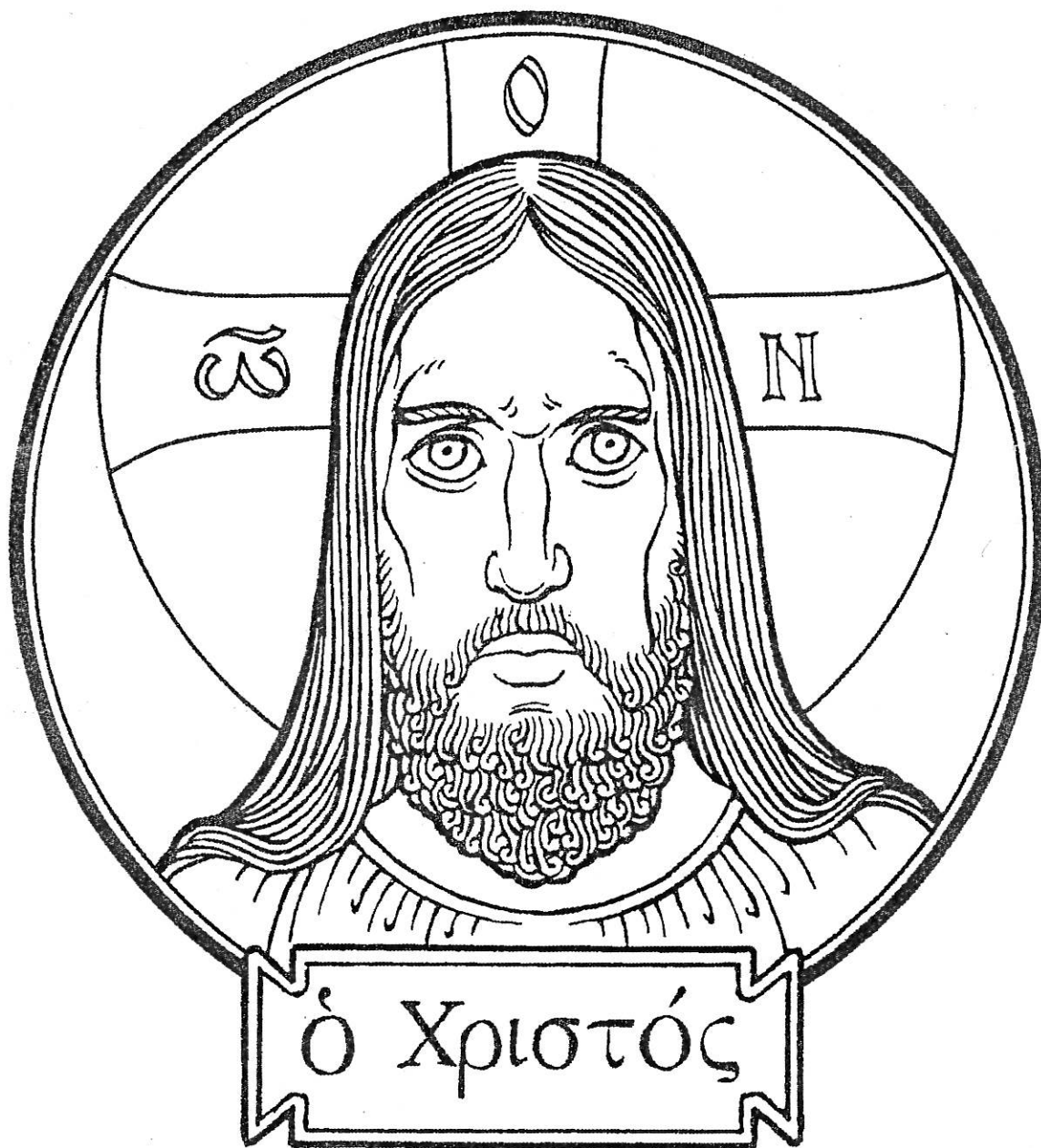




Sermon: "Living in Response to God's Mercy and Grace" Romans 11:33-12:8
Saturday, August 22 & Sunday, August 23, 2026
Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
Okawville, Illinois 62271
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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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Phone: 618-243-2846

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Saturday: 21 Communed: 16 Sunday: 74 Communed: 60

Bible Class: not held

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!

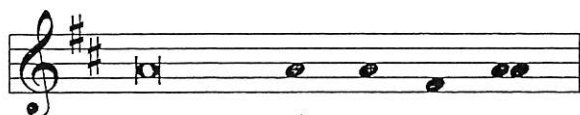
- All members of Immanuel including:
 - At home –Julie Borrenpohl, Scott Dunn, Norbert Hasheider, Deb Mashhoff, Martha Schneider, Linda Schuetz, Mike Strasburg
 - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard Hemminghaus
 - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado – Carol Wennemann
 - At Memorial Care Center, Belleville – Stanley Schwankhaus
- Non-members: Betty Markowski, sister of Charlotte Durham; Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; 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
- John Trinklein, vicar in Long Beach, CA
- Reverend Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores, serving in Chile
- Reverends Tim & Jacob Mueller, missionary teaching in Kenya
- The mission work of the Southern Illinois District, including...
 - ...Reverend Jacob Moore's call as SID missionary pastor
 - ...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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

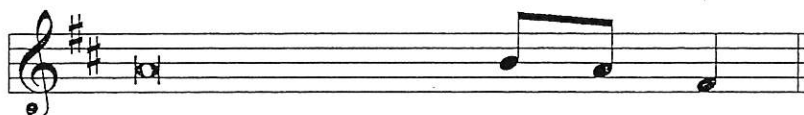
Order of Service - Matins

473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free (Sunday)

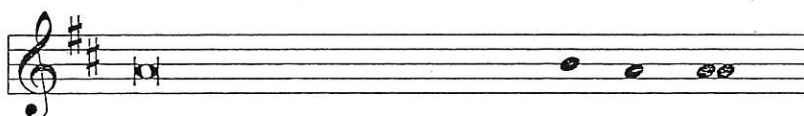
Stand



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

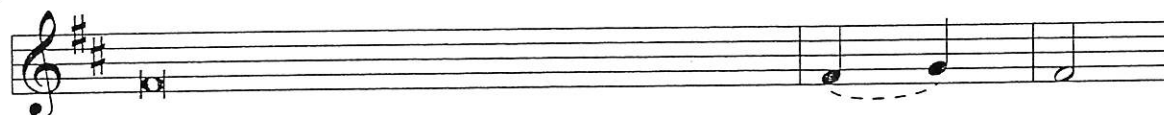


L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir - it.



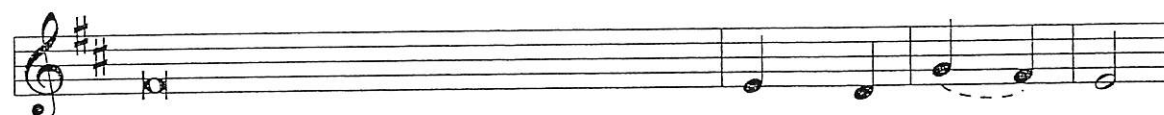
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite



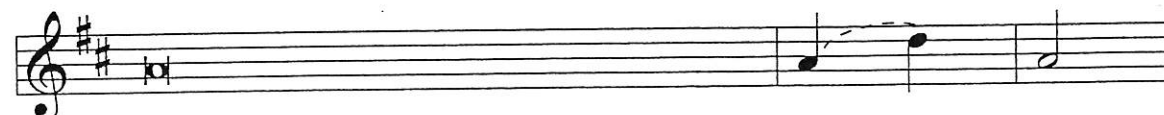
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

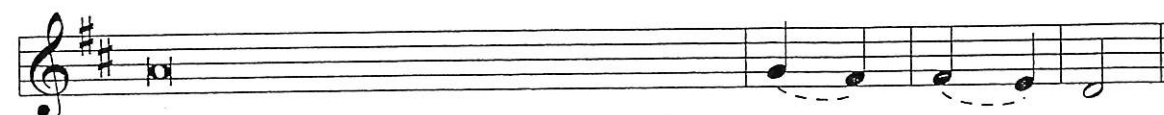


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

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 - ning,



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.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalm (in unison)

Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 8a

- ¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with | my whole heart;*
before the gods I | sing your praise;
- ²I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your | faithfulness,*
for you have exalted above all things
your name | and your word.
- ³On the day I called, you | answered me;*
my strength of soul | you increased.
- ⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, | O LORD,*
for they have heard the words | of your mouth,
- ⁵and they shall sing of the ways | of the LORD,*
for great is the glory | of the LORD.
- ⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the | lowly,*
but the haughty he knows | from afar.
- ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you pre- | serve my life;*
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand de- | livers me.
- ⁸The LORD will fulfill his pur- | pose for me;*
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work | of your hands.

Sit

Readings

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
³For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.
Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

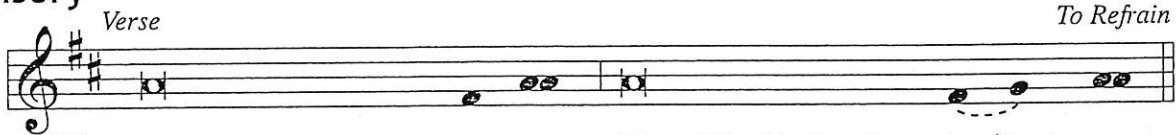
¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you

bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

Responsory



- 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.



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

Sit

Children's Message (Sunday)

645 Built on the Rock

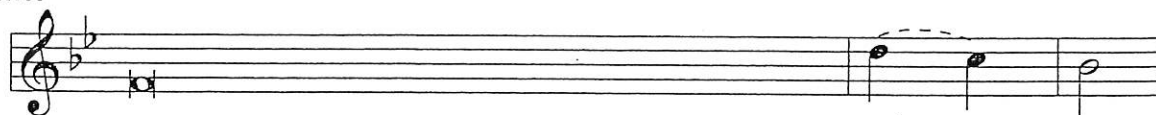
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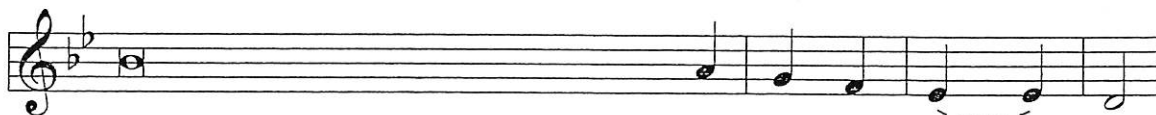
Canticle

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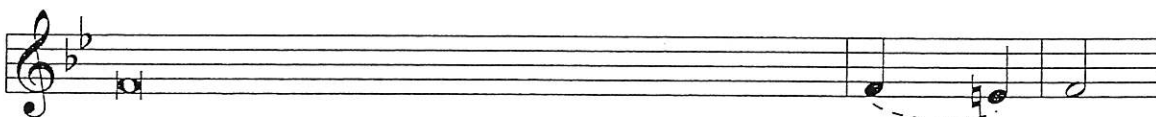
Te Deum



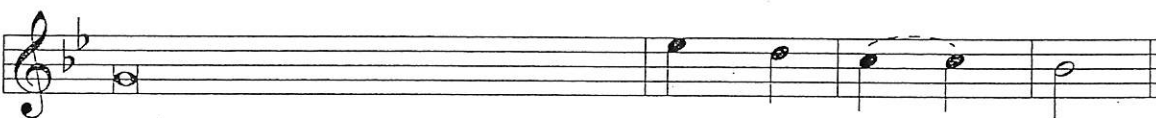
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise— You.



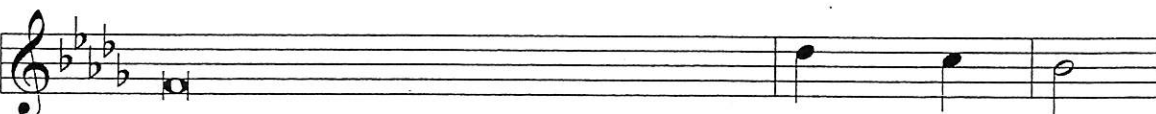
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



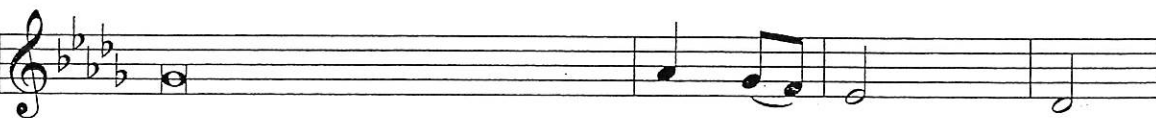
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise— You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O— Christ;



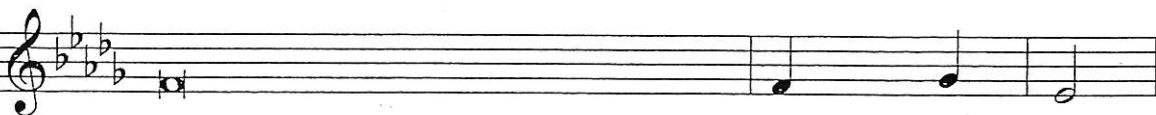
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



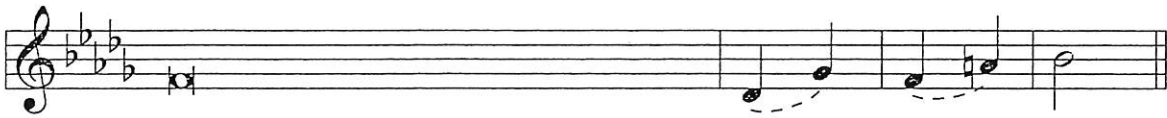
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



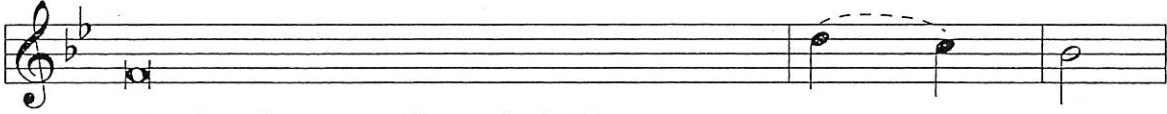
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



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



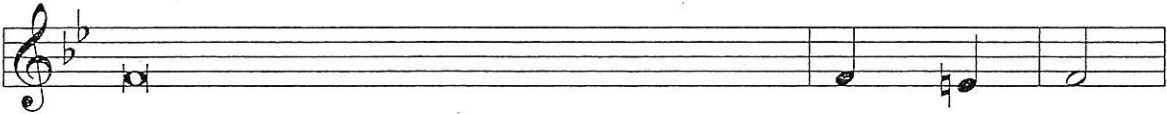
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



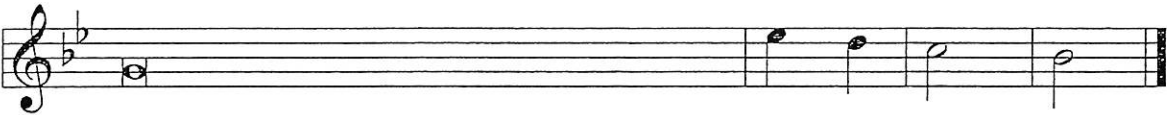
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



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



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, 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.



G A - men.

Collect for Grace (Sunday)

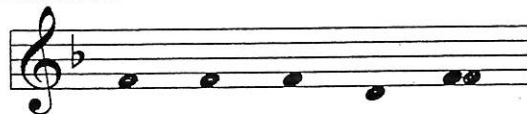
- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, 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.



G A - men.

Stand

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.

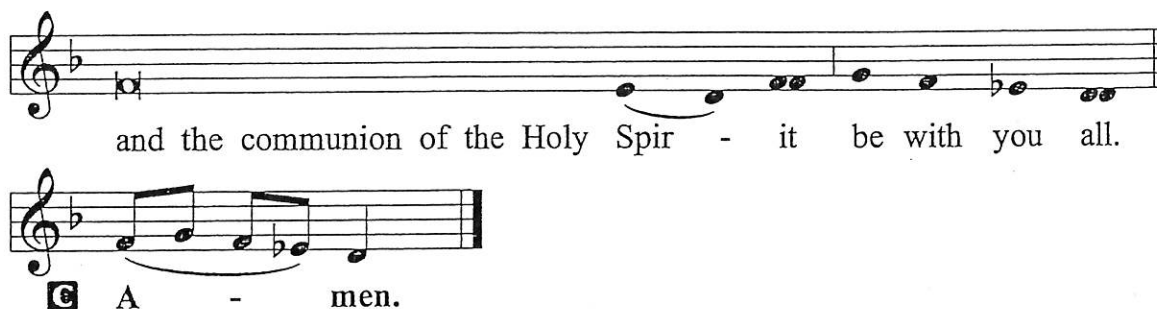


G Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



828 We Are Called to Stand Together (Sunday)

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Matins from Lutheran Service Book

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Pastor:	Eric Wood
Pianist: (Saturday)	Sophia Wood
Organist: (Sunday)	Sophia Wood
Acolytes: (Saturday)	Collins Schumacher
(Sunday)	Maylen Kramper
Readers: (Saturday)	
(Sunday)	Tyler Storck

Birthdays, 27th Kayla Williams, Grady Langenfeld, 28th Ruth Harre, John Schwankhaus

August Ushers – Saturday –
Sunday – Dennis Maschhoff

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

Chapel at 12:30 p.m. this Wednesday with Pastor Wood

September newsletter information is needed in the church office by this Wednesday.

For children who enjoy singing: Next Sunday, August 30, the adult choir invites children (1st – 8th grades) to sing the Benediction with us in the balcony. All we ask is that you join us for a quick rehearsal at 8:30 on 08/30, then go downstairs to sit with your families during the service until it's time to sing..

Secret Angels are needed! If you would like to be a secret angel to one of our five 2027 confirmands, please contact Nicole Heberer (618-791-8419) via text or leave a message. Nicole will give you information about your confirmands. The confirmands for this year are: Caden Benfield, Landon Elliott, Devin Hundelt, Maylen Kramper, and Collins Schumacher. Thank you for helping our confirmands feel extra special during this special time in their life.

Sunday school's first day will be September 13 at 9:00am. We will be OFF September 20 for Wheat festival and then resume on the 27th. There will be an outdoor service on the 27th and the kids will be singing a song from VBS this summer. We will practice both Sundays in September. We have another opportunity for kids in first grade or older to sing with the adult choir on August 30th. Any children who would like to participate can come to the church at 8:30a.m. on the 30th to practice and then they will sing the Benediction at the end of the service with the choir. We are looking forward to another great year and as always contact Krissy, Kristal, or Amber if you have any questions!!

Church at the Park with a Picnic Lunch: Please mark your calendars! Immanuel will be holding church at the Community Club Park with a picnic following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 27th. No Saturday service will be held on Saturday, September 26th. Meat, table service, and drinks will be provided. Members are asked to bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

SCHOOL NEWS

We are looking for library volunteers on Tuesday afternoons. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mrs. Recker at 618-314-1327.

2025/2026 ILS yearbooks are available for purchase in the school office. They are \$35.00 each. Please call the school office or stop in to purchase one.

The first 2026/2027 PTL meeting is this Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

COMMUNITY NOTES

Relay for Life

Relay for Life is Saturday, October 3. Join us in honoring and remembering those affected by cancer at this year's Relay for Life, to be held at the Washington County Courthouse from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. For additional information see flyer on bulletin board in narthex.

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: Do you remember the day you were born? No? Your Father in heaven does! So do your earthly mother and father. "Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him" (Isaiah 51:2). Every human life has a divine plan and purpose: "The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me" (Psalm 138:8)! "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things" (Romans 11:36)! Blessed are all whom God our Father in heaven forgives, saves, and justifies by faith (Matthew 16:17).

Life Quotes: "The One who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows is now seated in sovereign authority over all things. He is not pacing the floor of heaven, wringing His hands. He is reigning. And because He reigns, we can have courage and peace even when our world seems like it's unraveling before our very eyes." *Rev. Brian W. Thomas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Stewardship: 2 Corinthians 3:5 – "Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God." We are not sufficient, not enough, not capable in and of ourselves. But God gives us what is enough and makes us capable. This is the beginning of wisdom: we are utterly dependent on God's mercy. Our whole Christian life flows forth from this dependence, for if we are dependent upon the Lord, how can we not follow His commandments and walk in His way?

Lutheran programs on Radio & TV on Sundays – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 850 AM Radio KFUD
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 15 and Sunday, August 16 were not counted.

Expenses for the week: \$6,048.95

Borrowed: \$10,000.00 on 06/30/26; \$6,000.00 on 07/08/26

Wee Care Dinner Auction Fund Balance: \$1,584.62

Thrivent Choice: Immanuel Lutheran Church received \$507.00 and Immanuel Lutheran School received \$25.00 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 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.