

Sermon: "Your Unworthy Pastor" Luke 17:1-10
Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5, 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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Immanuel Website: Immanuelokawville.org Saturday: 20 Sunday: 71 Bible Class: 9 Sunday School Sept. 21: 17 and Sept. 28: 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 – Adeline Blumhorst, Bill Durham, Norbert Hasheider, Kellee Helbig, Bob Kraus, Janet Lange, Jewel Martens, Linda Schuetz, Jackie Schwankhaus, Stanley Schwankhaus, Crystal Strasburg, Mike Strasburg

At Barnes in St. Louis - Julie Borrenpohl

At Countryside Manor in Aviston - Linda Frederking

At Brightly in Mascoutah - Leonard Hemminghaus

At St. Elizabeth's Hospital - Deb Maschhoff

At 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.
- ullet Baptism of Cooper James Streuter, son of Joshua and Alexandria Streuter on Oct.  $4^{
  m th}$ . Sponsors are Kathryn Lamb and Abbie Huels.
- Baptism of Stella Rose Streuter, daughter of Joshua and Alexandria Streuter on Oct.
   4th. Sponsors are Sean Lamb and Jacob Streuter.
- 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

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Order of Service – Divine Service Setting One

Stand

843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (Sunday)

# Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

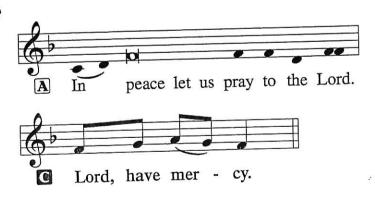
# Service of the Word

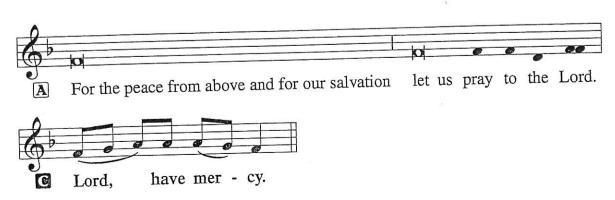
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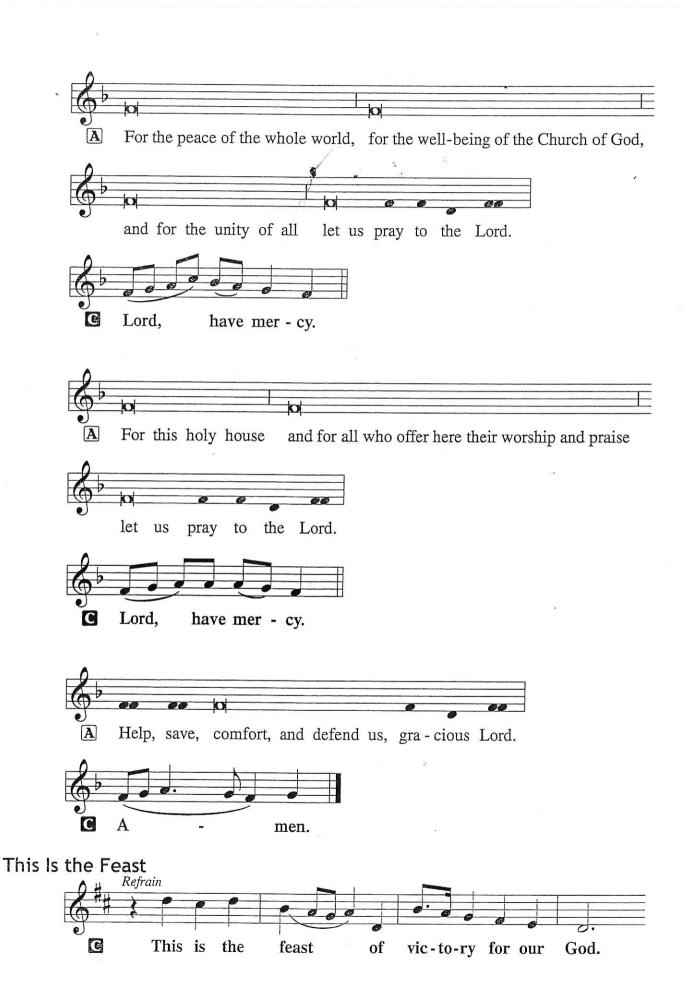
Psalm 119:162, 164-165, 167; antiphon: v. 166

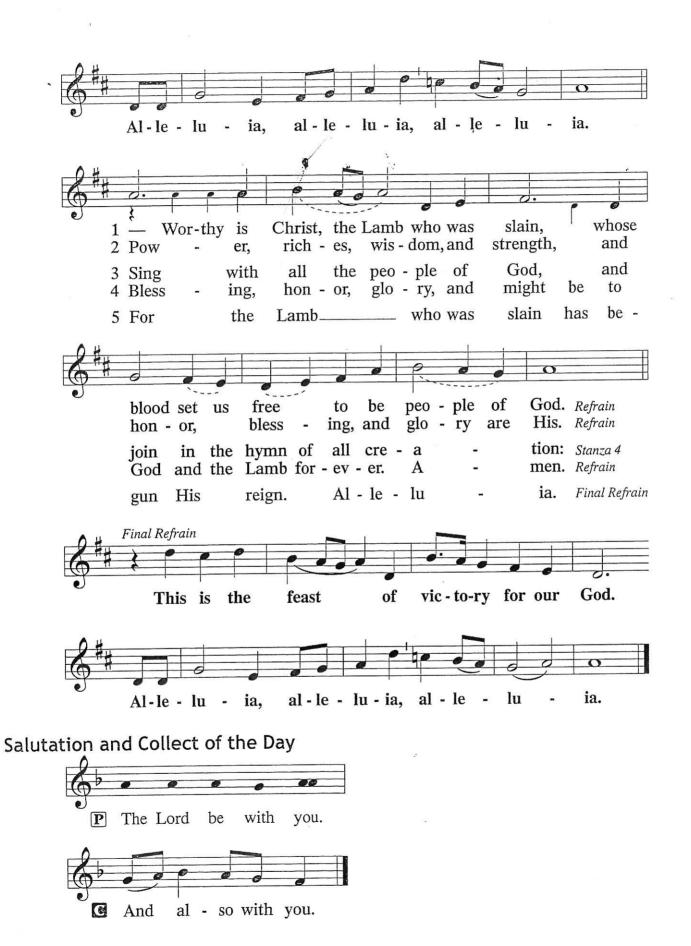
I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,\* and I do your com- | mandments. I rejoice | at your word\* like one who | finds great spoil. Seven times a day I | praise you\* for your just and righ- teous decrees. Great peace have those who | love your law;\* nothing can make them | stumble. My soul keeps your testi- | monies;\* I love them ex- | ceedingly. 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. I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,\* and I do your com- | mandments.

**Kyrie** 









P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

#### Old Testament Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

<sup>1</sup>I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>And the LORD answered me:

"Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.

<sup>3</sup>For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

4"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels con- | cerning you\* to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

## **Epistle**

2 Timothy 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

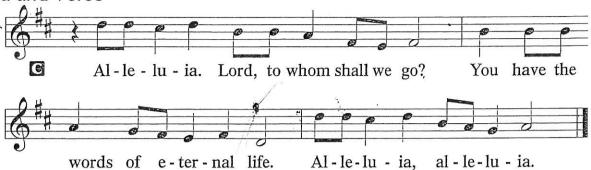
<sup>3</sup>I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup>for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup>which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

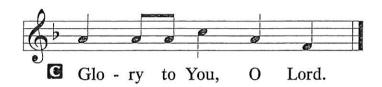
#### Alleluia and Verse



## Holy Gospel

Luke 17:1-10

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



<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup>Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup>and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? <sup>8</sup>Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

Sermon "Your Unworthy Pastor"

Luke 17:1-10

Stand

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God. begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

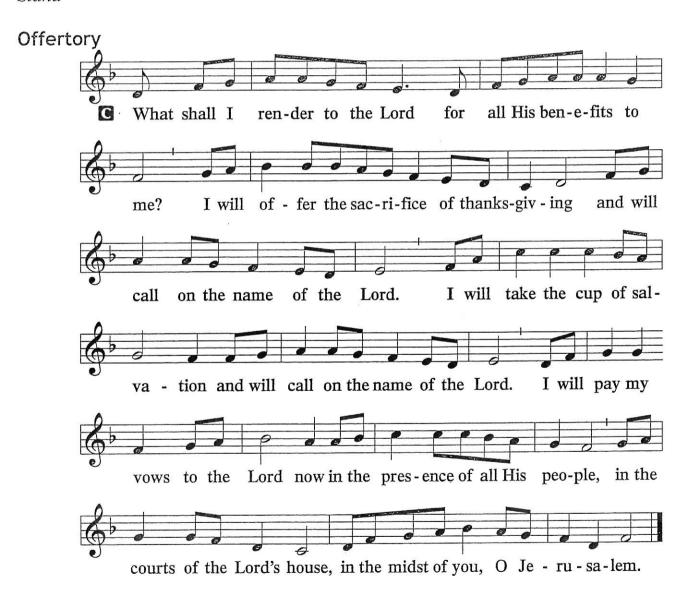
## Prayer of the Church

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).

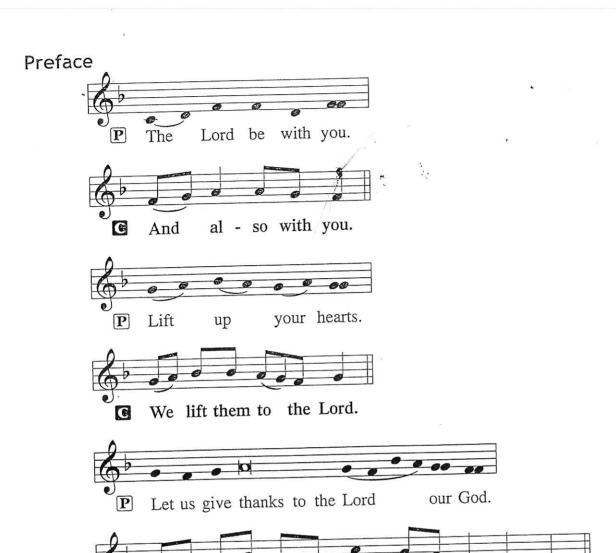
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### Offering

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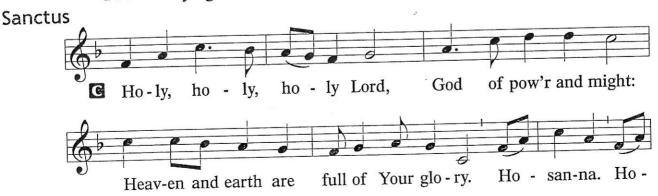
## Service of the Sacrament



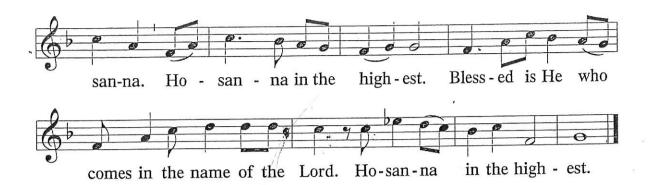
It is right to give Him

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

and praise.



thanks



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

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."

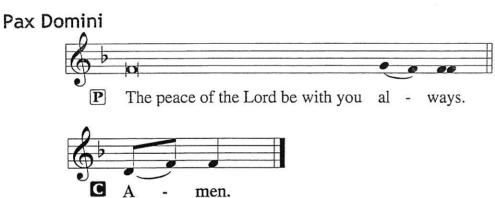
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

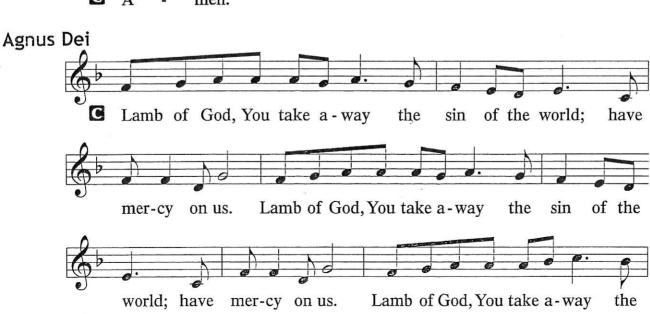
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your

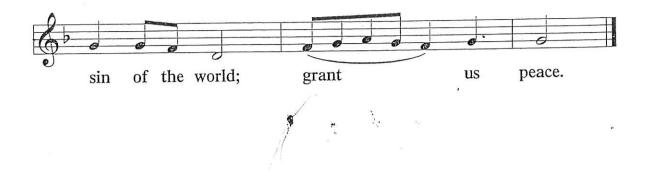
ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.







#### Distribution

Sit

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.

## 392 God Loves Me Dearly

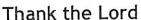
777 Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord

## 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- 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.





Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia

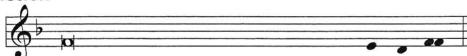
#### Post-Communion Collect

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.

Amen.

#### Benediction



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.



## 857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way (Sunday)

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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Preacher:

Pianist: (Saturday)

Organist: (Sunday)

Acolytes: (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Readers: (Saturday)

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Communion Assistants (Saturday)

(Sunday)

Pastor Eric Wood
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Sharon Krueger
Sadie Bergmann
Markus Lautenschlaeger
Jackie Bening
Angie Kampwerth
Kent Helbig
Jonathan Schneider

Birthdays: 5<sup>th</sup> Konrad Berg, Jackie Schwankhaus, 6<sup>th</sup> Braelyn Dunn, Justin Kramper, Mark Schneider, 8<sup>th</sup> Xavier Williams, 11<sup>th</sup> Lori Caloia, Megan Rennegarbe

October Ushers - Saturday -

Sunday -

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. Bible class topic is "He Will Come Again." Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

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

SID Pastors Conference in Cabondale this Monday and Tuesday

Chapel at 8:15 a.m. this Wednesday with Pastor d'Entremont

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

**Pastor Wood** will be out of town attending his 25<sup>th</sup> seminary class reunion on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Pastor d'Entremont will be on call and can be reached at 573-723-0339.

**LWML** donation update: Thank you to all who have donated toiletries for the LWML collection for Addieville food pantry! If you would still like to donate, we still need toilet paper, shampoo, dish soap, and laundry detergent. These can be donated through October 14.

Extra copies of the October 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

**Fundraiser began** on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are butter braids, cookie dough, pizza, wrapping paper, Christmas cards and so much more available to order. There is an order form and envelope for payment on the table in the narthex if anyone is interested in purchasing items from this years fundraiser.

**Morning Preschool Field Trip** is Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. They will be visiting the Country Kids Pumpkin Patch in Hoyleton.

Early dismissal on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:20 p.m. No School/Columbus Day on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

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.

Scholarship Assistance For Education (S.A.F.E.) Funds

Years ago, the Immanuel congregation created an account that is identified as S.A.F.E. funds for tuition assistance for families who desire to send their children to Immanuel Lutheran School. This was done to assist families who may have temporarily fallen on hard times or simply need assistance due to the number of children they wish to enroll. These funds are nearly depleted. The school board has been notified of three (3) families needing assistance at this time and we wish to help these families and their children receive a Christian education. If you are able to help, please contact Leigh Ann Yehling in the school/church office.

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 <a href="www.shopwithraiseright.com">www.shopwithraiseright.com</a> 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: As the world continues to devalue human life, we cry out to God like Habakkuk, "Violence!" (Habakkuk 1:2). Knowing the One in whom we have believed (2 Timothy 1: 12), we are not shaken, for He is our rock, our salvation, and our fortress (Psalm 62:2). Our Lord, who abhors even the thought that His little ones should be enticed to sin (Luke 17:2), certainly does not sit idly by as those little ones are abused, neglected, and killed. He hears our prayers and answers them all in the way He knows best. "If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay" (Habakkuk 2:3).

Life Quotes: "We shouldn't expect to know or understand the ways of God. We simply live in trust and ask God's blessing on our lives of sanctification, lived in love and thanksgiving to Christ." Marie MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life.

Stewardship: Luke 17:10 – "So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty." We can never put God in our debt. Even if we lived in perfect compliance with the Law, we would still only be unworthy servants. Our giving to the Lord's work in the church is a sign that we recognize our role as servants. Furthermore, we give because we recognize our own need for that work of the Lord in the church. And what a blessing it is to give to the church so that the ministry of His Word and Sacraments may reach all in our community.

Lutheran programs on Radio & TV on Sundays – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.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.

#### **COMMUNITY NOTES**

On the first Sunday in October (the 5<sup>th</sup>), Washington Co. Right to Life is sponsoring the Right to Life chain for one hour from 2 to 3 PM at the intersection of Rt 15 and Rt 127 in Nashville, IL. This is a reminder for all the people who pass by that unborn babies are precious in God's sight. There are prayers and songs on the back of the posters that you pick up behind Lee's that read: Jesus Loves Children – Stop Abortion – Adoption Not Abortion – etc. We will meet in the parking lot behind Lee's at 1:45 PM. Please come!

**The CPO at St. Salvator** is taking orders for apple pies. Order deadline is Sunday, October 12. Cost per pie is \$16.00. Contact Kelli Borrenpohl or Joe Kirby at 618-243-6142 to place an order

St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Okawville has invited all ladies to attend Women's Guild "Make a joyful noise with us!" on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for an entertaining evening full of music, worship, & camaraderie! Delicious soups & salads will be served, save room for delectable desserts. You can call Leigh Ann in the church office at 618-243-6142 by October 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Saturday, September 27, and Sunday, September 28 were as follows: Current \$465.00, Home Use \$26,406.13, Loose \$67.87.

Expenses for the week: \$36,098.30

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

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 <u>not</u> 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