Sermon: "No Matter What" Philippians 4:4-13
Saturday, October 10 & Sunday, October 11 2026
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: 20 Communed: 17 Sunday: 75 Communed: 61
Bible Class: 5 Sunday School: 10

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 – Charlotte Durham, Norbert Hasheider, Paul Lange, Deb Mashhoff, Martha Schneider, Linda Schuetz, Mike Strasburg
  - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard Hemminghaus
  - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado – Carol Wennemann
  - Non-members: Betty Markowski, sister of Charlotte Durham; Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; Tim Schnitker, son-in-law of Sharon Storck
- Baptism of Myron Crede Rossel, son of Alex and Brooklyn Rossel. Sponsors are Anna Long
- and Amanda Rossel.
- 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
- John Trinklein, vicar in Long Beach, CA
- 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 small-town 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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Order of Service - Prayer and Preaching

813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng (Sunday)

Baptism of Myron Crede Rossel (Sunday)

Stand

Opening Versicles

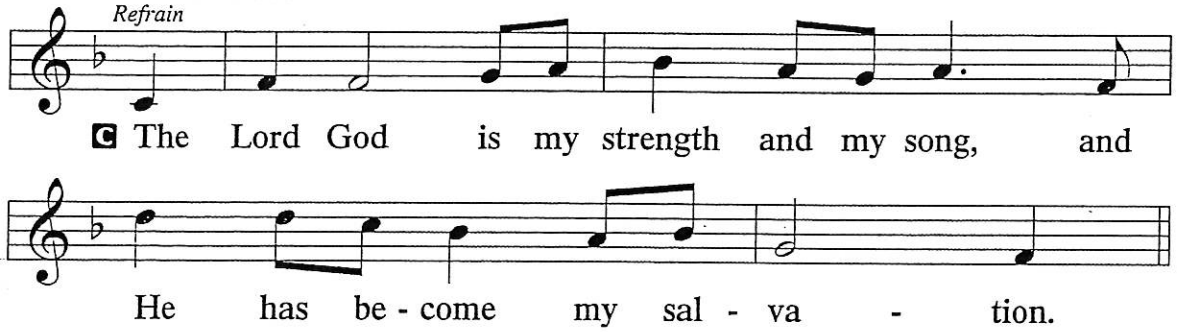
L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C **Teach me Your paths.**
L Sanctify us in Your truth.
C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.

Old Testament Canticle



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."
Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Psalm 23 (in unison)

[1]The LORD is my | shepherd;*
I | shall not want.
[2]He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*
He leads me beside still | waters.

[3]He re- | stores my soul.*
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.

[4]Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are | with me;*
your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

[5]You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my | enemies;*
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup | overflows.
[6]Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days | of my life,*
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

Sit

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament — **Isaiah 25:6–9**

[6]On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
[7]And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
[8]He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
[9]It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

Epistle — **Philippians 4:4–13**

[4]Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5]Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; [6]do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made

known to God. [7]And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8]Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9]What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

[10]I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. [11]Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. [12]I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. [13]I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

[1]Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, [2]"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, [3]and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. [4]Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' [5]But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, [6]while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. [7]The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. [8]Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9]Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' [10]And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

[11]"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. [12]And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. [13]Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14]For many are called, but few are chosen."

Responsory

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Catechism Review (Apostles' Creed 3rd Article) LSB p. 323

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 ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message (Sunday)

Sermon "No Matter What" Philippians 4:4-13

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Offering

Stand

Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, 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.

Collect of the Day

L Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

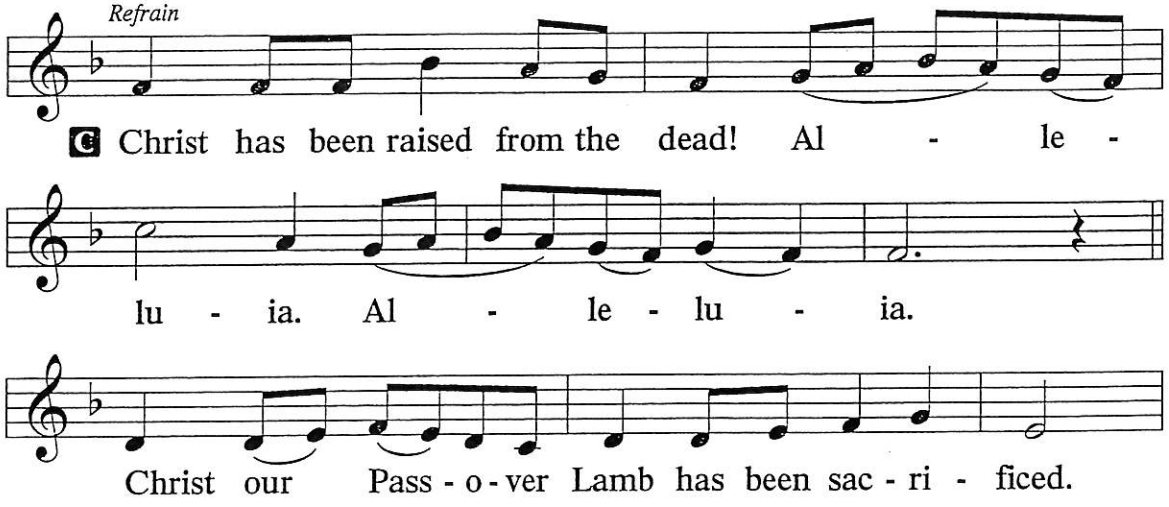
Evening Prayer (Saturday)

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.**

New Testament Canticle



Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

℣ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

℟ **Amen.**

818 In Thee Is Gladness (Sunday)

Acknowledgments

Service of Prayer and Preaching from Lutheran Service Book

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Organist (Sunday)	Sharon Krueger
Acolyte (Saturday)	Landon Elliott
(Sunday)	Collins Schumacher
Reader (Saturday)	
(Sunday)	Emily Wood

Birthdays 11th Lori Caloia, Megan Rennegarbe, 12th Jeremy Hundelt, 13th Josh Berg, Dillon Teter, 14th Tonya Gass, Jeremy Weeke, Delaney Toensing, 15th Cooper Streuter, Stella Streuter, 16th Jim Unverfehrt, 17th Tami Schilling

October Ushers – Saturday –
Sunday –

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.
Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. studying the Apocrypha
Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.
Chapel at 12:30 p.m. this Wednesday with Pastor d'Entremont
Elders' Meeting this Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Congregational Fund Meeting this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
LWML Meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Flowers placed on the altar are in memory of Linda Frederking by Roy Frederking.

LWML is working on updating Immanuel's prayer circle. This is a group of women who pray for needs of our congregation members. If you are not in the circle but would like to be, or if you are in the circle and would like to be removed, please contact Emily Wood at church or at 618-713-0953. This is not limited just to LWML members, anyone can join the prayer circle!

The October LWML meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15 at 7pm in the church narthex. Mary Ann Niedens will have the devotion, and Emily Wood will have the topic, the Bible study on p18 of the fall Lutheran Women's Quarterly, "When Service Isn't Sparkly".

The Finance Committee will begin working on next year's offering envelopes. Please let Malinda know if you need or want a new box. The boxes will be the same as this year. We do have some members now using EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer) for their contributions. Please contact Malinda at 618-713-5008

16th Annual Music Festival comes earlier than usual this year, Sunday, November 1st at 2:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for an enjoyable program at church, with a wide variety of sounds and styles planned.

THANK YOU!! The Stewardship Board would like to thank pastor, everyone who attended the outdoor service, the brass ensemble, the wonderful chef Brian Kampwerth, everyone that brought food to share and those that participated in the games afterwards! We hope everyone enjoyed the wonderful food and fellowship we were able to have. If anyone has any ideas on how we could improve the picnic, please contact anyone of the members of the Stewardship Board.

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Fall Fundraiser began October 1st: ILS students and staff are selling butter braids, cookie dough, wrapping paper, greeting cards, and so much more. There will be an order form in the Narthex, or you can call the school office and/or see any ILS student or Wee Care child to order. Thank you for helping to make this fundraiser a success again this year.

No School Monday, October 12th

End of 1st Quarter Friday, October 16th

COMMUNITY NOTES

Attention Young Adults (20s/30s): Are you in your 20s or 30s? Are you looking for other Lutherans to hang out with? Then we have the event for you! Join us on **Friday, October 16th** beginning at 5pm for our **Fall Bonfire and Fellowship Night**. This will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ferrin, IL. We'll have yard games, plenty of food, and of course, a bonfire for cooking hot dogs and s'mores. So, bring a lawn chair and join us on October 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Hayden Hoffmann at (618) 335-1072 or hahoffmann@fsbhoffman.com.

Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy

Patriots Pen is open to 6th – 8th grade students and Voice of Democracy is open to 9th – 12th grade high school students. This year's topic is "What a Veteran Taught Me about America". All submissions are due to the Okawville VFW Post by October 31st. You can find more information by visiting the websites vfw.org or vfwil.org. You can also call Steve Elliott at 618-830-6774 for details.

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

The wedding feast is prepared, yet people have lots of reasons for not attending. However, the excuses given for rejecting God are as implausible as the excuses people give to defend abortion and assisted dying (Matthew 22:5). Still, as God invites us into His great wedding banquet, He reminds us that this feast has been prepared for all and that every person is still precious to Him (Isaiah 25:6-7). Therefore, we have the task of extending His gracious invitation to "as many as you find" (Matthew 22:9).

Life Quotes:

"Whether the sin of aborting one's child or the sin of remaining silent and not speaking on behalf of our unborn children, whether the sin of neglecting an aging parent or even—God forbid—encouraging them to consider physician-assisted suicide as an option, whether the sin of apathy toward the gross evil and immorality in the world—turn to Jesus! There is forgiveness to be found for every sin, but it is only found in Jesus. Only in that holy blood, shed for us on the cross, do we find the antidote for the poison of sin." Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Stewardship:

Ephesians 4:24 – "Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." We have a new identity in Christ. Our old identity was in Adam; we were sinners, enemies of God, destined for death and destruction. But in Christ, we have a new identity: we are forgiven, the children of God, cleansed, destined for life everlasting. These two identities continue to struggle as we exist in this fallen world. So St. Paul encourages us to "put on the new self" — to consciously cling to Christ in faith and claim our new identity in Him. Coming to the Lord's House, faithfully supporting the ministry, praying and reading Scripture daily — these are the works of the new self.

Lutheran programs on Radio & TV on Sundays – 7:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.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, October 3 and Sunday, October 4 were not counted.

Expenses for the week: $9,256.61

Borrowed: $10,000.00 on 06/30/26; $6,000.00 on 07/08/26; $12,000.00 on 09/14/26

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 it to Immanuel 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.

Kroger, Casey's and Box Tops will give cash back bonuses to our school. Check them out online or in store for more information.

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!