

Sermon: Saturday “Ready, Set, Go” Matthew 25:1-13
Sunday “Coming… Really!” Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday, November 7 & Sunday, November 8, 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: 11 Communed: 11 Sunday: 77 Communed: 65
Bible Class: 7 Sunday School: 14

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 – Carol Brockmann, Norbert Hasheider, Paul Lange, Deb Maschhoff, 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; Mark Loder, brother – in- law of Pastor Wood
- 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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Order of Service - Prayer and Preaching

514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us (Sunday)

Stand

Opening Versicles

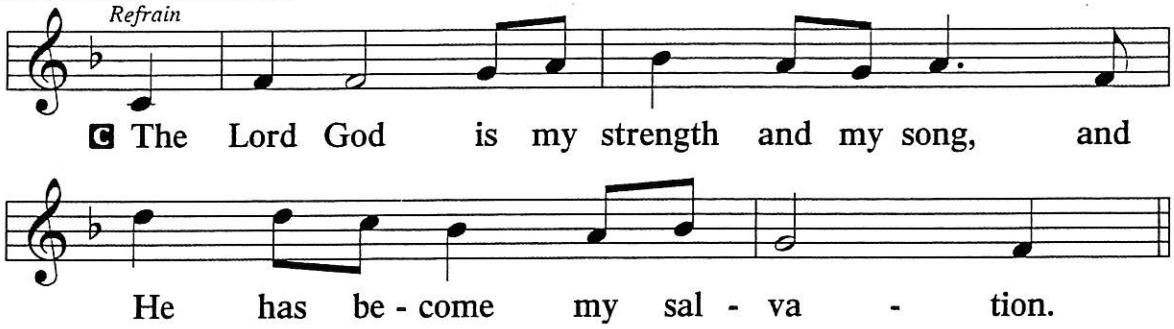
L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
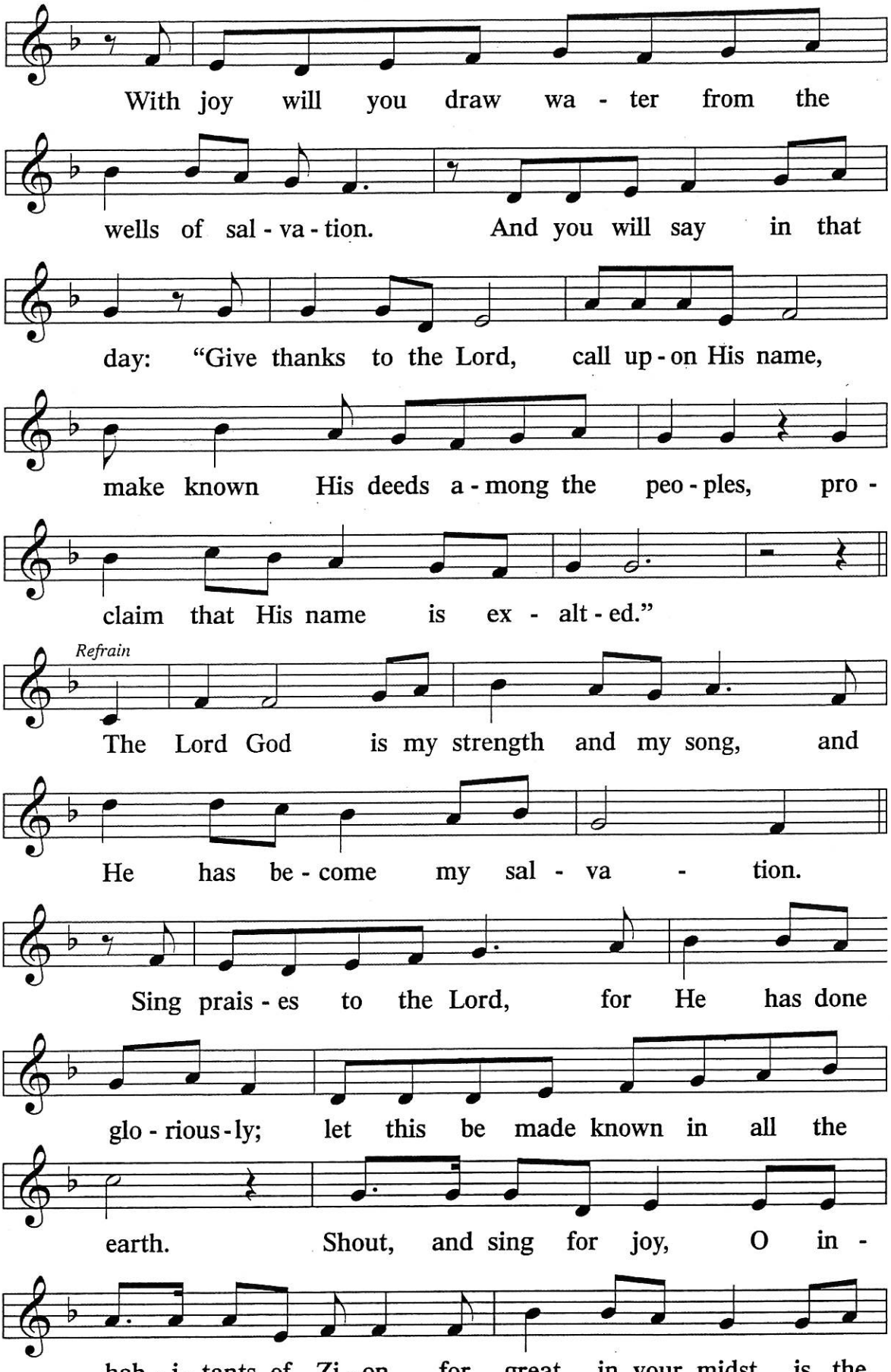
L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C **Teach me Your paths.**
L Sanctify us in Your truth.
C **Your Word is truth.**
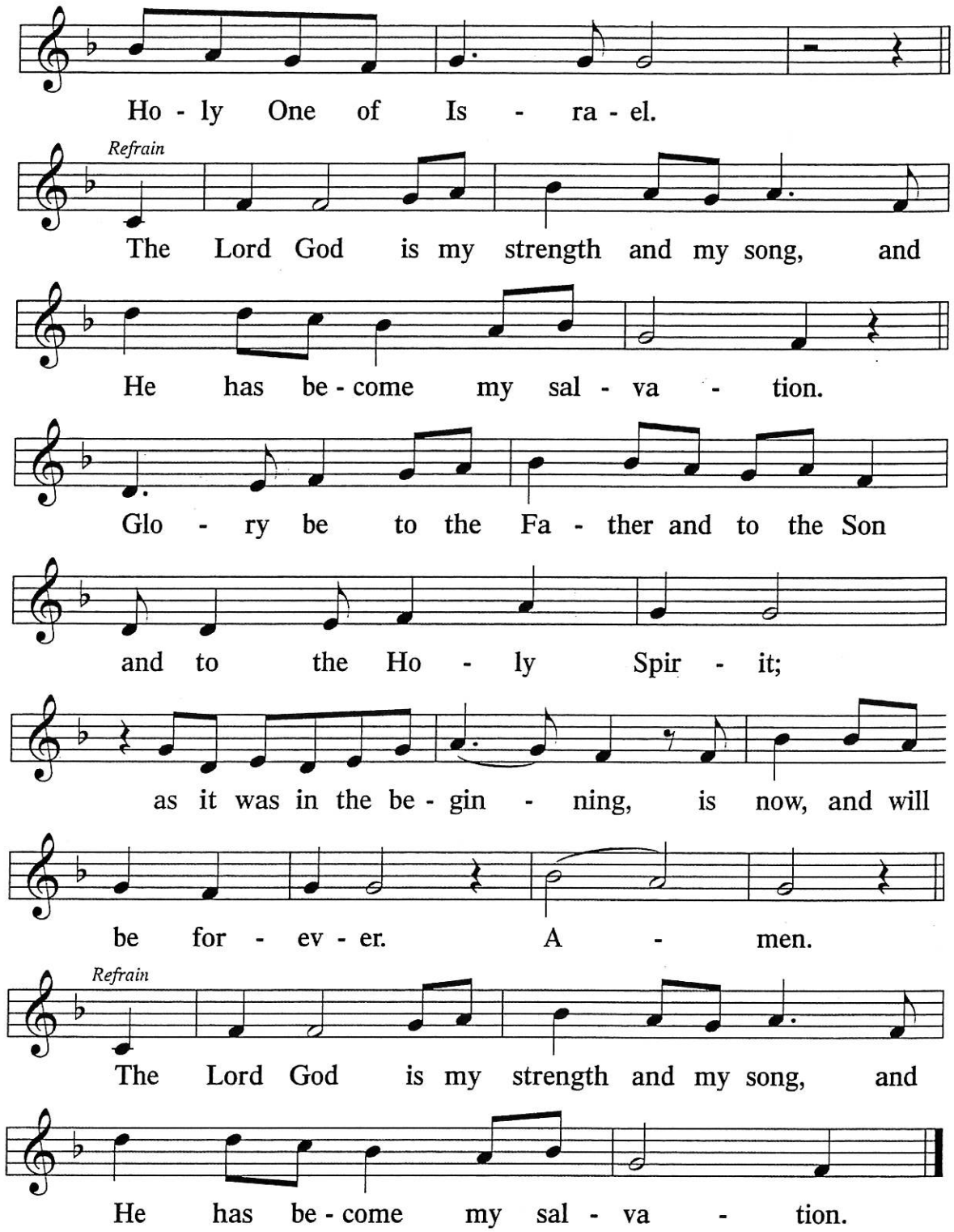
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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 70 (in unison)

[1]Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*
O LORD, make haste to | help me!
[2]Let them be put to shame and confusion
who | seek my life!*
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor

who de- | sire my hurt!
[3]Let them turn back because | of their shame*
who say, "A- | ha, Aha!"

[4]May all who seek you
rejoice and be | glad in you!*
May those who love your salvation
say evermore, | "God is great!"
[5]But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, | O God!*
You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do | not delay!

Sit

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament

Amos 5:18–24

[18]Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
[19]as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
[20]Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
[21]"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
[22]Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
[23]Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
[24]But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

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

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that
you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died
and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen
asleep. 15For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who
are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16For
the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an
archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise
first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the
clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18Therefore
encourage one another with these words.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

1[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps
and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3For
when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of
oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.
6But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then
all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us
some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise answered, saying, 'Since
there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for
yourselves.' 10And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who
were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11Afterward the
other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12But he answered, 'Truly, I say
to you, I do not know you.' 13Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the
hour."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 (Lord's Prayer Intro - 3rd Petition) LSB pp. 323-324

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 "Ready, Set, Go" (Saturday) Matthew 25:1-13
"Coming ... Really!" (Sunday) Matthew 25:1-13

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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] Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] **Amen.**

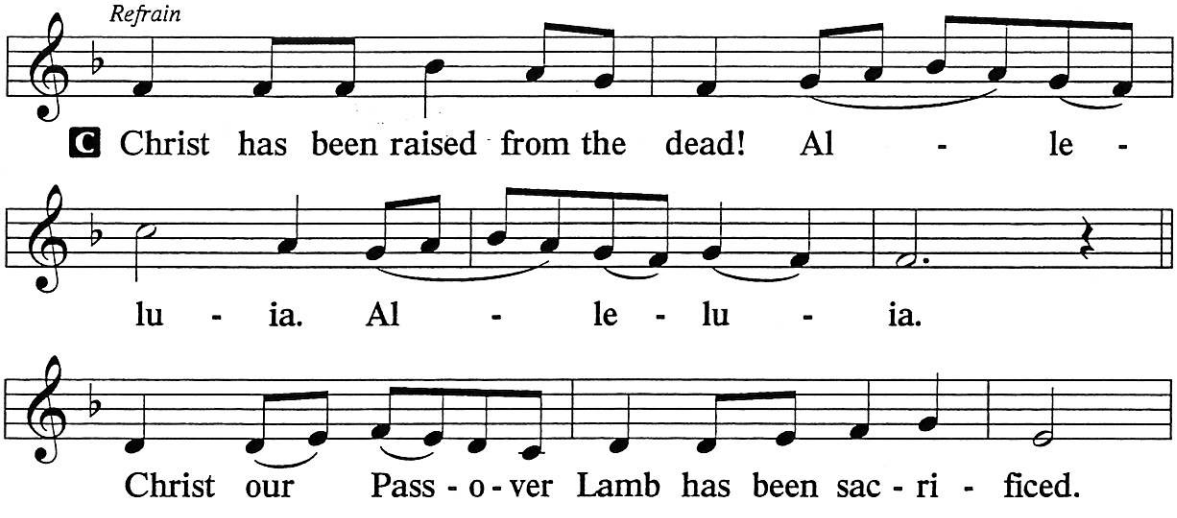
Evening Prayer (Saturday)
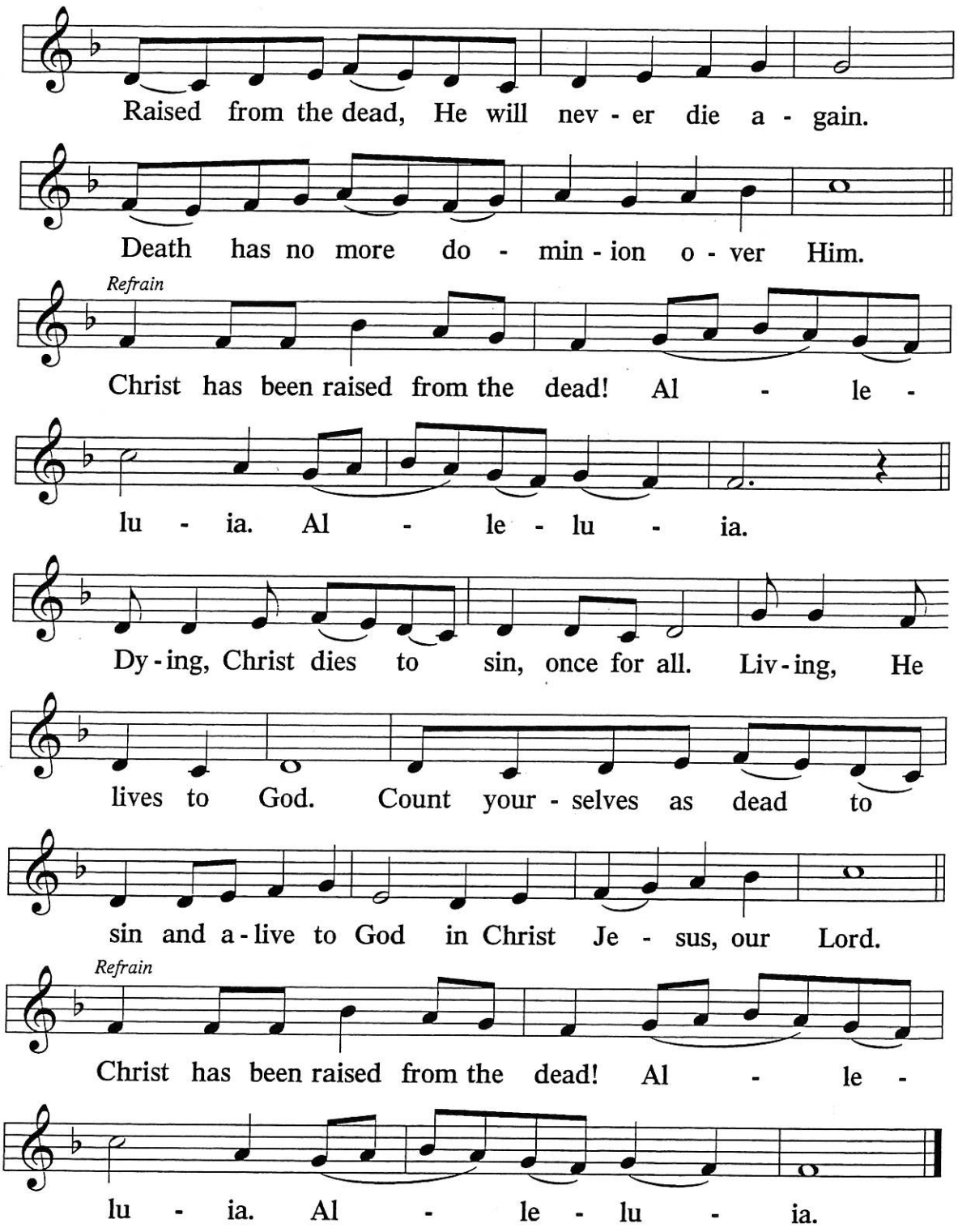
[C] **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let 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.**

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (Sunday)

Acknowledgments

Service of Prayer and Preaching from Lutheran Service Book

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Trumpeter: (Sunday)	Elizabeth Guest
Acolyte: (Saturday)	Mabrey Heberer
(Sunday)	Kaidyn Schumacher
Reader: (Saturday)	Rodney Helbig
(Sunday)	Donna Davis

Birthdays 9th Dennis Eggemann, 10th Mallory Bening, 11th Erin Kurtz, 12th Allison Dunn, 13th Kathy Borrenpohl, Joyce Lammers

November Ushers – Saturday –
Sunday – Larry Hasheider and Nathan Hasheider

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.
Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. studying the Apocrypha
Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Attention LWML members: subscriptions for the Lutheran Women's Quarterly magazine are up for renewal. If you would like to receive this magazine, please give $8 to Mary Ann Niedens by December 1. The magazine contains news about LWML, devotions, and Bible studies. It is a great resource for all things LWML!

Lutheran Witness renewals are due by November 27th. This year's annual subscription is $30.70. If you would like to continue your subscription or start a new one, please pick up a form from the table in the narthex and return it with payment or call the church office by the above date. Yearly subscriptions begin February 2026.

The Parish Ed Board invites all who are able to help decorate the church for the Christmas season on Nov 29 immediately following church. All help is greatly appreciated!

Christmas Stroll: The Alumni & Friends will organize the food court and flea market for the Christmas Stroll again this year at the school. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex for donations of soups & desserts and volunteers. The Alumni Board is very small so please sign up as soon and as often as you can. We need to make sure the schedule gets filled. Thank you in advance for anything you do to make this project a success!

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Blood Drive Nov. 9th at ILS 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Veteran's Day Glow Run Nov. 10th Registration at 6:30 p.m. and Race begins at 7:30 p.m.
ILS PTL Poinsettia Fundraiser ends Nov. 10th more information and/or order forms can be found on the table in the narthex.
No School Nov. 11th Veterans' Day
Board for Parochial Education Meeting Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
No School Nov. 25th -27th Thanksgiving Break

Key Cards

We are in the process of deactivating all key cards for the school that are not being used by past board members or teachers. If you have a key card and are not currently on a board or a teacher at this time, please drop it off in the school office or leave it on the table in the narthex so they can be picked up. We need to order additional cards but if we can collect past cards this may prevent us from having that additional expense.

COMMUNITY NOTES

"Third-Article Adventures In Africa" Pastor Tim Mueller was recently blessed to serve for a couple of weeks as a guest instructor at the Neema Lutheran College in Matongo, Kenya. You are invited to hear him report on his trip Monday evening, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (church addition) at St. John's, New Minden. Refreshments will be served.

Trinity-St. John Lutheran School PTL is hosting a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser! Wednesday, November 11, 2026 from 5:30-7:30pm open for DRIVE THRU ONLY at the gym entrance. Veterans eat FREE! Tickets can be purchased for $15.00 in the office at T-SJ. This meal includes mostaccioli, salad, garlic bread, and a dessert. Address: 680 W Walnut St, Nashville, IL -- Phone: 618-327-8561

20s/30s Friendsgiving Night: Are you in your 20s or 30s? Join us on Friday, November 13th at 6pm for our Friendsgiving Night. This will be held at the Bethlehem Lutheran school building in Ferrin, IL. We'll have all your Thanksgiving favorites along with trivia. So, join us for a night of food, fellowship and fun! If you have any questions, please contact Hayden Hoffmann at (618) 335-1072 or hahoffmann@fsbhoffman.com.

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School's First Open House for prospective students is scheduled for Sunday, November 15, with tours from 2:00-4:00. Families will be able to visit the school, tour the facilities, and talk with current students, parents, and teachers. Come see how Christ Our Rock can serve your family. This event is open to all prospective students and families. Transfer students and potential freshmen are encouraged to attend. Interested families not able to attend can contact the school office at 226-3315 to receive an information packet and set an appointment to visit the school.

The Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School choir and band will present their Christmas concert on Sunday, December 6, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia, IL. (201 S. Pleasant Ave) The theme of this free sacred concert is LOVE - JOY - PEACE. Everyone is invited to attend!

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

Sadly, through things like abortion, abuse, poverty, and neglect, many people are deprived of a home filled with love, peace, and joy. God shows His love by preparing a "lovely dwelling place" (Psalm 84:1) for all people at His side through the death of Jesus, His Son. As we wait for Christ to gather us, His bride, to that eternal home with Him, we are wise to keep the light of faith burning brightly by continually hearing God's Word and by loving others by sharing His Word with them while there is still time (Matthew 25:1-4).

Life Quotes:

"And so, there's a stage for every age, a place to use the talents we're given and to see faith grow. Blessings to you all as you serve in the many ways God has prepared, as you see that we function together in one blessed Body. We will never tell Him that there's nothing for us to do." Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Stewardship:

Matthew 25:4 – "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

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, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th were not counted.

Expenses for the week: $10,038.17

Borrowed: $10,000.00 on 06/30/26; $6,000.00 on 07/08/26; $12,000.00 on 09/14/26; $17,000.00 on 10/14/26

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!