



Sermon: Saturday "Beyond Speculation" 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Sermon: Sunday "What Does It Mean to Be Righteous?" Luke 18:9-17
Saturday, October 25 and Sunday, October 26, 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: 22 Communed: 18 Sunday: 80 Communed: 64 Bible Class: 10 Sunday School: 11

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, Norbert Hasheider, Kellee Helbig, Janet Lange, Linda Schuetz, Jackie Schwankhaus, Stanley Schwankhaus; Crystal Strasburg, Mike Strasburg
 - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard Hemminghaus
 - Breese Nursing Home – Lois Rabenort
 - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado – Carol Wennemann
- Non-members with health concerns: Lisa Arbogast-Eilers, an ILS graduate, Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; Bonnie Johnson, sister of Sharon Krueger; 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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

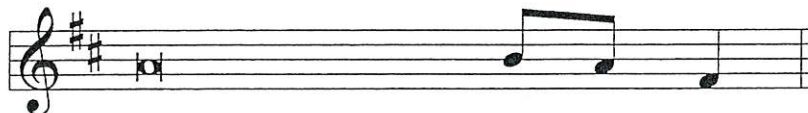
Order of Service - Matins

615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need (Sunday)

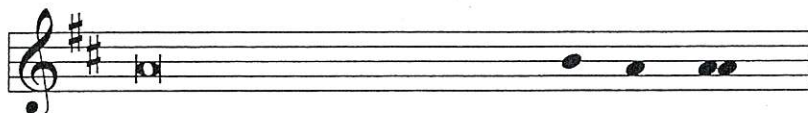
Stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;

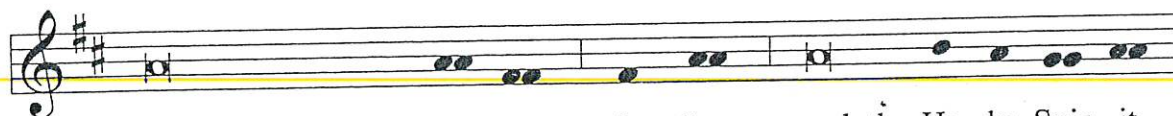


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

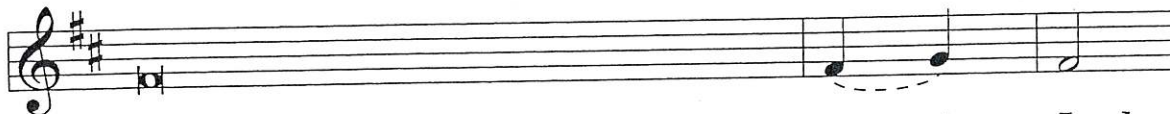


L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



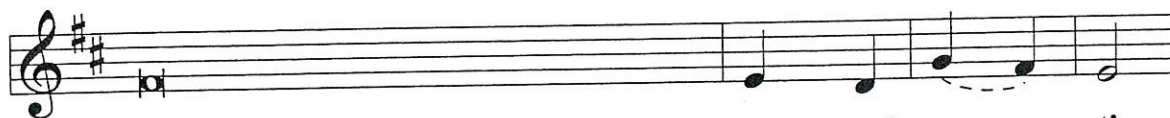
C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

Venite



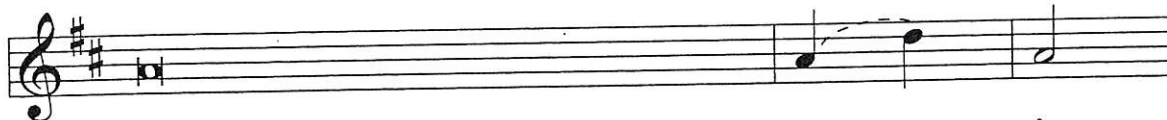
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

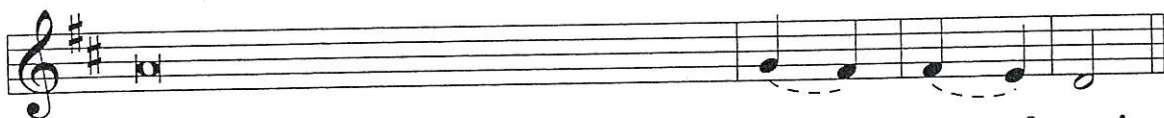


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.
2 and a great king a-bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry-land.

5 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



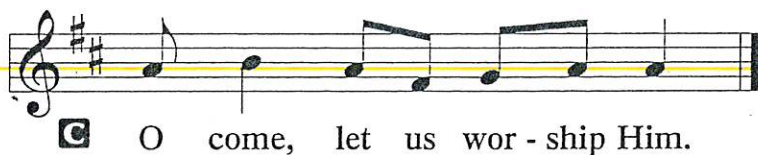
1 Let us come into His presence with thanks-giv-ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow-down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be-gin-nin-



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al-so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak-er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men.



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



Psalm (in unison)

Psalm 5; antiphon: v. 11a

- ¹Give ear to my words, | O LORD;*
consider my | groaning.
- ²Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King | and my God,*
for to you | do I pray.
- ³O LORD, in the morning you | hear my voice;*
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for | you and watch.
- ⁴For you are not a God who delights in | wickedness;*
evil may not | dwell with you.
- ⁵The boastful shall not stand be- | fore your eyes;*
you hate all evil- | doers.
- ⁶You destroy those | who speak lies;*
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and de- | ceitful man.
- ⁷But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will en- | ter your house.*
I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the | fear of you.
- ⁸Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
because of my | enemies;*
make your way straight be- | fore me.
- ⁹For there is no truth in their mouth;
their inmost self is de- | struction;*
their throat is an open grave;
they flatter | with their tongue.
- ¹⁰Make them bear their guilt, O God;
let them fall by their own | counsels;*
because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out,
for they have rebelled a- | gainst you.
- ¹¹But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever | sing for joy,*
and spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may ex- | ult in you.

¹²For you bless the righteous, | O LORD;*
you cover him with favor as | with a shield.

Sit

Readings

Old Testament

Genesis 4:1–15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. . . .

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Luke 18:9–17

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

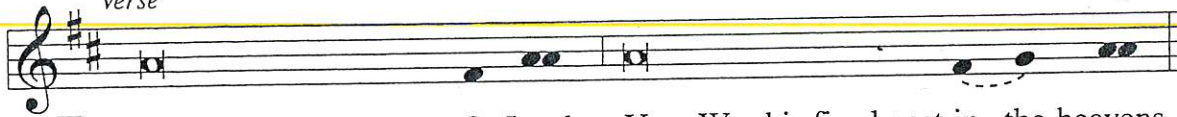
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G Thanks be to God.

Responsory

Verse

To Refrain



- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain



- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Sit

Children's Message (Sunday)

745 In God, My Faithful God

Sermon "Beyond Speculation" (Saturday)

"What Does It Mean to Be Righteous?" (Sunday)

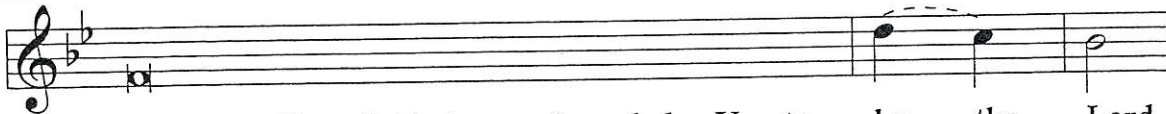
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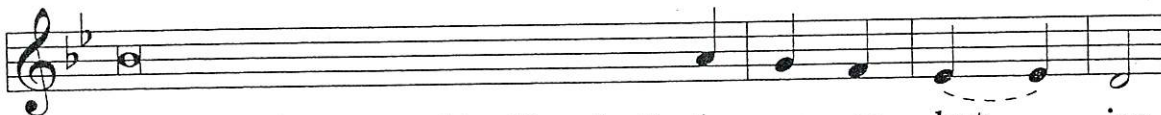
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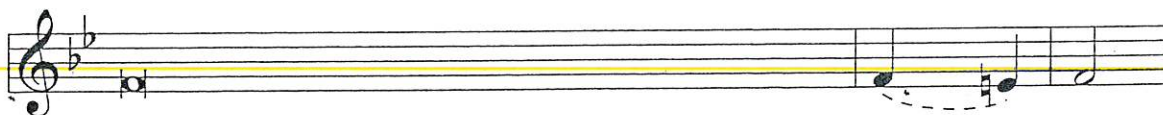
Te Deum



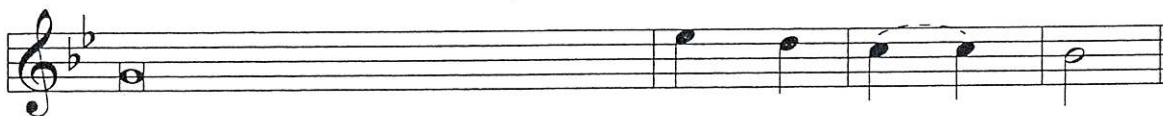
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise— You.



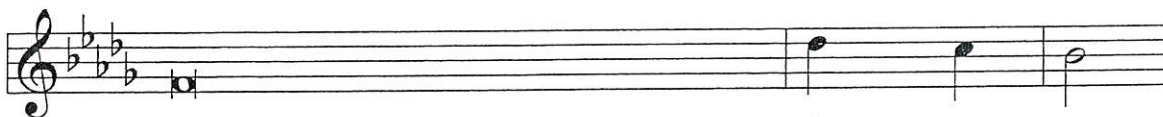
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



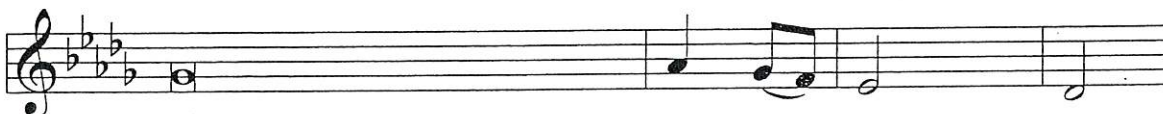
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise— You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O— Christ;



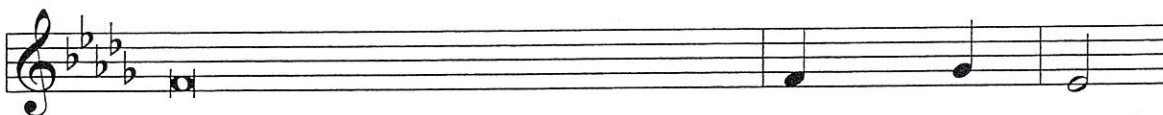
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



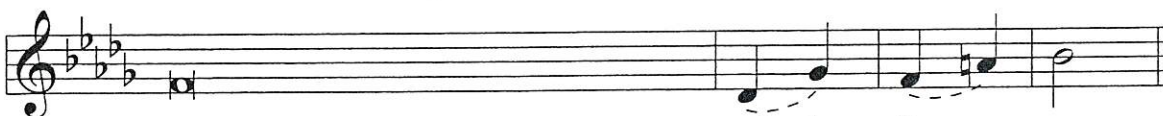
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



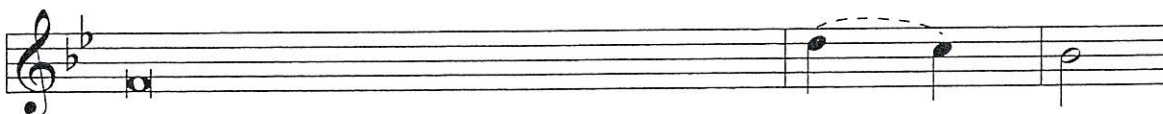
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



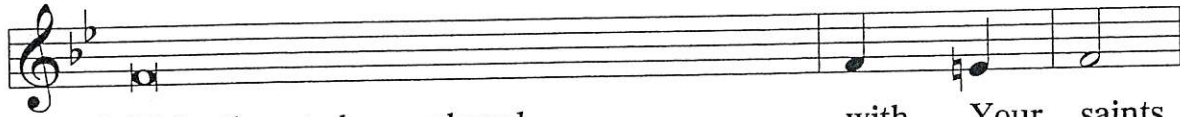
- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be— our— judge.



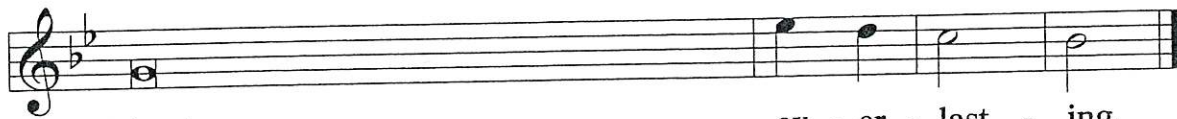
- 7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out— sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Sit

Offering

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie



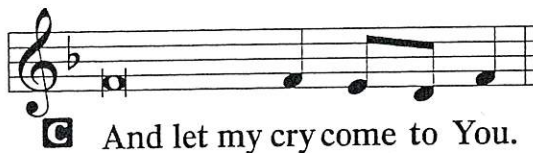
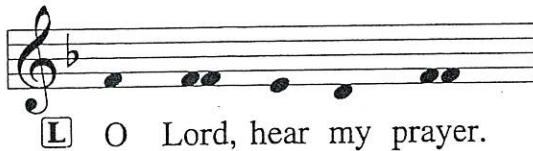
C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

Collects



Collect of the Day

- L** Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

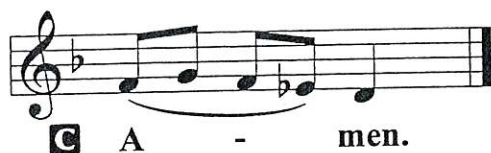
Collect for Peace (Saturday)

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



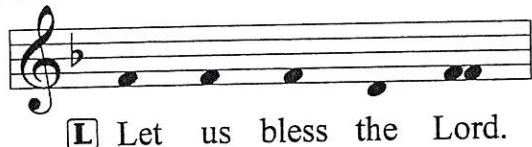
Collect for Grace (Sunday)

- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

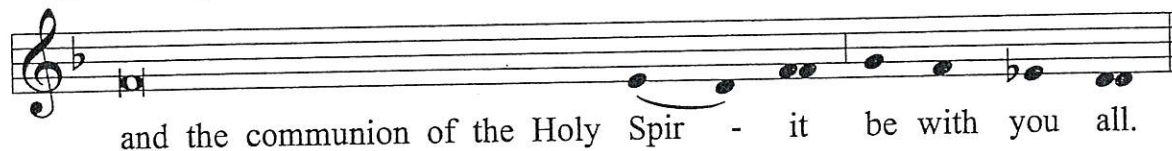


Stand

Benedicamus



Benediction



565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ (Sunday)

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Pastor: (Saturday)
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Organist: (Sunday)

Acolytes: (Saturday)
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Readers: (Saturday)
(Sunday)

Art Eichhorn

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Birthdays: 26th Jeffrey Jacobs, Bob Kraus, Tricia Rennegarbe, 27th Jason Obermeier, 28th Raelyn Obermeier, 29th Cory Kraus, 30th Mary Ann Niedens, 31st Dylan Borrenpohl, Harper Jacobs

October Ushers – Saturday – Jason Obermeier
Sunday – John Krueger

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. Bible class topic is "He Shall Come Again"

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be after worship service this Sunday.

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

Community Bible Class this Wednesday at the Original Springs Hotel at 10:00 a.m.

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

Choir practice at 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday

November newsletter information is needed by Tuesday, October 28th.

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School will be teaming up with Lutheran Child & Family Services this year to provide Christmas gifts for Needy Children!! Names, ages, sizes, wants, and needs will be available on November 9th. Gifts need to be in the church basement by no later than December 7th. Any questions please contact Jeff or Laura Obermeier (314-0849 or 314-0850), Kelli Borrenpohl (977-2451), or the school office (243-6142).

SCHOOL NEWS

Red Ribbon Week is October 27th – 31st. The week will be filled with different activities each day.

ILS is looking for anyone who can supervise or help out with getting a family of three students' home, out of town, starting in November until the end of the school year. If interested or would like more information please contact Kelli Borrenpohl at 618-243-6142.

Immanuel Wee Care is looking for a daycare worker to help a few days or more per week. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Cheri Kurtz at 618-243-6161.

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.

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Defending the lives that God created, redeemed, and called by the Gospel is a good thing! But we must be careful not to become like the Pharisee in Jesus' parable, who became so proud of his good works that he mistreated those who didn't think like him (Luke 18:11-12). Affirming the sanctity of every life also means caring about those who disagree with us, treating them with compassion and sharing the forgiveness of Christ with them, that they, too, might receive the "crown of righteousness" on the Last Day (2 Timothy 4:8).

Life Quotes: "You and I are made for life, abundant and everlasting. And this Gospel is made for all our neighbors, every genetic member of humanity." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Stewardship: 2 Timothy 4:6 – “For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.” As St. Paul nears the end of his life, he continues to view it as something to be spent in sacrifice toward God – just as he had told the Romans to be “living sacrifices” (Rom. 12:1). And why does St. Paul do this? Because he knows that His Lord has already won for him the crown of life. Jesus’ sacrifice that purchased our salvation leads us to imitate His sacrifice in our living for Him.

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.

COMMUNITY NOTES

St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Steeleville, IL will host their Annual Wurstmarkt & Country Store on Sunday, November 2nd at St. Mark’s Lutheran School Gymnasium. An “all you can eat buffet dinner” of pork sausage, roast pork, mashed potatoes & gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, homemade desserts, and a drink will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adults \$15; children 12-5 \$5.00 and children 4 and under are free. See you there!!

Ferrin Men’s Club, Bethlehem Lutheran Church is sponsoring the 67th Annual Wurstmarkt on Sunday, November 2. The menu includes sausage, kraut, green beans, applesauce, cake and real mashed potatoes. A carryout is \$15.00 each and will be served 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. as drive thru only.

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School’s First Open House for prospective students is scheduled for Sunday, November 16, 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19 were not counted.

Expenses for the week: \$10,837.10

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church received \$140.00 from “Thrivent Choice Dollars” designations in October. 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. They donated \$172.16 to Immanuel for the first six months of 2025. Thank you for your support!! RBM Golf Course