Agnus Dei

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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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:

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

712 Seek Ye First

806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P 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.

Nunc Dimittis

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 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

A 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

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

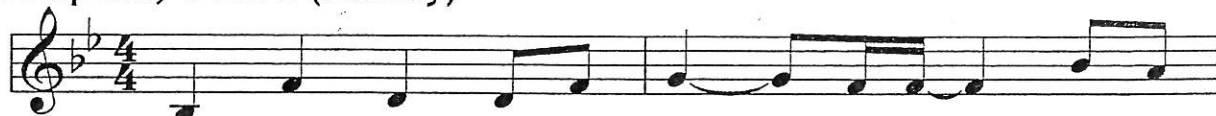
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C Amen.

OAR 251 Speak, O Lord (Sunday)



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re -
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of Your plans for us.



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will

fash - ion us in Your like - ness That the
ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day In our
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma -
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es, And by

acts of love and our deeds of faith.
jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All Your
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, Let their
Speak, O Lord, as Your Church is built And You

pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
fill the earth with Your glo - ry.

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(Sunday)	Kooper Suedmeyer
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(Sunday)	Sharon Storck
Communion Assistants (Saturday)	Mike Jacobs
(Sunday)	Jonathan Schneider

Birthdays: 17th Shawn Quimby, Holly Strasburg, 19th Pat Strasburg, 20th Danny Moeller, Joshua Steuter, 21st Denise Frederking, 22nd Collins Schumacher

August Ushers – Saturday – Jeff Obermeier
 Sunday – Garrett Guest and Larry Kuhlengel

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

Bible Class at 10:15 a.m.

Chapel at 12:15p.m. this Wednesday with Pastor d'Entremont

Acolyte training for all 6th and 7th graders will be after worship service on August 24th. We will need some experienced acolytes to demonstrate for the new ones.

Sunday School is asking if anyone would like to co-teach the PreK/K Sunday School classes with Erin Kurtz. Sunday School runs mid Sept-Early May. Please get in touch with Allison Dunn, Krissy Schneider, or Amber Jacobs. We are also looking for volunteers to be on a sub list so if we ever need help with coverage we have someone to check with. Our Program is run by busy parents and there are times where we need help with coverage because of scheduling conflicts. This would not commit you to helping when we have events going on like Christmas Program or Easter Breakfast.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

PTL Meeting is August 18th at 6:30 P.M. Come join us for the first meeting of the new school year.

You can help the school financially by doing the following: Shop With Raiseright – For complete information visit www.shopwithraiseright.com 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.

Wee Care Wheat Festival Float

This year the Wee Care is celebrating 25 years of service to the children of our community! We would like to produce a nice entry (float) for the Wheat Festival Parade to recognize this milestone. The only way this can be accomplished is with assistance from people with skills to do the work. We also do not want to wait until the last minute to decide on a theme and start gathering items. Please reach out to Cheri ASAP at 618-243-6161 if you are willing and able to help! Thank you!

COMMUNITY NOTES

Pork Steak Dinner August 17 at New Minden: St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, is hosting a BBQ Pork Steak Dinner today, Sunday, August 17, from 11:30am-sold out. The meal will be \$15, drive-thru only, and we ask that vehicles enter on the west driveway at the God's Garden sign. The meal will include BBQ pork steak, fresh sweet corn from "God's Garden" at St. John's, freshly prepared coleslaw, and homemade chocolate chip cookies.

HYMN FESTIVAL AT HOPE LUTHERAN, HIGHLAND SEPT. 7: The Lutheran Church has always been known as "The Singing Church!" Come continue the Lutheran tradition of singing great hymns at a Hymn Festival to be held at Hope Lutheran Church in Highland, IL on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 3:00 PM. The Hymn Festival will focus on "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 instrumentalists for the Hymn Festival will include Johnathan Clayton (organ and piano) and Mike Trinklein (piano and cello). The hymn narrations will be provided by Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton, Assistant Professor of Theology at Concordia University Chicago. Those who have gone before us have raised their voices boldly in song, "we follow in their train."

Worship Anew is a service organization of the LCMS that broadcasts worship services especially for the homebound. They invite school and church choirs to record music and earlier this year the Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Choir traveled to Ft. Wayne to record hymns and anthems for some of their future broadcasts. This month the CORLHS choir will be included on Sunday, August 17 and 31. *Worship Anew* is available Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on DIRECT TV 377 and Channel 18 on cable TV. You may also find more information on worshipanew.org

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Proclaiming and practicing the Word of the Lord doesn't always make people glad (Luke 12:51-52). Discomfort and persecution come with speaking truth and showing love (Hebrews 11:36-38). But Almighty God's insistence on the sanctity of every human life, though occasionally unpopular, always brings precisely the community, fellowship, and belonging that we all need (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Life Quotes: "Never apologize for sharing God's Word. Never excuse holding or defending a godly position that clearly states how a life issue stands according to Scripture. Abortion is wrong, as is assisted suicide, and many other life issues happening in our world." *Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

Stewardship: Luke 12:51 – "Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Jesus has come to divide us out of the world — to carve out a people for Himself, redeemed by His blood and trusting His Word. The world hates this Word, but for us it is life and salvation. We seek to follow Jesus' Word in all things because we know Him who gave us the Word: we know He always seeks to bless us.

Lutheran programs on Radio & TV on Sundays – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 850 AM Radio KFUE 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 2, Sunday, August 3rd, Saturday, August 9, and Sunday, August 10 were as follows: Current \$3,370.00, Home Use \$15,331.75, Loose \$410.00, and Building Fund \$30.00.

Expenses for the week: \$30,597.60

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

Thrivent Choice

Immanuel Lutheran Church received \$14.00 from "Thrivent Choice Dollars" designations in August. 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 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. Thank you for your support!! RBM Golf Course